

30th Annual Iron Horse Festival, Jamboree on the Air and LaSalle Council Cub Fun Day

Eat at the famous Iron Horse Café

A Brand New Train Series of patches started last year!

Cub
Fun/Games
Area



Potato Creek State Park
25601 St Rd 4
North Liberty, IN 46554

Enjoy the
fall colors!



Saturday, October 19, 2019

JOTA - Talk to Scouts all
over the world on radio

Special 100th
Anniversary of
LaSalle Council
events!!

Sponsored by Sakima Lodge #573 of LaSalle Council, BSA

<https://www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/oaironhorse>

Free Exercise for all participants.

The Hike began in 1990 as an opportunity for Scouts to come together for a day and hike a trail. It has grown from several hundred hikers that year to almost 1400 last year. It has grown to include not just Scouts, but also family and friends. Special Iron Horse Trails are 1 mile with RR trivia. Use the park trail map to put together a longer hike. Or just hang out in the park. The 1 mile trail is stroller friendly. After the Iron Horse activities, try the park's Prairie Maze (similar to a corn maze). In 2016, we turned it in to a **FESTIVAL!**

Potato Creek State Park is one of the premier state parks in Indiana. Enjoy the fall colors – at their peak. The park is conveniently located in the center of LaSalle Council, 15 miles southwest of South Bend, IN off US 31, west on Hwy 4. Park entrance fees apply to all vehicles.

Registration is Saturday at the Potato Creek Beach House from 9am to noon Eastern Time. If arriving after noon, check-in at the OA Trading Post. The registration fee is \$5/person. For the fastest registration, cash or credit cards are best. We will take checks. This includes the hike, the trail map, the patch, JOTA, Advancement opportunities and fun.

Great Food is available at the Iron Horse for very reasonable prices at the Iron Horse Café. Why gather and lug all that cooking equipment and food to the park? Relax and enjoy the park. Let us do the cooking for you. Members of Sakima Lodge will have available sandwiches, beverages and snacks at reasonable prices. A more detailed menu is on the IH web page.

JOTA is held at the same time as the Iron Horse Hike. JOTA stands for Jamboree on the Air. Ham radio operators and Scouts from across the globe will be talking to each other. We will have a few ham radio operators on hand so you can talk to Scouts across the world!

GaGa Pit New for 2019, we have a portable GaGa pit. Challenge other dens, patrols or another Troop. We have provided this game at both Camp Topenebee and Tamarack this year.

Games Area with all kinds of activities for Cubs and Scouts. Pumpkin bowling, crafts, face painting, marshmallow roasting, dodgeball, obstacle course and maybe a bounce house!

All of these activities and a patch for just \$5 per person



Check out our Iron Horse Festival logo – see the Trading Post for merchandise with this logo, and train whistles.

Bicycle the Horse – Need a challenge? How about cycling the Iron Horse? Bike with your patrol or den on the Potato Creek Bike Trails. So bring your bikes to the park and CYCLE!!!

Advancement Opportunities! You can work on requirements on your own for many Scouts, BSA ranks and the following Merit Badges; Backpacking, Bird Study, Camping, Cooking, Hiking, Orienteering, Cycling, Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Fishing, Forestry, Geocaching, Geology, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Nature, Plant Science, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Soil and Water Conservation, Weather. Earn requirements for the Hiking Merit Badge. You can earn a great many requirements for a number of Nature oriented Merit Badges at the Iron Horse. Meet with your merit badge counselor before you come out to the park! Cub Scouts can also complete some requirements for advancement and belt loops.

Camping is available at Potato Creek State Park in the Youth Tent Campground or the Family Campground. Check the Iron Horse Webpage for camping options at the park. Park camping fees apply. Or consider camping at Rice Woods and earn the LaSalle Council Tri-Camp patch (camp at all three Council camps within 12 months).

Trading Post will be available with Iron Horse merchandise, t-shirts and hiking staff medallions, and limited patches from past Iron Horse hikes. For OA members, OA items will also be available.

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