Welcome Algonquian Scouters!

I'd like to start by introducing myself. My name is Chuck Dilts and I have the honor to serve as your District Commissioner. I've been in Scouting since 2003 when my son signed up as a Bear in Pack 290 in Culver. Unfortunately, the pack isn't around right now, but I accepted a role as their Committee Chair and acted as an Assistant Cubmaster. I've served in other roles including, Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant District Training Chair, District Commissioner (Northstar District-Sagamore Council), Charter Organizational Rep., and anything else that needed to be done at the time.

I'm writing to introduce you to the Algonquian District Commissioner Corp. So who is a commissioner? A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor. The commissioner is a **friend** of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. A commissioner who makes himself known and accepted now will be called on in future times of trouble. The commissioner is a **representative**. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the BSA. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement. The commissioner is a unit "**doctor**." In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms,
diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient. The commissioner is a **teacher**. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge. The commissioner is a **counselor**. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.

**The district is in need of Unit Commissioners**! There are 67 units within the district, and it would be fantastic if we had 34 Unit Commissioners to help meet our goals of a series of documented interactions with the Unit Commissioner’s assigned crew(s), troop(s) and/or pack(s). Unit commissioners make two types of contacts with their assigned units. One is a detailed contact, which is a complete assessment of the Unit. This is done twice per year and is historically accomplished by collaboratively sitting down with the Unit Key 3, and documenting the meeting. The other type of contact a Unit Commissioner makes and documents is a simple contact. At least one simple contact per month is the norm, though this can be as easy as seeing any one of the Unit Key 3 (or any Unit leader) and discussing with them how the unit is doing? Often, a visit to a Unit meeting is an optimal way to fulfill his requirement. All contacts are documented within My.Scouting using Commissioner Tools. Commissioner Tools is accessible from any computer, laptop, IPAD, or your smart phone.

**Unit Commissioner Training** is very important! Training is available at My.Scouting for POSITION-SPECIFIC BASIC TRAINING. Basic Training and YPT is the minimum you will need to have. Other training opportunities can be found at [https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/training/](https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/training/). Continuous Training can be completed at the monthly Commissioners meeting. There will also be Bachelor of Commissioner Science Training at University of Scouting later this year.

If serving within the Commissioner Corp is something you are interested in, please feel free to reach out to Renee Kurtzweil, Alg. DE, Earl Carter, Alg. District Chairman, Bruce Metzdorf, Council Commissioner or myself and we’ be happy to help you! [Download brochure for more information](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ui=2&ik=9168272238&view=lg&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1642943779191223987&ser=1)

Thank you for your support of Algonquian District.

Yours in Scouting,
Chuck Dilts
Algonquian District Commissioner
The Algonquian Eagle's Nest
Congratulations to the following new Eagle Scouts in the Algonquian District!

June 2019

Michael A. – Troop 110
Joseph Kovatch, SM
Coalbush United Methodist Church
Mishawaka, IN

Brandon H. – Troop 453
Robert Hawley, SM
Clay United Methodist Church
South Bend, IN

July 2019 - 40 Eagle Scouts to date in the LaSalle Council.

Are You Trained?
You won't want to miss these upcoming training opportunities!

What does it take to earn the Trained emblem? Find out here

Eastside IOLS/BALOO Training
Sept. 27-29, 2019
Rice Woods
Register here

IOLS-Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills: Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops in order to be considered “trained”.

BALOO Training: It is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. BALOO training is comprised of two components—an online component and a practical, hands-on component. Both components must be completed to qualify as a “TRAINED” Cub Scout outdoor leader.
University of Scouting 2019
Saturday, November 9, 2019
LDS Church, 930 Park Pl., Mishawaka, IN 46545
8:00 am – 5:30 pm EST
Registration Deadline is November 6, 2019
Cost $8.00 (includes lunch)

Basic Leader Training for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, Exploring Leaders, and Commissioners.
A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be! The day is packed full of great training events.
Find out more and Register here

STEM NOVA Training Sessions for AL District at U of S on Nov 9.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
STEM Prepares Scouts for Today and Their Future

LaSalle Council STEM Nova Coordinator
Contact: Sarah Wiseman, lcbasarah@gmail.com

Camping Report

Each year the Council must report long term camping nights as part of the Journey to Excellence (JTE). Long term camping experiences are defined as 5 or more consecutive camping nights.
If your troop participated in a long term camping during the year, it is not too late to submit your camping report. Remember after long term camping experience during the year, please submit your report within 10 days of the completion of the experience.

Units that go to summer camp at LaSalle Council's Boy Scout Resident Camp, Camp Tamarack, are automatically recorded. Units that go to an out of council camp and/or participate in a unit high adventure experience need to provide that information to the Council Camping Committee for reporting.

If your unit went out of council and/or participated in a unit high adventure experience this year, it is not too late to submit your camping report. Remember after going to an out of council camp and/or participating in a unit high adventure experience, please submit your report within 10 days of the completion of the experience.

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**Join Scouting Night Resources**

We want all of our leaders to be fully equipped for the dazzling night that great little minds enter your Join Night and leave knowing they are about to begin a new adventure in Scouting!

**August and September** are two of the most important months on the calendar. It's time for Cub Scout Packs in the Algonquian District to gear up for recruiting and fall programs.

This ONE recruitment session will set the tone for the entire Scouting year!

Every leader is vital for Join Scouting Night. Help your own unit or another one nearby. It's a team effort!

Submit your [Join Scouting sign up details](#) to your District and [REQUEST FLYERS HERE](#)!

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**The 2019 LaSalle Council Popcorn Sale is Underway!**
Sept 3: Show and Sell Product Delivered to Warehouses
Sept 6: Show and Sell Pick Up at District Warehouse (schedule online by September 1 at www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/popcornwarehouse)

A few reminders from your Council Popcorn Leadership Team:

- Need some help with the new popcorn technology, sign up for a free webinar on getting the most out of the new Trails-End App and the leader dashboard at www.app.trails-end.com/unit-training/
- Please make sure all of your scouts have downloaded the app and have set up their online account so that they can maximize their selling experience. More information on getting the Popcorn App can be found at https://app.trails-end.com/
- For Scouts, more information on setting up your online account can be found at https://www.trails-end.com/
- Interested in some Store Front selling locations? Contact Ann Flory at the scout office (ann.flory@scouting.org (574) 289-0337 x301) to schedule shifts at Lowe’s on Ireland Rd. South Bend, all Kroger stores, University Park Mall Mishawaka, Notre Dame Home Football Games, and Bass Pro Shop Portage
- Be sure to make your Show and Sell order through the Trail’s End Leader Dashboard at www.trails-end.com by August 24 and schedule your product pick up date at www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/popcornwarehouse on the council popcorn page by September 1 for the Sept. 6 Product Pick Up Day
- Please reach out to Ann Flory at the office, your district professional, and/or your district popcorn chair if you have any questions.

Sell with the Trail’s End App – Simplify Your Popcorn Sale! It allows you to easily schedule families for storefront sales like Signup.com, track Scout sales, process credit cards with Square, and
manage inventory better than your homegrown Excel spreadsheet. NO CREDIT CARD FEES!
Unit Leaders log into www.trails-end.com and manage their unit’s sale…

Find out more in the Popcorn Kernal Guidebook and Council website

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**Order of the Arrow**

*Mark your calendars!*

OA members and candidates, please join the Lodge for the **Fall Ordeal and Fellowship Sept. 13-15 at Camp Topenebee**. This will be the first ordeal opportunity for those new Ordeal candidates who did not complete their ordeals during summer camp.

For members, there will be an opportunity to do some service work at Camp Topenebee as well as enjoying the fellowship and welcoming our new members. The Lodge trading post will also be available after dinner on Saturday evening.

A Brotherhood ceremony will be offered for those members interested and eligible.

We will again offer an optional cookout supper on Friday night, 6:00-7:00 pm (CDT).

Check-in Friday 6:00-9:00 pm (CDT)

Closing Sunday about 11:00 am (CDT)

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**Iron Horse Festival 2019**

The Order of the Arrow’s annual **Iron Horse Festival** is **Oct. 19** at Potato Creek State Park. All Scouts, including Cubs, and families are invited! Fun activities for all ages including Pumpkin Bowling, HAM Radio, Obstacle Courses, Inflatables, Great Food, and much more! [See the flyer](#) for more fun activities.

Find out more information about the [Order of the Arrow Sakima Lodge](#) and download [brochure](#).
ATTENTION AMATEUR RADIO SCOUTERS AND SCOUTS!!!!!
The newly formed LaSalle Council Radio Scouting Committee would like to know who you are.

If you’re a registered scouter or scout in LaSalle Council and are FCC licensed (active or not), we want to hear from you. Please send your name, sign and registered position to Michael Stephan-Chairman - KB9MDQ@ARRL.NET.

No obligation, the committee is in the process of gathering information on the number of licensed hams in the council. A short bio of your amateur radio interests would also be helpful if you’re willing. If you’re not licensed but are interested, contact us as well.

The mission of the LaSalle Council Radio Scouting Committee is to support the organization and promotion of the annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and other related Radio Scouting activities within the council.

CONTACT
Michael Stephan-Chairman
KB9MDQ@ARRL.NET
574-498-6550
FB: @LaSalleRadioScouting

Contact Michael Stephan at KB9MDQ@ARRL.NET
Download flyer
Catholic Camporee
September 13-15, 2019
St. Felix Catholic Center

Scouts take seriously their duty to God. Our diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting plans a yearly Catholic Camporee to give all scouts (Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, etc.) and their siblings the opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. This year's camporee will be at St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, Indiana. We will learn about Blessed Solanus Casey, Archbishop Noll, the Victory Noll Missionary Sisters, as well as the critical part Huntington played in the Wabash-Erie Canal at the Forks of the Wabash. Come pray, learn, camp and have fun with fellow Catholic scouts and their families. See flyer for more information and schedule.

Pre-register by September 9th, contact:
https://forms.gle/CpbSppcBt9EZ3wpa8
Mrs. Janice Martin 260-399-1411 jmartin@diocesefwsb.org

Council Centennial Celebration
Celebrating 100 years/100 Days of Scouting! Watch the Council Facebook page, Instagram and Pinterest for 100 stories of La Salle Council scouting started July 12th.

UPCOMING EVENTS
09/12/19 DISTRICT COMMITTEE
6:00-7:00 PM
SUNNYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

09/12/19 DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
7:00-8:30 PM
SUNNYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

09/12/19 WHITE BEAVER CHAPTER MEETING
7:00-8:30 PM
SUNNYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9/27-29/19 Eastside IOLS/BALOO Training
Rice Woods

10/5/19 ROCKET LAUNCH
9:00am - Noon pm  
Registration starts at 8:30am  
Location: St Mark Missionary Church  
55240 Bittersweet Rd  
Mishawaka, IN 46545  

10/19/19  IRON HORSE FESTIVAL  
Potato Creek State Park, 25601 State Road 4,  
North Liberty, IN 46554  

11/9/19  UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING  
LDS Church Mishawaka, 930 Park Place,  
Mishawaka, IN 46545  

01/24/20 - 01/26/20  KLONDIKE  
CAMP TOPENEEBEE  

02/01/20  BOWL-A-RAMA  
CHIPPEWA BOWL  

For future issues of the newsletters, we would like to highlight someone from a pack or troop. So, if you have a volunteer that is doing an amazing job, please send that information to Susan Good at sgoodnd@gmail.com.