Earl Carter becomes a "Fox" at Gilwell Park, London
By Earl Carter, District Chair

After a number of years trying to find the optimal Wood Badge course to attend (and by optimal, I just mean one where I could attend both weekends during what seems like a consistently hectic Fall or Spring), I stumbled upon what seemed like the perfect opportunity—a week-long course during the Summer. It would take me out of Council in early August 2019. The Transatlantic Council covers a large area, consisting of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. As I read further, I learned that this was to be a historically-significant course, as it would be held at the site of the original Wood Badge
Course—Gilwell Park, London—on the 100th anniversary of the first course. I required no further encouragement. I signed up, purchased my plane tickets, and began to eagerly anticipate this capstone Scouting training experience.

Course N5-802-19 was held from August 4-10, 2019. I arrived in London late on August 2, and returned to Indiana on August 12, which left me a good day and a half on each end to adjust to time changes, travel from the airport to Gilwell Park, and to see a few sites in London. On check-in, I learned there were about a half-dozen of us in the course from stateside, with most of the rest coming from the largely-military influenced Transatlantic Council. So, this longtime sailor felt right at home among not only 47 fellow Scouters, but many service personnel and their spouses, as well as a good number of government civilians. There were also international scouts, including an Israeli Scout, BSA leader, and three Qatari Scouts, BSA leaders.

Aside from the historic location, the course was by all accounts quite similar to any other Wood Badge course, though a few hours longer, and we camped in tents for all six nights. We enjoyed nice weather, and had a bit of time to explore the historic grounds of Gilwell Park, which I commend to each of you if you visit the UK. There is a lot of Scouting history there, as you can imagine, as well as the chance to stand on the prime meridian and to view London in the distance. It can be reached by public transportation from most London-area airports in under two hours. I also learned in the first hour what a small world Scouting is, as my Troop Guide, Pattie Nortman was from the Denver Area Council -- and trained years back by our own Field Director, Jim Graham.

Needless to say, this “Fox” cannot wait to someday return and walk the grounds, recalling the experience of a lifetime. In the meantime, I have already hosted one “Fox” and his parents for a Notre Dame football weekend, and stay in regular touch with my patrol mates via WhatsApp. For those that have not attended Wood Badge, I highly recommend the course, regardless of the location. Like me, you will no doubt long to return, time and again, to “Gilwell, happy land.”

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**The Algonquian Eagle's Nest**

Congratulations to the following new Eagle Scouts in the Algonquian District!

*September 2019*
John Chustak – Troop 525  
Dan Dallich, SM  
Willow Creek Methodist Church  
Mishawaka, IN  
Project Beneficiary: Mishawaka Food Pantry

Joseph Grabill Jr. – Troop 525  
Dan Dallich, SM  
Willow Creek Methodist Church  
Mishawaka, IN  
Project Beneficiary: Eastside Baseball Softball

Joshua Jordan – Troop 555  
Eugene Dylewski, SM  
Family Bible Church  
Granger, IN  
Project Beneficiary: Prairie Winds

Daniel Solymosi – Troop 584  
Gregory Kil, SM  
St Anthony’s Catholic Church  
South Bend, IN  
Project Beneficiary: St Paul’s Retirement Center

And the Award Goes To....

Barney Packard received the District Award of Merit on October 10th.

Chris Geyer (Bear) completed his Wood Badge ticket to receive his beads on October 10th.

Congratulations!

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

Wanted training ideas for Round Table
Please submit any training ideas for Round Table to Ralph Robertson, Renee Kurtzweil, or Chuck Dilts. All ideas are welcome.

Adult Aquatic Leader Training
October 19, 2019 at Concord Pool
See flyer

Aviation Merit Badge Opportunity
Get your Aviation Merit Badge at the 2nd Annual Aviation Education Day!
Saturday, Oct. 26, 8am-2pm; SBN International 4477 Progress Dr. South Bend, IN 46628 near the Air Traffic Control Tower. See flyer/schedule

Rescheduled Dates!

BALOO Training
November 1-2, 2019
Camp Topenebee
Register here

BALOO Training: It is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnighters and Webelos den overnighters. 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.

IOLS Training
November 2-3, 2019
Camp Topenebee
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”.

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**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 including **STEM NOVA training sessions**.

Find out more and Register here

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**Key Leader Training**
All key district volunteers are invited to join our Council President, Council Commissioner, Scout Executive, and Council Vice Presidents on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019 7:00 p.m. EDT** at the Morris-1st Source Scout Center, located at 1340 South Bend Avenue South Bend. We will be hosting an open, informative session regarding Council activities.

We will also hold breakout sessions for the Advancement, Training, and Camping Committees as well as the District Key 3. District Chairs, please invite current as well as potential district committee members.

Please plan on joining us for this open conversation with vital information that you can take back to your districts so that all our volunteers are well-informed.

If you have any specific items that you would like us to address, please e-mail kdavis1110@gmail.com in advance by no later than Friday, October 25, 2019.
Popcorn Sale Update!

Upcoming Dates:

**October 14-17:** Unit Popcorn Chair Collects All Scouts’ Take Order Forms and app sales. Compile One Complete Unit Order

**October 17:** Last Day to return Show and Sell Product to District Warehouse for Credit (schedule online by October 12 at [www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/popcornwarehouse](http://www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/popcornwarehouse))

**October 18:** Take Order Due Online using your unit leader dashboard at [www.trailsend.com](http://www.trailsend.com)

**October 18:** Show and Sell Payment Due to Morris-1st Source Scout Center (payment may also be turned in at your District Warehouse when returning your Show and Sell product)

**November 5:** Take Order Product delivered to warehouses

**November 8:** Take Order Pick Up at District warehouse (schedule online by November 2 at [www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/popcornwarehouse](http://www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/popcornwarehouse))

**December 2:** Final Full Payment Due to Morris-1st Source Scout Center

Find out more in the Popcorn Kernel Guidebook and Council website

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Order of the Arrow

*Mark your calendars!*

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.

**The Council 100th Anniversary photo will be taken at 10:00. We need as many people to fill in the number 100 for the photo!**

Find out more information about the Order of the Arrow Sakima Lodge and download brochure.
Camping

**Webeloes Resident Camp 2020** dates set for **July 22 - 25, 2020**

See Flyer for more information

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, 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, 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.

**ACTION REQUIRED** Background Check Disclosures and Authorization must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed. Complete the authorization form and return to unit leader or Council office.

Download form

**Algonquian District Committee**

**Chuck Dilts**
District Commissioner
(574) 216-5042

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October**

10/19/19 **IRON HORSE FESTIVAL**
Potato Creek State Park, 25601 State Road 4, North Liberty, IN 46554
Renee Kurtweil  
District Executive  
(574) 251-4390

Eric Zavinkis  
District Executive

Earl Carter  
District Chair  
(703) 217-9124

Mike Villano  
Advancement  
(574) 383-5601

Troy Madlen  
Membership Chair  
(574) 329-5099

Ralph Robertson  
Training Chair

Barney Packard  
Family FOS

Jay Scott  
Activities Chair

Susan Good  
PR/Web Chair

Jeff Klaybor  
Camping Chair  
(574) 273-8884

Kevin Davis  
White Beaver  
Chapter Advisor  
(574) 360-8228

10/19/19 Adult Aquatic Leader Training  
Concord Pool

10/17/19 Plymouth Marshall County Round Table  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 333 N Main St., South Bend, IN 46601

10/26/19 Aviation Merit Badge  
7:00 am to 2:00 pm, South Bend International Airport, 4477 Progress Dr. South Bend, IN 46628

November

11/1-2/19 BALOO  
Camp Topenebee

11/2-3/19 IOLS  
Camp Topenebee

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

11/14/19 District Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 115 S. Frances St., South Bend, IN 46617

11/14/19 Round Table  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 115 S. Frances St., South Bend, IN 46617

11/14/19 OA Chapter Meeting  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 115 S. Frances St., South Bend, IN 46617

11/21/19 Plymouth Marshall County Round Table  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 333 N Main St., South Bend, IN 46601

Mark Your Calendar
01/24/20 - 01/26/20  KLONDIKE
    Camp Tamarack See flyer

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

4/4/20 Cub Scout Range Training/Re-Certification
    9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Camp Topenebee See flyer

5/23/20 Cub Scout Range Training/Re-Certification
    9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Camp Tamarack See flyer

View District Calendar

District Committee
    The district committee meets the second Thursday of the month at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM. This meeting is open to everyone, so if you would like to join us, please do.

District Roundtable
    District Roundtables will be held the second Thursday of the month at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM. This meeting is open to everyone, so if you would like to join us, please do.

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.