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Algonquian Merit Badge Fair
Date: March 21, 2020 | 8:00 am-5:30 pm
Location: Southwestern Michigan College
33890 US-12, Niles, MI 49120
Cost: $15
Merit Badge Offerings:

- American Heritage
- American Business
- Art
- Automotive Maintenance
- Chess
- Citizenship in Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in World
- Coin Collecting
- Collections
- Communication
- Composite Materials
- Crime Prevention
- Disabilities Awareness
- Dog Care
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Emergency-Prep
- Entrepreneurship
- Family Life
- Finger Printing
- First Aid
- Game Design
- Genealogy
- Graphic Arts
- Indian Lore
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Moviemaking
- Music

Schedule:

7:30 – 8:30 | Registration
8:30 – 8:45 | Opening Ceremonies
8:45 – 11:00 | Session 1
11:00 - 11:30 | Open period
11:30 – 12:30 | Lunch
12:30 – 2:45 | Session 2
2:45 – 3:00 | Break
3:00 – 5:15 | Session 3
5:30 | Closing

Merit Badges Continued

- Pets
- Personal Fitness
- Photography
- Public Health
- Robotics
- Safety
- Stamp Collecting
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Sustainability
- Theater
- Traffic Safety
- Welding
- Woodworking
- and More!
Benjamin Corsaw – Crew 4031
Matthew Guard, SM
Acoustic Audio
South Bend, IN
Project Beneficiary: Millers Merry Manor

Nathan Frischknecht – Troop 455
Warren Chatwin, SM
LDS – South Bend Ward
South Bend, IN
Project Beneficiary: Fernwood Botanical Gardens

Noah Haas – Troop 122
Adam Heet, SM
Osceola United Methodist Church
Osceola, IN
Project Beneficiary: Elkhart County Parks Department

Matthew Jin – Troop 572
Michael Villano, SM
Clay – Granger Lions Club
Granger, IN
Project Beneficiary: Michiana Chinese Christian Church

Jarod VandeZande – Troop 453
Robert Hawley, SM
Clay United Methodist Church
South Bend, IN
Project Beneficiary: Camp Millhouse

AL Round Table Fun FOOD Themes!
Come to Round table to eat and learn!

- March 12 @ 7 PM - Taco Bar
  Taco Thursday!
- April - Scouting for Food
- May - District Picnic BBQ
- June - Ice Cream Social
Algonquian District Pinewood Derby
Click here to register your pack!
Date:  Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 5PM – 7 PM
Location:  Studebaker National Museum
201 Chapin Street, South Bend, Indiana 46601

Footsteps of the Saints
February 28th
5:30 - 7:15pm
St. Matthew Cathedral
Mass, dinner, and saint lesson. Scout and family members may earn the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton patch. See agenda and register

2020 Pre-Camp Swim Tests

From the LaSalle Council Aquatic Committee:
Everyone going to Camp Tamarack who plans to participate in any Aquatic activities must take a swim test at a LaSalle Council sponsored event. Every youth and adult needs to take the swim test before arriving at camp, if possible. Our goal is to offer only a limited number of swim tests at camp for those who cannot attend any pre-camp testing sessions.

Scouts can attend individually or as a unit. Everyone must know their unit number and what week(s) they are attending camp when they test.

Complete the BSA Health Form

Each scout must bring Parts A&B of the Annual Health and Medical Record to the swim test. NOTE: Parts AB&C is required for camp, but only Parts A&B is required for the test.

All testing sessions require a swimsuit and a towel. All Fees are paid directly to pool staff for the use of the pool.

South Bend YMCA

1201 Northside Blvd. South Bend, IN 46615

April 10, Friday, 6-8:45p
April 18, Saturday, 2-4:45p
April 26, Sunday, Noon-3:45
May 3, Sunday, Noon-3:45
May 15, Friday, 6-8:45p
South Bend YMCA members, free
Non-members, $5.00
Testing is during an open swim, but you may not stay for the open swim unless you are a member of the YMCA.

Register here and see additional locations and times.

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Training

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
July 26 - August 1, 2020

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Learn more and Register online

Campership Applications for NYLT are Due April 3, 2020.

Are You Trained?
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.
Curiouser & curioser....follow Alice down the rabbit hole

SCOUT THEATRE WORKSHOPS & ALICE IN WONDERLAND MATINEE
SAT MAR 28, 2020

11AM Theatre Workshops:
- Cub Level includes Mask Making & Games
- Scouts BSA--Theatre Merit Badge
  Info on pre-reqs will be posted!
Lunch at SMC Dining Hall
2:30 Alice in Wonderland Interactive Matinee
Back Stage Tour post performance
$5 Registration--includes lunch & patch
Keep your eyes open for the White Rabbit and...
for information on how to register!

Camping
Parent-Cub Weekend - The Scout Safari
May 16-17, 2020
Camp Topenebee, 377 N. Holmesville Rd. Michigan City, IN 219-874-9455

Parent-Cub Weekend is for all Cub Scouts. A fun event for Scouts to enjoy outdoor camping with Mom or Dad. Find out more

Cub Resident Camp
Excalibur Quest for the Sword
July 19-21, 2020
Grab your armor, mount your trusty steed and come to Camp Tamarack to see which Cub Scout and Webelos Scouts have what it takes to wield the mighty Ecalibur! Camperships available! Only $10 to reserve a space now! Minimum 50 Scouts needed for program. Find out more
Cub Scout Twilight Camp
Bendix Woods
56960 Timothy Road New Carlisle, IN 46552

Enjoy the fun of the outdoors, make new friends, and learn new skills and games. The fun includes BB guns, archery, outdoor cooking, crafts, field games, nature study and lots of advancement opportunities from the new cub scout program. Webelos will complete activities from both the current (for those who need them) and the new Webelos programs.

June 15 - 18, 2020
Cost: $50 Early Bird, $75 after May 1, $90 after May 22.  More info
Webeloes Resident Camp 2020

July 22 - 25, 2020

See Flyer for more information

A rock-climbing wall will be offered as a part of Webelos resident camp this year. The climbing fee will be $20 per Scout.
Scouts BSA Summer Camp

NEW for this summer!

A High Ropes COPE Course will be offered as a part of Scouts BSA Summer Camp this year. The high ropes fee will be $40 per Scout.

A rock-climbing wall will be offered as a part of Scouts BSA Summer Camp this year. The climbing fee will be $20 per Scout. Find out more about summer camp.
2020 CAMPERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE!

Do your scouts need financial aid for Summer Camps? Fill out a Campership form today! Due April 3rd!


2021 LaSalle Council National Jamboree

When: July 15 - July 29, 2021
Where: [Summit Bechtel Reserve](https://www.scouting.org/becdt/facilities/summit), in the mountains of West Virginia.
Website: [https://jamboree.scouting.org/](https://jamboree.scouting.org/)
For those interested in serving as a Scoutmaster or Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (18-21 years of age on July 15th, 2021) please email a scout resume to deguisbert@aol.com. Deadline for resumes will be February 29th, 2020. Interviews for candidates will start March 1st, 2020.

We will also be recruiting adults to help our troop through the shakedown process. If you are willing to guide our troop through shakedown activities, primarily during spring/summer 2021, please let me know.

For youth interested in attending, if you want to hear the latest troop news through emails, please send me your contact email. The first troop news might start in the spring of 2020.

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Report Long Term Camping

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 and 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 within 10 days of the completion of the experience.

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Order of the Arrow - Sakima Lodge #573

Section C-6A Conclave (Sakima Lodge hosting)

April 17-19, 2020
Culver-Webber Camp, Culver, IN
Spring Ordeal and Fellowship
May 8-10, 2020
Camp Tamarack

2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)
August 3-8, 2020
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Contact Tim Monaghan for more information on these events.

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

Needed.....

- 2020 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Presentations at units. Please complete the form or contact Barney Packard for a presentation at your unit. Sign up for a presentation to receive a cloth rank advancement.

- Unit Religious Emblem Coordinators: This adult is a unit committee member who promotes the religious emblems of one or more faiths with the unit’s youth members, and may also be a religious emblems counselor for a particular faith denomination’s awards program.

- Unit Commissioners and Round Table Commissioners: Contact District Commissioner Chuck Diits at 574-216-5042 for more information.

The National Summertime Pack Award

Cub Scout packs are encouraged to make the most of their summers this year! The National Summertime Pack Award is a great way to keep cubs active year-round. For participating in three summer events, including day camps, field trips and other activities, individuals and packs can get recognized for maintaining
All packs must participate in a meaningful event in June, July, and August. Youth members will be able to earn a pin, and packs can be recognized with a certificate and a streamer for their unit flag. Pack leadership can apply for the award at scouting.org. Learn more about the award.
The LaSalle Council Radio Scouting Committee is holding a Call-Out meeting to discuss our activities and organize volunteers for various outreach events in 2020.

If you’re a registered scout or scouter in LaSalle Council and are a licensed HAM, we invite you to attend. Let’s join together to promote Radio Scouting in LaSalle Council. If your new to the hobby or not licensed come learn with us. Come join the Radio Scouting adventure!

**WHAT:** CALL-OUT MEETING  
**WHEN:** March 11, 2020 7PM  
**WHERE:** LaSalle Council Office

**ARDF-FOX HUNTING**  
**RADIO MERIT BADGE**  
**DISCOVERY**  
**NEW TECHNOLOGY**  
**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**  

**For More Info:**  
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Micah Bell– KD9MBB Committee Member  
Wyatt Stephan KC9RRL Committee Member
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is honored to recognize those who achieve the status of Eagle Scout with a special congratulatory letter and color Certificate of Commendation, suitable for framing. We offer this certificate with no strings attached as a way of recognizing an Eagle Scout’s accomplishments and to honor those who fought to preserve the Union.

The Eagle Court of Honor observes a very proud tradition that our organization is pleased to recognize in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

Comprised of over 400,000 Union veterans of the American Civil War of 1861-1865, the GAR was a living symbol of patriotism when the Boy Scouts of America was formed in 1910. Before the passing of its last member (on 2 August 1956), the GAR officially recognized the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) as its legal heir.

As such, it is our honor to maintain the many traditions of the GAR. These include the promotion of good citizenship by teaching patriotism, civic duty, and the love and honor of our flag—concepts that are near and dear to BSA.

When possible, every effort is made to personally present the certificate to the Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor.

Jonathan Swarts (a Troop 111 committee member) is the point of contact for this award in St. Joseph (IN) and Marshall counties. To notify him of upcoming Courts of Honor, or for more information, please contact him at 574-485-4512 or jswarts@pnw.edu.

“The LaSalle Council Spring Peanut Sell"
Some of you have already received a sample tin of delicious Whitley’s nuts in the mail. For those of you who have not, a tin is on its way! Please use this sample to promote the LaSalle Council Spring Sale. Share with your fellow leaders, parents and scouts in your unit to see how good these are! They will sell like hotcakes!

That’s right, Whitley’s Nuts to be exact! The LaSalle Council 2020 Spring Fundraising Sale is upon us! We are excited to offer this DELICIOUS, quality product to our units to help our Scouts earn money for their annual program.

The Sale is Simple:
- 40% commission back to your Unit
- Sale runs 3/15/2020-4/25/2020
- Take Order Only
- Product delivery to units in early May 2020
- No prize program, cash goes into your unit account
- 10 item delicious product mix
- Great value for the price!

Please reach out to Meredith Isenberg or Jim Graham with any questions: 574-289-0337 or Meredith.isenberg@scouting.org | Jim.graham@scouting.org

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Earl Carter
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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

03/12/20 District Committee Meeting
6:00 Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

03/12/20 District Round Table - Taco Thursday!
OA Chapter Meeting
7:00 Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

03/19/20 Plymouth Marshall County Round Table
7:00 1st United Methodist Church

03/21/2020 Merit Badge Clinic
Southwestern Michigan College
Saint Mary’s College

**Mark Your Calendar**

**4/3/20** Camperships Due!  
[Download](#) application

**4/4/20** Pinewood Derby  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Studebaker National Museum

**4/4/20** Cub Scout Range Training/Re-Certification  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Camp Topenebee [See flyer](#)

**4/18/20** Wood Lake Scout Reservation Mix & Fix  
Camp Tamarack

**5/3/20** Skilled Trades Merit Badge  
Ivy Tech, Goshen

**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.

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For future issues of the newsletters, we would like to highlight someone from a pack or troop. So, if you

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Tacos, Merit Badge Fair, Pinewood Derby, Camping and Fun!

If you have a volunteer that is doing an amazing job, please send that information to Susan Good at sgoodnd@gmail.com.

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