Culver Home of Newest Algonquian Cub Scout Pack

Pack 290 Cubmaster Candace Cable is proud to have expanded Cub Scouts in Culver, Indiana.

On December 19, 2019, Candace’s unit became the newest Cub Scout Pack in the Algonquian District of LaSalle Council. With eight youth enjoying what the pack has to offer, Candace shares her eye for active learning.

“They all really enjoyed going over pocketknife safety,” Candace said of the first den meetings.

Webelos Scouts are already trained to properly use pocketknives at Scouting events. Overall, Candace has three Lions, one Tiger, two Bears and two Webelos Scouts in her family pack that is open to both boys and girls in the Marshall County area.

All eight of Candace’s Cub Scouts have already earned their Bobcat badge, the initial Cub Scout rank that boys and girls can earn when they join. Tiger and Bear Cub Scouts are working on their next award, which is focused on cyber safety and general internet knowledge.
Pack 290 hosts den meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month and packs meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Culver Veterans of Foreign Wars post at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the unit can email eric.zavinski@scouting.org.

New HANDBOOK FOR SCOUTS available:

Carry hundreds of pages of Scouting knowledge right in your pocket. The Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys and Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls are now available on Kindle, making it easier than ever for you or your Scouts to find essential information in a few simple taps.

The Kindle versions for boys and for girls are available for $17.99 apiece. These digital books contain the same great information found in the spiral-bound print counterparts. (The print versions for boys and girls remain on sale for $17.99 at ScoutShop.org, which is still open for business and processing orders even during the coronavirus.)

Though you purchase the Kindle versions through Amazon.com, you don’t need an actual Kindle device to read them. You can access your entire Kindle library through the Kindle app for iOS or Android.

Algonquian District Pinewood Derby CANCELED
Algonquian Merit Badge Fair

Since the Algonquian Merit Badge Fair has been postponed to a TBD date, the next Merit Badge Fair event is Saturday, May 30th, at Ivy Tech Community College (Elkhart Campus, 22531 CR 18 Goshen, IN 46528).

We will send out an email when registration for this event is live on our website and keep you informed of any other updates.

The Council will be issuing refunds into your Tentaroo account starting tomorrow, which you can use for all future LaSalle Council events. If you would like your registration fee refunded back the original way you paid, please contact the Scout Office at 574-289-0337.

The Algonquian Eagle's Nest

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

Connor Cornelison – Troop 122
Adam Heet, SM
Osceola United Methodist Church
Osceola, IN
Daniel Mattimore – Troop 325  
John Loughran, SM  
People of Praise  
South Bend, IN  
Project Beneficiary: Saint Bavo Parish

Guiseppe Nania – Troop 572  
Michael Villano, SM  
Clay-Granger Lions Club  
Granger, IN  
Project Beneficiary: South Bend Fire Department

Deven Ritchie – Troop 99  
Braxton Felts, SM  
LDS – Mishawaka Ward  
Mishawaka, IN  
Project Beneficiary: Underserved Children & Better World Books

**AL Round Table Fun FOOD Themes!**

*Come to Round table to eat and learn!*

- April - **Cancelled**
- May - **District Picnic BBQ**
- June - **Ice Cream Social**
- July - **See you at Summer Camp!**
- August - **Welcome back picnic!**
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 should to take the swim test before arriving at camp. 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.*

[Register here and see additional locations and times.](https://mailchi.mp/43f2cf5fa59e/algonquian-district-smoke-sIGNALS-newsletter-july-3878938?e=[UNIQID])

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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 May 1, 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.

Camping
Camperships Due May 1

Do your scouts need financial aid for Summer Camps? Fill out a Campership form today! Due date extended to May 1st.

Find it here: https://www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/files/12357/Campership-Application-2020

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

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**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]

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**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.
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.

2021 LaSalle Council National Jamboree

When: July 21 - July 30, 2021
Where: Summit Bechtel Reserve, in the mountains of West Virginia.
Website: https://jamboree.scouting.org/
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For those interested in serving as a Scoutmaster or Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (18-21 years of age on July 21, 2021), please email a scout resume to deguisbert@aol.com. Deadline for resumes will be March 31, 2020. Interviews for candidates will start April 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**

[Sakima Lodge hosting] [CANCELED]

Spring Ordeal and Fellowship

May 8-10, 2020

Camp Tamarack

https://mailchi.mp/43f2cf5fa59e/algouian-district-smoke-signals-newsletter-july-3878938?e=[UNIQID]
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.

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**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 Dilts at 574-216-5042 for more information.

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**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 program consistency. All packs must do is participate in a meaningful
Pack leadership can apply for the award at scouting.org. Learn more about the award.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Recognition

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"

Dear Cub Masters and Scoutmasters,

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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**5/23/20 Cub Scout Range Training/Re-Certification**
9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Camp Tamarack [See flyer](#)

**5/30/20 Skilled Trades Merit Badge**
Ivy Tech, Goshen

**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.

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