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Holy Spirit Cub Scout

PACK 46 Newsletter



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BLAST-OFF on a BIKE-HIKE!

There are so many fun things to do outdoors. Hiking, camping, swimming and riding a bike are just a few of them. And it is so important to keep all of these things fun by doing them the right way—the safe way.

Once you learn how to do something the right way, it becomes natural, as well as a life-lesson. And you keep it with you forever, just like "riding a bike," as the old saying goes.

Riding a bicycle is a big responsibility and all riders must learn all rules of safety before their first ride. Learn to ride a bicycle well before you venture onto the roadway or a mountain bike trail.

Some basic rules include:

- > Always wear a helmet that is properly-fitted
- > Adjust your seat to fit
- > Check your vehicle, especially the tires and brakes
- > Follow the Rules of the Road
- > Be visible to others
- > Control your bicycle
- > Share the road
- > Avoid road hazards



Mountain Biking is a combination of two of my very favorite activities—hiking and biking. There are addi-

tional Rules of the Trail including riding on open trails only, leave no trace, always yield trail, never spook animals, and plan ahead. Good training and preparation are the keys to fun and safety in mountain biking. There are many places to go mountain biking, and you don't even need any mountains. Brown County State Park has many great trails for all levels.

Special thanks to the ICS Bicycle Shop, located at 5804 E. Washington Street, for hosting this month's **Pack Meeting, Wednesday, April 28th, from 6:45pm to 8pm.**



April 28th, 2010

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Did you Know ?

The Wright Brothers operated bicycle shops and used their profits to finance their experiments in order to invent the world's first airplane.

Our BSA Council has a new Servicenter and Scout Shop

The Crossroads of America Council has just opened a brand new facility located at 7125 Fall Creek Road North just north of Camp Belzer on the northeast side of Indianapolis. In fact, it is just across Fall Creek and Fall Creek Road from Belzer. The new **Servicenter** is open Monday-Friday from

8:30am-5pm, with extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday until 7PM. The new **Scout Shop** is more than twice as big as before and is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-7pm and on Saturday from 9am-3pm.

It has a large lobby with a

walk-in education area and a beautiful view of a large pond for canoeing training, as well as a natural amphitheater in the back. It also features several spacious conference rooms and offices. Be sure to check it out—you'll love it!

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the Gift of the Great Outdoors and how, as Cub Scouts, we can learn to truly experience the wonders and appreciate the beauty of Nature. Please keep us safe and responsible in all we do in your marvelous creation as we explore and grow.

AMEN

Boy Scouts of America—the Leaders who helped make it happen

In your Scout folders you received in early September at registration, there is an article about **Baden-Powell** you should review. In December, we learned about **William D. Boyce**, the man who officially founded the BSA on February 8th, 1910 in Washington, D.C. He

had lots of help getting it off the ground including other men who had similar, smaller-scale, outdoor-based organizations for boys. In January, we learned about one of them by the name of **Daniel Carter Beard**. In February, we learned about another such gentleman named

Ernest Thompson Seton.

This month we will be learning about **James E. West**, who proved that people who are involved in Scouts can have varied interests and backgrounds, as long as they care about the welfare of children.

James Edward West (1876-1948)

Orphaned at age six and afflicted with tuberculosis, **James E. West** never had much of a childhood.

West had to fight for permission to attend school outside of his orphanage—and only if he did his extensive orphanage chores before and after school.

Nonetheless, he finished high school in two years, graduating with honors in 1895. By 1901, he'd worked his way through law school and was practicing law in Washington, D.C. Given those circumstances, it was not surprising, then, that West gravitated towards children's issues. When a young boy stole his car, he declined to press charges, offering instead to represent the boy in court. That incident led West to lobby successfully for the creation of a juvenile court. He also worked for the Washington Playground Association and the YMCA and prompted **President Theodore Roosevelt** to convene a



White House Conference on Dependent Children in 1909.

Given his background, West became a natural choice to serve as the first Chief Scout Executive. He agreed to take the job for up to six months and stayed on for 32 years. Unlike **Baden-Powell**, **Beard**, and **Seton**, West had neither a winning personality nor a love for the outdoors. Unlike **Boyce**, he didn't have deep pockets. What he did have, though, was a commitment to children and a drive to turn the

fledgling BSA into a strong, cohesive national organization.

In his three decades as Chief Scout Executive, West oversaw the creation of Sea Scouting and Cub Scouting, the development of local councils, and the involvement of Scouts on the home front in two World Wars. As **President Harry Truman** wrote in a telegram to West's widow, "Boys Scouts of all ages and all Americans who believe in the future of the American boy bow in reverence to his memory."

West's name lives on in the **James E. West Fellowship Award**. This award goes to individuals who donate \$1,000 or more to a local council's endowment fund.

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Spring Family Campout at Brown County State Park

This year's Spring Campout will be held the weekend of **April 30th-May 2nd (Friday-Sunday)** at beautiful Brown County State Park. We will be camping in the Youth Tent Area. We will do plenty of hiking & biking and have an outdoor Mass with **Father Chris Wadelton** at 5:30pm Saturday. After

a pitch-in dinner, a campfire program will follow. Brown County SP has great mountain biking trails so be sure to bring your bikes and helmets for the weekend. We will prepare for biking safely on **April 28th with a Pack Meeting at the ICS bike shop at 6:45pm**. Be sure to mark the first

weekend in May on your calendars for the campout & bring the whole family.



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