

Basic Lodge Information

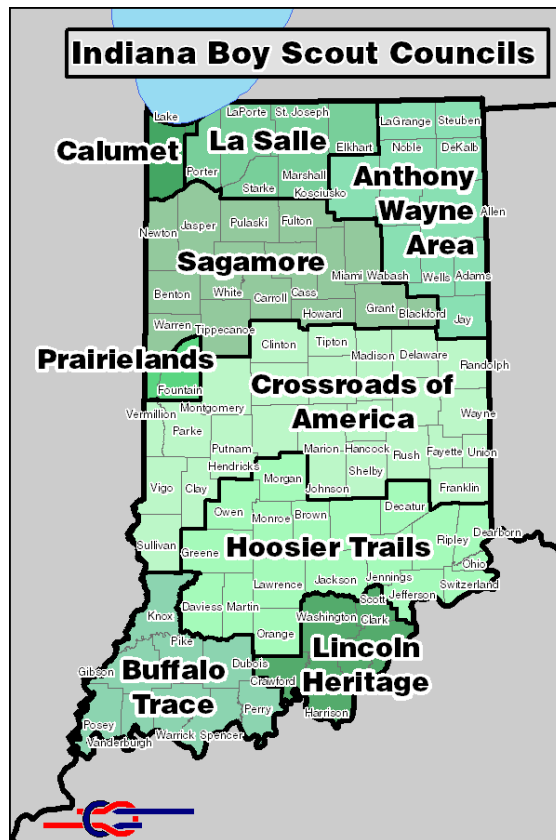
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Council Formation – Crossroads of America Council



Geographical coverage area

Crossroads of America Council #160 (CAC) is the largest Boy Scout council in Indiana. It covers the center of the state from east to west and goes as far north as Muncie and as far south as Terre Haute. CAC currently serves over 36,000 young people in 25 counties through 965 packs, troops, teams, crews, groups, ships, and posts.



Council Headquarters Location

Crossroads of America Council Headquarters is located at 7125 Fall Creek Road N, Indianapolis, IN 46256. CAC also has offices in Anderson, Hagerstown, Muncie, and Terre Haute.

Formation and Mergers of Councils

The original council was founded on February 8, 1910. Crossroads of America Council #160 is the result of a number of mergers over the years. Based in Indianapolis, the current name was adopted in 1972.

Indianapolis itself has had a council office since 1915, being known as just the Indianapolis Council #160 until 1934 when it started adding a lot of other councils and became known as the



Indianapolis and Central Indiana Council #160. This long name lasted until 1942 when the council simply was known as the Central Indiana Council. In 1972 a major merger was undertaken with the present name being adopted. A number of councils were folded together including Delaware County #679 (the Muncie, IN-based Council that operated from 1924- 1972), Kikthawenund Area #149 (Anderson, IN), and the Whitewater Valley Council #151 (based in Hagerstown, IN).

Anderson had a long history of councils before the 1972 merger. First founded in 1919 as the Anderson Council #149, the council went under a year later in 1919 only to return with the same name in 1923. This time, the council lasted until 1928 before changing its name to the Hoosier Council #149. That name was used for 3 years. In 1931 the Anderson-based council became the Chief Anderson Council #149, which lasted four years until 1935. The



Kikthawenund Council #149, proved to be the longest running name as it lasted from 1935 to 1972 before finally merging into the new Crossroads of America Council.

Hagerstown had a similarly long history as a separate council before the 1972 merger. Beginning as the Wayne County Council #151 in 1927, the council became the Wayne Area Council #151 in 1931. In 1935, the Whitewater Valley Council #151 was formed and lasted until the 1972 merger with the CAC.

There were also a few short lived councils in the area now served by Crossroads of America including the Shelbyville Council based in Shelbyville, IN from 1915-1922; the Frankfort Council, Frankfort, IN which operated from 1918-1920; the Connersville Council based in the city of the same name from 1922-1924; and the Boone County Council, based in Lebanon, IN which operated from 1927-1929.

The Order of the Arrow was active in many of these councils with the exception of the Indianapolis Council and its successor Central Indiana Council (CIC). The Firecrafter Program, which is a local program that in many ways serves the same function as Order of the Arrow, was formed in the Indianapolis council. It is still an active program in the CAC. When Crossroads of America Council was formed, the Order of the Arrow also came to the Indianapolis area.

In 2002, the Wabash Valley Council #166 became part of the CAC. The Terre Haute Council #166 existed from 1912-1924. From 1924-1929, it became the Vigo County Council #166, and was re-established as the Terre Haute Council #166 from 1929-1931. In 1931, the council became the Wabash Valley Council #166 and kept that name until it merged with the Crossroads of America Council #160 in 2002.

Important People

The current Scout Executive of CAC is Patrick Sterrett. In 2013, he took over for Scott Clabaugh who had been the Council Executive since 1993.

One of the best known names in the council is F.O. Belzer, who was the Executive from 1915-1939 and started the Firecrafter program. The camp where Firecrafter began is now named for him and serves as the Cub Scout Summer Day Camp and Council Training Center.

The Crossroads of America Council has also served as home of the Crossroads of America Scout Band. Founded in 1917 by "Chief" F.O. Belzer as a camp band, it has grown into a concert band that has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and England representing the Boy Scouts of America and the Crossroads of America Council for over 90 years. The Band's annual summer tour takes it to as many scout camps as it can for the enjoyment of those scouts at camp.

Throughout its 64 year history the Kickapoo Lodge has seen many great youth and adult leaders. Over the years several members have been awarded the Distinguished Service Award and Ed Pease (Lodge Chief in 1968 and 1969) served the Order of the Arrow as National Chairman from 1993-2000.



Crossroads of America Council
Boy Scouts of America

Important Events and Milestones

<u>Milestones</u>	
1910	Founded on February 8, 1910
1910	1st Troop of Boy Scouts Organized in Indianapolis
1913	Early Troops Began Conducting Camps
1913	The Scoutmasters Association was Renamed
1914	Council Officers Met to Adopt the Recommended Constitution
1914	The Scoutmasters Association/Council Determined that Local Council was Necessary
1915	Scouts Attended the First Camp of the New Council
1915	Mr. F.O. Belzer Became Scout Executive
1915	\$11, 052.50 Total Pledges Reported
1916	Hall Marmon, T-18, is the First Eagle of the Indianapolis Council
1916	Annual Scout Week at Fort Harrison
1917	Canon Salute Causes Panic
1917	Scout Band formed
1918	The Indianapolis Boy Scouts Reservation Opened
1919	The Indianapolis Council Divides into Districts
1920	10th Anniversary of Scouting
1920	Campers Suggest New Name for Indianapolis Boy Scouts Reservation
1920	Kiwanis Hut Dedicated – destroyed by fire 2012
1921	4th Rank Added to the Camp Ranks Program
1929	Trial of Cub Scout Program
1930	The Cub Scouts Program Began
1931	1st Silver Beaver Award Presented
1933	1st Local Silver Beaver Awards Announced
1934	The Indianapolis Council is Renamed
1934	President Roosevelt Announced a National Jamboree
1935	25th Anniversary of Scouting
1936	1st Local Sustaining Membership Drive
1936	President Roosevelt Invited Scout Membership to National Jamboree
1937	First National Jamboree
1939	Chief Belzer Submitted His Letter of Resignation
1939	Silver Jubilee Camp, the Fourth Camp and Scout Open House Day at the Reservation
1941	Indianapolis and Central Indiana Council is Renamed
1943	Long Trousers and the Scout Cap Added to BSA Uniform
1947	18th National Training Conference for Scout Executives
1948	F.O. Belzer Passed Away
1953	Indianapolis Scout Headquarters Moved
1959	The Chank-tun-un-gi Trail was Created
1960	1st Local Wood Badge Course in Central Indiana Council

1961	Special Interest Exploring Begins Locally
1965	Central Indiana Council Ranked #1
1965	The 500,000th Eagle Scout Badge Presented
1965	The Monroe Camp Becomes Ransburg Reservation
1966	Ransburg Reservation Camp Opened
1968	Central Indiana Council's 1st Pinewood Derby
1969	Hagerstown Service Center Opens
1971	Maine National High Adventure Area Opened
1972	Crossroads of America Council is Formed
1973	New Order of the Arrow Lodge Chartered
1974	1st National Eagle Scout Association Meeting
1975	Cub Day Camp Piloted
1977	Cub Day Camp Program Becomes Official
1979	National Office Location Change
1982	A. John Bosio selected to be Council Scout Executive
1984	Popcorn Fundraiser Debut
1985	First Wood Badge Course in Crossroads of America Council
1985	Council Newsletter Name Changed
1987	Capital Camps Decided
1987	"College of Commissioner Science" Initiated
1988	First Local Scouting for Food
1988	Webelos Adventure Camp at Kikthawenund
1990	The Roesch Service Center Opens
1992	First "Marsh Cookout on the Circle"
1993	Scott B. Clabaugh selected to be Council Scout Executive
1998	The Beginning of Venturing
2002	Wabash Valley Council becomes part of Crossroads of America Council
2003	Dedication of the Center for Volunteer Training
2003	OA lodges Wulakamike & Kickapoo merge to become Jaccos Towne Lodge
2007	Boy Scouting celebrates 100 th Anniversary of founding by Lord Baden-Powell
2010	Crossroads Scout Office moves to 7125 Fall Creek Road N
2010	Boy Scouting in the United States celebrates 100 th Anniversary
2010	Fire destroys Training Center at Camp Belzer
2012	Scout office renamed Golden-Burke Scout Center
2012	New Camp Belzer Training Center opens
2013	Patrick Sterrett selected to be Council Scout Executive
2015	Order of the Arrow celebrates 100 th Anniversary

Camp Formation

Cub Scout Camps

Crossroads of America Council offers three summer Cub Scout programs: Adventure Camp, Belzer Day Camp, and District Day Camp.

Adventure Camp (Cub Scout resident camp) - is an overnight camp held at Camp Kikthawenund (Frankton). Adventure Camp supports and utilizes the aims and methods of Scouting as an integral part of the camp program. Adventure Camp provides an opportunity for Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts to go camping at the region's premier Cub Scout Camp. The program runs in June and July.

Belzer Day Camp - offers an exciting program for Tigers, Bears and Wolves, as well as first and second year Webelos! The camp is situated on a wooded 100 acre facility that has been in development for over 90 years. Camp Belzer (Indianapolis) was created to provide a safe environment where Cub Scouts can learn, advance, and play in the great outdoors.

District Day Camps - run Monday through Friday and offer a Friday overnight for the Cub Scouts and their families who wish to attend.

- Bear Creek Day Camp (Connersville) – June
- Kikthawenund Day Camp (Frankton) – July
- Pathfinder Day Camp (Trafalgar) – June
- Red Wing Day Camp (Muncie) – June
- Rotary Day Camp (Crawfordsville) – July
- Wildwood Day Camp (Terre Haute) – June

Boy Scout Camps

Summer camp is what many Scouts enjoy most about Scouting. Camp programs use natural surroundings to provide youth with numerous opportunities to experience physical, mental, and spiritual growth. Scouts can earn merit badges along their advancement trail while having fun. CAC offers week-long resident camp experiences plus Dan Beard First Class Camp, Baden-Powell Merit Badge Camp, and NYLT/White Stag.

Resident Summer Camps

- Ransburg Scout Reservation – (near Bloomington, IN), provides unique adventures unlike any other camp. The climbing tower, C.O.P.E. course, and robust aquatics

program leave Scouts excited to return before they've even completed their week at camp. – June and July

- Camp Krietenstein (near Poland, IN), challenges Scouts to find adventure, explore, make new friends, learn new skills and earn merit badges. The Adventure Base program consists of high adventures, rope courses and team building initiatives. – June and July

NYLT/White Stag

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), called White Stag in CAC, is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their units as well as in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The six-day course, held at Camp Red Wing (Muncie), is patterned after a month in the life of a unit. Content is delivered in a group and team outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. – June and July

Baden Powell Merit Badge Camp

Baden Powell Merit Badge Camp, held at Camp Belzer (Indianapolis), is a merit badge day camp that helps younger Scouts earn up to eight unique merit badges in the summer. The program is an accelerated, intensive learning environment. Scouts may be required to complete prerequisites, take classroom notes and/or have out of class assignments to complete the merit badge requirements. – June and July

Dan Beard First Class Camp

Dan Beard First Class Camp, held at Camp Belzer (Indianapolis), is designed for Boy Scouts who are working towards the rank of First Class. During the day camp, Scouts have the opportunity to complete various requirements towards the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Scouts attending Dan Beard camp also can earn the First Aid merit badge and Camper, the first rank of Firecrafter. – June and July.

Non-OA Honor Camper Societies

General Information

In the formative years of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow was just one of the over 100 known honor camper societies that existed in Scout Camps and Councils throughout the United States. In those early days most camps were run with a huge single camping area by a Council professional. Borrowing from Daniel Beard and Culver Military

Academy (many of the patches feature the Culver "C") Councils adopted honor camping associations as a means of enticing young boys to return to their camps summer after summer.

It appears the biggest were Gimogash (created in Kansas City, Missouri in 1914), Ku-Ni-Eh (created in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1923), Nani Ba Zhu (created in Omaha, NE in 1919), Firecrafter (created in 1920 in Indiana), and WWW (the OA created in 1915 at Treasure Island, PA). There are a number of these societies that still exist including Firecrafter (in Indiana and Illinois) and Mic-O-Say (in Missouri).

While just about everyone involved in the Boy Scout organization knows about the Order of the Arrow, many people don't know much about the "other" honor societies and honor programs that existed in various scout councils and camps throughout the country from 1914 through the present day.

In the early days of the Boy Scouts of America many camps around the country had "honor camper" programs where a scout could progressively earn award patches. In the 1920's and 1930's a number of camps had programs where totems were stenciled on a scout's belt with paint as they became proficient in different skills. The growth and movement of the "other" honor societies came about mostly by the movement of the council executives from one location to another as well as by word of mouth. The Toledo Area Council received many visitors through the early years to learn about Gimogash. Tipisa spread to Indiana and Florida from Michigan solely through the movement of council executives.

There were five major societies/programs that operated in multiple locations during the 1920's through the 1940's. They were Ku-Ni-Eh, Gimogash, Nani Ba Zhu, Firecrafter, and WWW (Order of the Arrow). The majority of the "other" societies/programs existed in only one place although there were a few in two to five locations.

In 1935, there were 536 Scout Councils and only 81 Order of the Arrow Lodges in existence in the country. By 1950, there were still only 537 Scout Councils but 445 OA lodges had by then been chartered. During those years there were many of the "other" honor societies/programs that were converted into OA lodges.

Many honor societies lived on in different ways after they were converted to the OA. Some, such as the Michigan Tipisa Society, became a camp award system that could be earned. Some kept their ceremonies and blended them into the new OA lodge. Others chose the society name as their lodge name. There were a number of these such as Tonkawampus #16, Pokagon #110, Tahquitz #127, Ku-Ni-Eh #145, Gimogash #214, Mohawk #275, Yo-Se-Mite #278, Nani Ba Zhu #321, Tipisa #326, Nikiwigi #329, Braves of Decorah #381, White Feather #499, and Wincheck #534.

There are a number of these groups that exist to this day. They are independent societies/programs. Some exist where there has never been an OA lodge, and some co-exist with an OA lodge. Among them are Mic-O-Say in St. Joseph, Missouri since 1925 and Kansas City (Missouri) since 1929; Firecrafter in Crossroads of America Council (Indiana) since 1920; Tribe of Tahquitz in the Long Beach Council (California) since 1925; Tribe of Torqua at Camp Cherry Valley (California); Tribe of Quivira in Quivira Council (Kansas) since 1923; Tribe of Golden Eagle (Kansas) since 1989; and Nani Ba Zhu which was reactivated in Omaha (Nebraska) in 1990.

Non-OA Honor Groups in CAC area.

Firecrafter



Firecrafter is a service organization within the Boy Scouts of America. Formed in 1920, the Firecrafter Organization mainly operates within the Crossroads of America Council, Indiana, but has been known to exist in other areas including Illinois and Texas.

Before the United States entered World War I, Francis O. Belzer was named the first Scout Executive of the Indianapolis Council in 1915 (known as the Indianapolis and Central Indiana Council from 1934 to 1942). With Scouting's early emphasis on athletics instead of Scoutcraft skills, many different ancillary programs were piloted throughout the United States to reinforce Scouting skills and its core values. One such program in place was the three-tiered rank system at Daniel Carter Beard's Culver Woodcraft Camp. Seeing a need for a new program in Indiana and working in conjunction with Stanley L. Norton, Assistant Executive, and Rex Pruitt, Scoutmaster of Troop 46, Scout Executive Belzer created the Camper and Woodsman ranks in 1919 at Camp Chank-Tun-Un-Gi located near Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. The program was a success throughout the 1919 camping season, so Pruitt, Norton, and Belzer set out to create a third camp rank for the following summer.

The "third and highest" rank was introduced, unnamed, in 1920. The first group of four young Woodsmen completed the requirements. It was custom to recognize the new Camper and Woodsman rank recipients at the last campfire of the camping week, and when it came time to recognize the four Scouts, they were not mentioned. As the ceremony concluded with Norton's Scoutmaster's benediction, the four Scouts were instructed to remain behind. As the rest of the campers went back to their tents to retire for the evening, those four Scouts, along with Belzer, Norton, Pruitt, and P.D. Hoelscher (the camp's physical director) became the first to take Firecrafter's Unknown Test.

A fourth honorary camp rank, Minisino, was introduced in 1921 to recognize those who went above and beyond in service to Scouting and Firecrafter itself.

At one point in time, many Midwestern councils had a Firecrafter program in operation. After the adoption of the Order of the Arrow on a national level, many of these programs were closed completely or merged into the Order's program. It was the only honor camping program in the Central Indiana Council until 1972, when Central Indiana Council was merged with Delaware County Council, Whitewater Area Council, and Kikthawenund Council to form the new Crossroads of America Council. Concerned Firecrafters and Arrowmen met to settle their differences, and both programs were allowed to continue.

Before 1972, all Firecrafters wore a pocket flap patch on the right pocket, indicating where the member was from within the council. He also wore a 3-inch pocket patch on the right pocket, indicating his Firecrafter rank. After the merger, the Order of the Arrow was given exclusive right to the pocket flap, while Firecrafter kept its right to the temporary patch position on the pocket itself. For more information, go to www.firecrafter.org.

Ku-Ni-Eh

Prior to the existence of today's Order of the Arrow, the councils of central, eastern, and southeastern Kentucky used the Ku-Ni-Eh as their honor camper society. Arthur E. Roberts founded the Ku-Ni-Eh in 1922 at Camp Edgar Friedlander, which was located on the Little Miami River near Cincinnati, Ohio. Camp Edgar Friedlander was the summer camp of the Cincinnati Area Council, and Arthur E. Roberts was the Camp Director for many of its early years of operation. Mr. Roberts also served the Cincinnati Area Council as its Scout Executive for many years. During those early years at summer camp, Mr. Roberts saw a need for the development of a brotherhood to honor a select number of Scouts who best exemplified the Scout Oath and Law. After many months of searching, Mr. Roberts found what he considered to be the best ceremony for the induction of candidates into this brotherhood.



The ceremony was based on a ritual used by the Kankau, a tribe of the Maidu Indians of Northern California. The Kankau used this ceremony to test their boys in the virtues necessary to become a brave. The word Ku-Ni-Eh means "Order of Manhood" in the Maidu tongue, and thus was chosen as the name for this new brotherhood. The symbol that was selected to represent the Ku-Ni-Eh was the "We-hin-ay-pay", which means Rising Sun. This symbol was taken from a design in the base of a ritual basket of the Maidu Indians.

The Ku-Ni-Eh had its own requirements for membership, rules and regulations, and even its own handbook. Its popularity spread throughout the Cincinnati Area Council, and the knowledge of the Ku-Ni-Eh's success spread into many other councils. Within a few years over forty councils had adopted the Ku-Ni-Eh as an integral part of their summer camp program. However, the Ku-Ni-Eh was never recognized as an official organization by the Boy Scouts of America. The local sponsor of the Ku-Ni-Eh in the Blue Grass Council was O.C. Rankin of Cynthiana, Kentucky. He presided over the organization's many activities, as well as the selection of some 345 candidates from 1927-1951. Candidates for induction into the Ku-Ni-Eh were selected by the current Ku-Ni-Eh members, unlike today's Order of the Arrow where candidates are selected by members and non-members alike.

More detailed information on the Ku-ni-eh Society and the Tribe of the Black Arrow are available in separate Appendices M and N posted to www.jaccostownelodge.org website.

Tecumseh Lodge Education Group



Tecumseh Lodge Education Group, Inc. is a not-for-profit, charitable, and educational institution dedicated to preserve, protect, and promote all aspects of the culture of the American Indian. While the organization was formally incorporated in January 1969, the origins of the Lodge began in the 1950's.

The Lodge holds an annual powwow during the Labor Day Weekend and a Mid-Winter Powwow in late December or early January of each year. Throughout the year, the Lodge sponsors social dances on Saturday evenings in the spring and fall, and holds business meetings six times a year. In addition, a bi-monthly newsletter is distributed to members.

Proceeds from various Lodge activities are donated to several American Indian educational and community programs. The Lodge also sponsors the Ku-ni-eh Society and Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew #372.

Membership is open to individuals ages 18 and above who are interested in participating in lodge activities and willing to support the Lodge's endeavors to fulfill its purpose. The Lodge offers individual, family, associate, and life memberships. Active members of the military receive a complimentary membership, and students of active members who are enrolled in higher education institutions may receive an individual newsletter upon request.

The Order of the Arrow Founded



The National Order of the Arrow (formerly known as the Wimachtendienk, W.W.) had its beginnings on July 16, 1915 when the organization's founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and cofounder, Carroll A. Edson began our great and honored Order that summer at Treasure Island Scout Camp. Treasure Island Scout Camp was the summer camp of the Philadelphia Council, located on an island in the middle of the Delaware River between the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The founders' purpose and intent was to promote the ideals of Scouting and to strengthen the camping spirit. They utilized the local myths and legends of the Lenni Lenape tribe of the Delaware Indians to enhance their newly founded organization. Once the movement started, it vigorously began to grow, and soon many BSA councils adopted the Order of the Arrow and its principles into their own programs. Today, the Order of the Arrow is known as Scouting's National Honor Society.

Founding of Lodges

Central Indiana Order of the Arrow History

The Order of the Arrow began its existence in Central Indiana in 1938 with the chartering and formation of Kickapoo Lodge #128 in the former Wabash Valley Council. In 1942, in the Kikthawenund Council located in Anderson, Indiana, Kikthawenund Lodge #222 was formed. Three years later in Whitewater Valley Council, Wahpinachi Lodge #308 was chartered. Ten years later in 1955, Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk Lodge #512 was chartered in Delaware County Council. From 1963 to 1973, there was an "unofficial OA lodge" in Central Indiana Council. The "OA lodge" was associated with the Scout Band under the direction of Harvey Gill, the band director. Two advisers, who were Vigil members, Teed Howard, a professional scouter with the Central Indiana Council, and Ike Slaybaugh, the volunteer adviser, ran the "lodge" which had 70+ members. The Lodge did not have an official name or patch.

In 1973, with the formation of the Crossroads of America Council, Wulakamike Lodge #21 was formed with the merger of Kikthawenund Lodge #222, Wahpinachi Lodge #308, and Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk Lodge #512. This merger brought the Order of the Arrow to what was once the Central Indiana Council.

In 2003, with the merger of Wabash Valley Council into the Crossroads of America Council, Kickapoo Lodge #128 merged with Wulakamike Lodge #21 forming Jaccos Towne Lodge #21.

Kickapoo Lodge #128 History

Kickapoo Lodge was first chartered in 1938 in the Wabash Valley Council. The original totem for the lodge was a canoe paddle with a "K" on it. It is not known when the totem changed, but eventually the Thunderbird was adopted as the official totem for the Lodge. Upon merging with Wulakamike #21, Kickapoo #128 has kept the Thunderbird Totem and is now the Kickapoo Chapter.

Throughout its 64 year history, the Lodge has seen many great youth and adult leaders. Over the years several members have been recognized for their service. For example, Edward Pease, Kickapoo Lodge Chief (1968 and 1969) and Order of the Arrow National Chairman (1993-2000) was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award in 1971 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. Richard "Bear" Eberly, long-time Section Adviser and member of Kickapoo Lodge, is remembered through The Leadership Scholarship Fund or the "Bear" Eberly Scholarship. The fund helps to cover the costs for new youth Ordeal members to attend Section Conclave or to promote youth participation in the national programs of the Order of the Arrow.

Kikthawenund Lodge #222

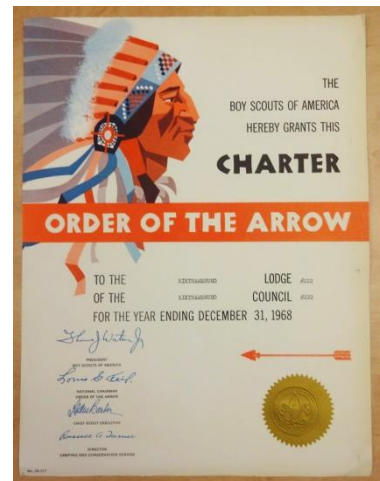
Kikthawenund Lodge was chartered in 1942 in the Kikthawenund Council #149. Their totem was the turtle. In 1973, Delaware County, Kikthawenund Area, and Whitewater Valley Councils came together with the Central Indiana Council to form the Crossroads of America Council. The new lodge was called Wulakamike Lodge #21.

Wahpinachi Lodge #308

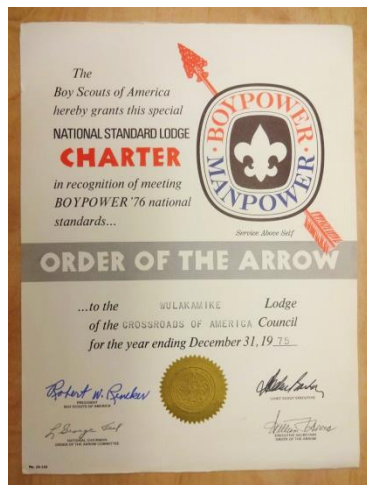
Wahpinachi Lodge was chartered in 1945 in the White Valley Council. Their totem was the bear claw. Ordeals were done at Bear Creek Scout Camp. In 1973, Delaware County, Kikthawenund Area, and Whitewater Valley Councils came together with the Central Indiana Council to form the Crossroads of America Council. The new lodge was called Wulakamike Lodge #21.

Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk Lodge #512

Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk Lodge was chartered in 1955 in the Delaware County Council #679. Their totem was the thunderbird. In 1973, Delaware County, Kikthawenund Area, and Whitewater Valley Councils came together with the Central Indiana Council to form the Crossroads of America Council. The new lodge was called Wulakamike Lodge #21.



Wulakamike Lodge #21 History



Wulakamike Lodge was formed on October 20, 1972 with the merging of four Boy Scout Councils: Central Indiana (now Crossroads of America), Delaware County, Kikthawenund Area, and Whitewater Valley. The three OA Lodges which existed in three of those councils were merged into Wulakamike (Delaware for "Good Land"). The previous Lodges were: Kikthawenund #222 chartered July 26, 1942; Wahpinachi # 308 chartered July 3, 1945, and Wahpekamekunk #512 chartered April 26, 1955.

At the time of the merger, Central Indiana Council (CIC) did not have an OA Lodge but did have the Firecrafter Organization. At the time of the merger the decision was made to hold unit election in all CIC units as well. Firecrafter also received the opportunity to expand its program into the entire new Crossroads of America Council.

On October 20, 1972, the three existing lodges met to organize the lodge merger. The name Wulakamike was chosen and was interpreted from the Delaware language as meaning "Good Land." The totem chosen was the Indian on a horse and was patterned after a large sculpture located in Muncie. This sculpture is represented as an Indian with his out-spread arms paying homage to his God for fertile land.

At this Meeting there were sixty-five Arrowmen present. Jim Beuoy was elected Lodge Chief. The Lodge Lay Adviser (now Lodge Adviser) appointed was Gene Moon, and the Staff Adviser was Jim Bishop. After much discussion and several breaks in the session, it was decided to have two flap patches. One flap was to be restricted to one for Ordeal membership and one for Brotherhood membership. The other was to be sold unrestricted. They would be the same except background color. Also planned at this session was the first lodge training seminar which was held at the Yokefellow Institute on the Earlham College campus. The beginning of chapter organization and the formation of by-laws began there.

Two names of former Lodges, Kikthawenund and Wahpekamekunk, continued as Chapter names in the new Lodge.

Central Indiana Council "Unofficial" OA Lodge

From 1963 to 1973, there was an "unofficial" OA Lodge in the Central Indiana Council. The OA Lodge was formed and associated with the Scout Band under the direction of Harvey Gill. The charter was established through the Harrison Trails Council located in Kokomo

Indiana had 70+ members. Two advisors, Teed Howard the professional advisor with Central Indiana Council and Ike Slaybaugh, the volunteer scouting advisor, and Harvey Gill, the band director, were responsible for lodge activities and trips. Since Firecrafter was the Honor Scouting Society in the Central Indiana Council, and there was not an established Order of the Arrow Lodge, the "unofficial" Lodge only wore sashes at events outside of Indianapolis. There was no name for the OA Lodge, and they did not have a pocket patch. In 1973, the Lodge officially became part of Wulakamike Lodge #21 with the formation of the Crossroads of America Council headquartered in Indianapolis (Indiana).

Jaccos Towne Lodge #21

In 2002, as the Wabash Valley Council merged with Crossroads of America Council, Kickapoo Lodge #128 and Wulakamike Lodge #21 also talked about how to become one. The youth leaders of both organizations agreed to keep Wulakamike's number 21 but to seek a new name and totem. They decided on a tradition reflecting the Wea tribe, which lived in central Indiana until it had been forced to move west in the early 1800's. The lodge contacted Chief Terry Stuff, and he, in consultation with his tribe, developed the name and totem and agreed to make gifts of them to the newly merged lodge.



At Lodge 21's annual Winter Banquet on January 19, 2003, Chief Terry Stuff, Civil Chief Bryan Lindley, and the members of the Wea tribe gave Lodge #21 a new name and totem. Chief Stuff and Chief Lindley presented the name Jaccos Towne and the totem of the River Otter to Lodge #21. They spoke of their heritage and thanked the Scouts for helping maintain traditions of Native Americans.

Jaccos Towne Lodge is named for a village that was in the vicinity of what is now Terre Haute, Indiana, in the early 1800's. Chief Stuff's fifth great-grandfather was Jacco Godfroy, the last chief of the Wabash Wea. He never left Indiana and died in 1854.



Chief Stuff chose the river otter for the lodge totem because, he said, "They're kind of happy-go-lucky," which he thought represented the fun of Scouting. And, he said, "They are curious, which reminds us that everything is interesting if you look at it from the right angle." The river otter's Wea name is Kinohsamia (pronounced "Ken-

O-Sa-Mee-ah” in English). “They teach you not only how to have fun but also how to wonder at life and all things in it.”

Civil Chief Lindley, the tribe’s second-in-command encouraged the Scouts to learn and appreciate Indian traditions. Speaking of the Order of the Arrow’s ceremonial opening, he said, “The names that you use are meaningful to us. Use the traditions from your heart.”

As a gesture of appreciation for the gift from the Wea tribe, Lodge Chief Tom Dickson presented Chief Stuff with an Order of the Arrow sash and a certificate.

Central Indiana Order of the Arrow, Council, and Camp History list

Wabash Valley Council #166, (1931-2003), Terre Haute, Indiana. Home of OA Lodge #128 Kickapoo, chartered in 1938 with a Thunderbird as its totem. Camps that served the Wabash Valley Council #166 and Kickapoo Lodge #128 were Camp Wildwood and Camp Krietenstein.



Kikthawenund Council #149, (1935-1972), Anderson, Indiana – home of OA Lodge #222 Kikthawenund, which was chartered in 1942 with the Turtle as the Lodge Totem. Camps that served the Kikthawenund Council #149 and Kikthawenund Lodge #222 were Camp Eddy and Camp Kikthawenund, also called Camp K.



Whitewater Valley Council #151 (1935-1972) Hagerstown, Indiana – home of OA Lodge #308 Wahpinachi chartered in 1945 with a Bear as its totem. Camps that served the Whitewater Valley Council and Wahpinachi Lodge #308 were Camp Bear Creek and Whitewater Valley Summer Camp.



Delaware County Council #679, (1924-1972), Muncie, Indiana – home of OA Lodge #512 Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk, which was chartered in 1955 with the Thunderbird as the Lodge Totem. Camps that served the Delaware County Council #679 and the Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk Lodge #512 were Camp Chocktaw and Camp Red Wing.



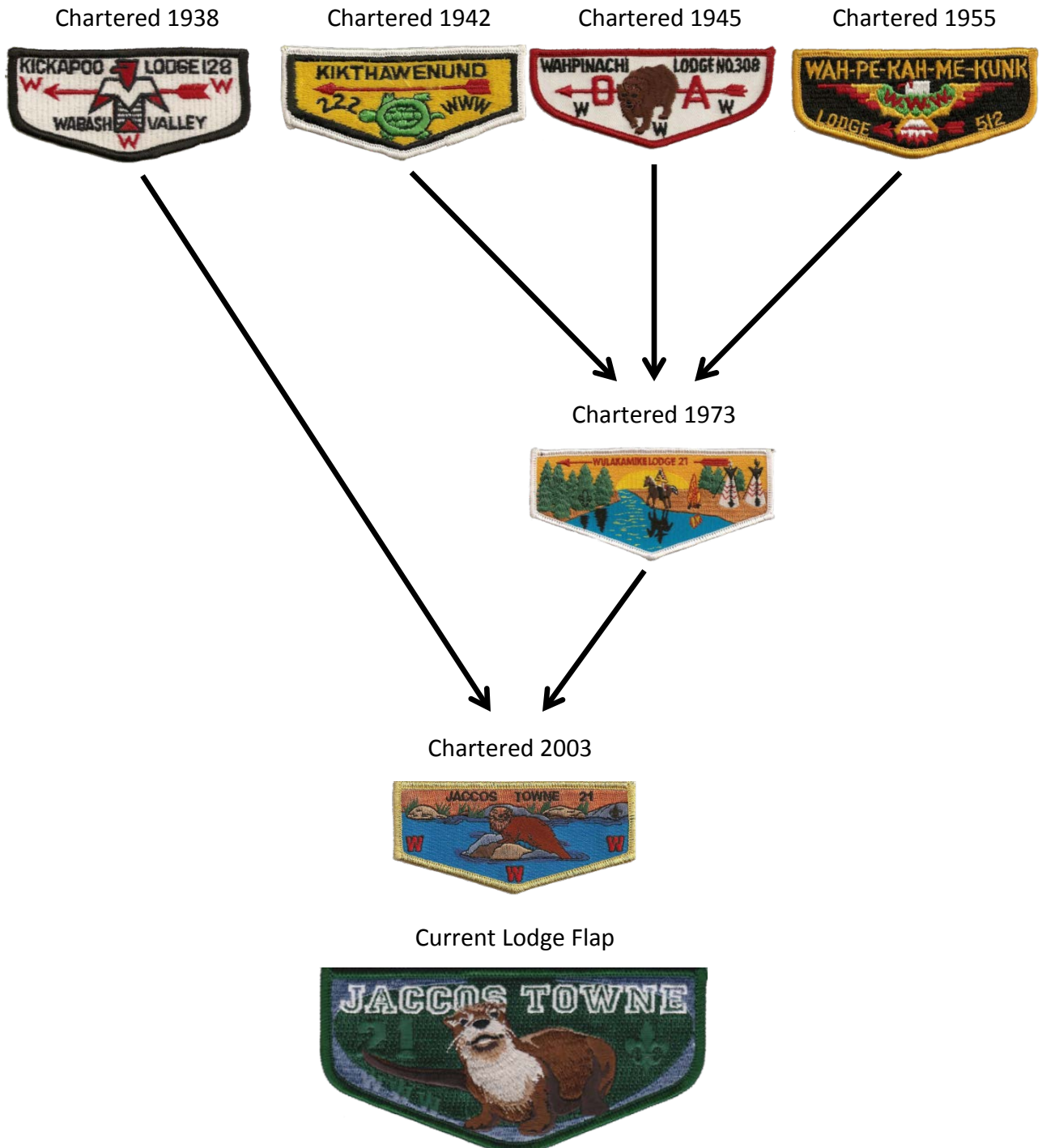
Crossroads of America Council #160, (1972-2003), Indianapolis, Indiana – home of OA Lodge #21 Wulakamike, was formed on October 20, 1972. An Indian Chief on a horse was chosen as the lodge totem. The new lodge was formed from a merger of Kikthawund Lodge #222, Kikthawenund Council #149 (Anderson, IN), Wahpinachi Lodge #308, Whitewater Valley Council #151 (Hagerstown, IN), Wah-Pe-Kah-Me-Kunk Lodge #512, Delaware County Council #679 (Muncie, IN) and interested Scouts in the Central Indiana Council #160 (Indianapolis, IN). Camps that have served the Crossroads of America Council include: Camp Bradford, Camp Red Wing, Camp Eddy, Camp Kiwanis, Camp Rotary, Crossroads Of America Council Camps, Camp Crossland, Camp Belzer, Ransburg Scout Reservation, Camp Kikthawenund (also called Camp K), and Bear Creek Reservation.



Crossroads of America Council #160, (1972- 2003) merged with Wabash Valley Council #166 (1931- 2003) in 2003. Wulakamike Lodge #21, Crossroads of America Council #160, merged with Kickapoo Lodge #128, Wabash Valley Council #166, to form the new Jaccos Towne Lodge #21, Crossroads of America Council #160 (2003-Active). The river otter was chosen as the lodge totem. Camps that serve Crossroads of America Council include: Camp Bear Creek, Camp Belzer, Camp Kikthawenund, Camp Krietenstein, Camp Red Wing, Camp Wildwood, and Ransburg Scout Reservation.



Patches Illustrate Mergers of Lodges



Lodge Milestones

Year	Lodge	Milestone
1973	Wulakamike #21	W. Shirell Fox receives the Distinguished Service Award.
1975	Wulakamike #21	Lodge registered 1254 members.
1975	Wulakamike #21	Fourth Winter banquet held at Lawrence Central High School. Cost was \$3.50.
1975	Wulakamike #21	LOA chapter establishes first lodge back patch as a money raising project.
1975	Wulakamike #21	Nine chapters existed.
1975	Wulakamike #21	Lodge ordered new flaps. We received several different kinds that were not ordered. First back patch was issued.
1979	Wulakamike #21	Lodge has eleven chapters.
1979	Wulakamike #21	4-A conclave. Our Mark Rutherford was elected Section Chief. Lyle Bates won first place in southern feather dancing. Grant Nell won first place in old style dancing. LOA won the ceremony competition. The Goodlander won first place. Lodge Chief Jeff Osterman received the Section distinguished Service Award.
1979	Wulakamike #21	Lodge Where to Go Camping booklet finished. Lodge gave one to every Scout and Explorer unit in the council.
1979	Wulakamike #21	NOAC. Our Mark Rutherford served as National Vice-Chief for Indian Events. Bill Fansher was Art Director for arena shows and Mike McKeown was an Indian Events judge. We had an Indian Singing team, five dancers, and a ceremony team in competition. Also two of our lodge members were selected as VIA Arrowmen.
1979	Wulakamike #21	Lodge training at Camp Towaki.
1980	Wulakamike #21	Wundchenneu chapter originated its polar bear patch program.
1980	Wulakamike #21	Dave Dominick, Lodge Chief, originated the WULAKA-LINE as a new communication tool.
1980	Wulakamike #21	John Davis ran for Section Chief in a losing effort. At the conclave, our lodge display won first place. LOA won first in the ceremonies. John Perry was elected Section secretary. Terry Hasty received the Section Distinguished Service Award.
1980	Wulakamike #21	Lodge Fall Fellowship: 5 meals, 2 cracker barrels, and a patch for \$10.
1980	Wulakamike #21	Lodge training: first lodge plan book used thanks to Dave Dominick and Tod Owens.
1981	Wulakamike #21	Lodge now has 12 chapters.
1981	Wulakamike #21	National Jamboree. Our Harold McGee served as SM of the OA Service Corp. troop.
1981	Wulakamike #21	NOAC fee- \$135. Founders' Award Developed. LOA ceremony team finished with honors.
1981	Wulakamike #21	Area 4 NLS held at Merom Institute. Lodge had seven attendees and three staff.
1981	Wulakamike #21	OCO chapter took charge of Wilbur Wright Memorial Trail.
1981	Wulakamike #21	Origination of the Wulaka Institute of Order Administration.
1982	Wulakamike #21	C-4A conclave. Lodge in charge of activities and shows.
1983	Wulakamike #21	Lodge Fundraiser: council belt buckle for \$10.
1985	Wulakamike #21	4-A conclave. TIN chapter did Indian singing. The lodge had a first place dancer.
1986	Wulakamike #21	Dues increased to \$3.50.
1986	Wulakamike #21	We were the service lodge for 4-A conclave at Belzer and Fort Harrison.
1986	Wulakamike #21	"Which I have now received" deleted from the obligation.

1986	Wulakamike #21	Lodge purchased a slide projector and accessories for council. Approx. \$500. We also took new slides for camp.
1987	Wulakamike #21	First OA/XXX joint service project held at Camp Redwing.
1988	Wulakamike #21	Lodge registers a little over 1200 members.
1988	Wulakamike #21	NOAC. We had four members on staff.
1988	Wulakamike #21	Our Bob Pockrass was EC region correspondent for the OA National Bulletin.
1989	Wulakamike #21	75th Anniversary Award was established.
1989	Wulakamike #21	EC4A conclave. LOA won pre-ordeal ceremony competition.
1990	Wulakamike #21	Dues raised to \$5.00.
1992	Wulakamike #21	Shirley Schwein becomes the first women to receive her vigil in our lodge.
1992	Wulakamike #21	N. Anthony Steinhardt III (current section adviser) receives the Distinguished Service Award.
1994	Wulakamike #21	New lodge back patch issued.
1995	Wulakamike #21	The Goodlander wins the Golden Pen award at the C-4A Conclave.
1996	Wulakamike #21	C-4A conclave. KIK ceremony team won Brotherhood competition.
1996	Wulakamike #21	NOAC. Three ceremonial teams competed. Many members of our lodge in Brotherhood band, including those in charge. Several others on staff.
1998	Wulakamike #21	NOAC - WAP ceremonial team earns 1st Place in the Ordeal Ceremony Competition
2002	Wulakamike #21	NOAC
2003	Jaccos Towne #21	Jaccos Towne Lodge formed from Kickapoo Lodge #128 and Wulakamike Lodge #21
2003	Jaccos Towne #21	Jaccos Towne Lodge given name and totem by Chief Stuff of the Wea tribe. Jacco Godfroy was the last chief of the Wabash Wea and one of Chief Stuff's ancestors.
2004	Jaccos Towne #21	NOAC - Ceremonies - Team from LOA and WAP compete in Pre-Ordeal
2005	Jaccos Towne #21	Lodge goes online with its own website
2006	Jaccos Towne #21	NOAC - Ceremonies - Team from LOA compete in Pre-Ordeal
2009	Jaccos Towne #21	NOAC - Ceremonies - Jon Sowers-QUN Honors in Vigil, WAP team Honors in Pre-Ordeal, Team of QUN and WAP participate in Brotherhood
2010	Jaccos Towne #21	Lodge does service at Indiana State Fair Boy Scout Legacy Area for 100th Anniversary of BSA
2012	Jaccos Towne #21	NOAC - Contingent represents Lodge
2013	Jaccos Towne #21	Lodge obtains its own domain at www.jaccostownelodge.org and starts Facebook
2013	Jaccos Towne #21	Lodge marks 10th anniversary
2014	Jaccos Towne #21	Lodge starts Twitter site
2015	Jaccos Towne #21	100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow
2015	Jaccos Towne #21	Section Chief and Jaccos Towne Lodge member Joey Dierdorf elected Central Region Chief
2015	Jaccos Towne #21	Major revision of Lodge website
2015	Jaccos Towne #21	Section C-6A Conclave held at Camp Belzer in April
2015	Jaccos Towne #21	NOAC - Jaccos Towne Lodge to send 42 Arrowmen on Contingent and ## as Staff