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2014 Patriot Day Sporting Clays, Dinner & Auction

A letter from the Event Chairman

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in the Patriot Day Sporting Clays, Dinner and Auction! The committee is working very hard to make this an incredibly fun event that will raise much needed funds and highlight that freedom must never be taken for granted.

Your willingness to support this event is appreciated more than you probably realize. As a member of the Crossroads of America Boy Scout Council Development Committee and the ScoutReach Committee, the importance of diversifying our donor base to off-set changes in funding for vital youth programs remains a constant challenge and the addition of this year's event helps to achieve vital goals. While the number of grants have increased the funds from the *Indiana Friends of the NRA* every year, it's not enough to replace the funds lost from *United Way* and *Midway, USA.*

Why are shooting sports so important to Scouting? Not only have shooting sports grown in popularity across all spectrums, including the expansion of college teams and scholarships and at the Olympic Games, but ***shooting and water sports are our biggest recruiters for Scouting and they are our best retention tools!*** Without shooting sports in Scouts, many youth would never have the opportunity to learn marksmanship, earn a scholarship to college or most importantly, learn proper gun safety from certified instructors.

Yes, we are very grateful for your support of the Patriot Day Sporting Clays, Dinner and Auction! We have assembled many ***incredible auction items, including Benchmade knives; 1,400 rounds of .22LR ammo; $100 restaurant gift certificates; and a Special Edition Eagle Scout Henry. 44 rifle, just to name a few!*** If you would like to serve on the committee, volunteer the day of the event, have an auction item or wish to be a sponsor, please call (317) 728-0907 or email EQSchneider@BoldHR.com.

Sincerely,

Esther Schneider

2014 Event Chairman