

# Sioux



# Trails

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## WE ARE SIOUX COUNCIL...

### MEET JOHN BULTSMA, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM

As the Council Vice President for Program, John gives leadership to the Program Cabinet, which consists of five Council-wide committees: Advancement, Activities, Camping and Promotion, Training and Venturing.

John has a BS in Biology from SDSU and a BS in Medical Technology from the University of Texas. John is semi-retired after 30 plus years in the Federal Service, which consisted of six years active duty in the US Army and 24 years at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Sioux Falls. John currently works part-time as a consultant for a Washington, DC-based organization that accredits human research protection programs.



John and his wife, Pat, have been married for 37 years. Together they have two sons, Chris and Daniel. Chris is a pharmacist and lives with his wife Kim and daughter Mallory in Omaha. Daniel is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota in Moorhead.

Both Chris and Daniel are Eagle Scouts. That's about as positive an experience a Scout can have. John was not in Scouting as a youth. He grew up on a farm and was active in 4-H until he was 18. John has been involved with Scouting since 1983, serving in a myriad of positions at the Pack, Troop, Explorer Post, District and Council level. Since John wasn't a Scout as a youth, he had the pleasure of experiencing the Scouting program with both sons as they went through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Chris is almost 10 years older than Daniel so John got to follow each separately through their time as Cub and Boy Scouts. So you might say John got to experience Scouting twice.

John is amazed when he sees the dedication of both the volunteers and the professional staff throughout this Council. Because of this dedication, youth in our Council are being provided the opportunity to experience the Scouting program in an exciting, fun and meaningful manner.

A favorite Scouting quote from John is "People jokingly say that being a Scout leader takes only an hour of your time each week. In reality, if you get involved and have fun, it will only seem like an hour a week."

**2009 TOP FIVE POPCORN SELLERS**

<u>District</u>	<u>Pack / Troop</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>
North Star	Troop 209	Jon B.	\$8,207.00
Buffalo Ridge	Pack 4	Nick W.	\$6,776.00
North Star	Troop 188	Tony N.	\$4,608.00
North Star	Troop 188	Trevor R.	\$4,365.00
North Star	Pack 2	Riggins B.	\$3,439.00

**2009 FILL-IT UP WINNERS**

<u>District</u>	<u>Pack / Troop</u>	<u>Name</u>
Week #1	Pack 264	Noah A.
Week #2	Troop 582	Lucas C.
Week #3	Pack 346	Alex W.
Week #4	Pack 123	Noah S.

**2009 POPCORN SALES RECAP**

2009 Total Retail Sales \$1,409,860

Total Commissions to Units \$389,748

<u>District</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>City, ST</u>	<u>Charter Org</u>	<u>Retail Sales</u>
Prairie Hills	Pack 711	Harrisburg, SD	Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church	\$24,750.00
Buffalo Ridge	Pack 5	Madison, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church	\$23,079.00
North Star	Pack 293	Watertown, SD	Lincoln School PTO	\$22,638.00
Lewis & Clark Trail	Pack 258	Yankton, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church	\$18,840.00
Pheasant	Pack 77	Mitchell, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church	\$16,848.00
Five Rivers	Pack 100	Winner, SD	American Legion Post #169	\$16,832.00
North Star	Troop 188	Aberdeen, SD	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$21,486.00
Prairie Hills	Troop 371	Sioux Falls, SD	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	\$11,183.00
Lewis & Clark Trail	Troop 102	Yankton, SD	United Church of Christ Congregational	\$9,572.00
Five Rivers	Troop 100	Winner, SD	Masonic Lodge #166	\$7,243.00
Pheasant	Troop 75	Mitchell, SD	Methodist Men of Mitchell	\$7,077.00
Buffalo Ridge	Troop 238	Marshall, MN	Holy Redeemer Catholic Church	\$3,225.00

**Sioux Trails**

This newsletter is published by the Sioux Council, six times a year, as a tool for volunteer leaders to assist them in "Delivering the Scouting Promise."

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**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS – NATIONAL HALL OF LEADERSHIP**

By: Tom Smotherman

As we celebrate Scouting's centennial, there could be no better time to take a moment to reflect, recognize and share the stories of those who made a lasting impact on our lives and those of others through Scouting.

One such story from each Boy Scout Council in America will result in a deserving person being inducted into the National (BSA) Hall of Leadership. Nominations are being accepted through February 8, 2010 and can be submitted by going to the following website: <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/NationalHallofLeadership.aspx>

**BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
Hall of Leadership**

Has a Scout, leader, or other Scouting volunteer made a significant difference at some time in your life, or the lives of others, by the extraordinary service they have given and the Scouting virtues they have modeled? You can thank and recognize them with a nomination to the BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership!

Allow me to share one story I believe worthy of consideration from my past: the story of Mary Lee and Shelby McKenzie. They are the owners of the Zesto in Bogalusa, Louisiana, and were the long-time Chartered Partners of the high-adventure Explorer Post that I participated in as a youth.

It was Varnado (LA) Explorer Post 180. Varnado is a very small town of 300 people in rural southeast Louisiana.

Although not the Post Advisors, for over a decade Mary Lee and Shelby assisted with almost every event.

The highlight of our programming year was participating in two 100+ mile canoe races each year, one on our local river and one the National Championship Marathon hundreds of miles away in northern Arkansas.

For over a decade the McKenzie's trudged through the mud and muck of rivers, battled the mosquitoes, medicated the blisters, sunburns and scrapes, and made thousands and thousands of ham sandwiches for hungry canoeist.

But the most lasting impact the McKenzie's made on my life was the very quite and understated way that they made sure all the youth in Explorer Post 180 were treated equally.

Although not extremely wealthy, the McKenzie's always made sure that everyone, especially those who they new could not afford it, was able to purchase a souvenir, get an ice cream cone or have admission to an attraction. I even witnessed them on many occasions deny their daughters souvenirs, if they were not sure everyone was able to afford them. And, of course usually that meant they paid for those who could not.

What made me so keenly aware of their generosity...I was one of those who could not always afford the "extras" that the McKenzie's provided.

Even if this story does not get the McKenzie's inducted into the National Hall of Leadership, it does my heart good to share it with you. And, here's my promise to you. Although the story of only one person from our Council will land them in the National Hall of Leadership, with the permission of the nominator and nominee, I would like to share all our stories in the *Sioux Trails* as a special Sioux Council Hall of Leadership section during our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

So log on the link above and get those nominations in before February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CHARTER RENEWAL TIME**

It is that time of the year again... Time to renew your unit's membership with the Sioux Council and the National BSA organization. Don't get frustrated, or feel like this is doing taxes! It is a simple and easy process. And we are here to help. The Commissioner Staff and Executive Staff are here to answer any questions you may have about this process. If this is your first time, schedule an appointment and we will walk you through the process.



Here are some important dates to remember:

**Troops, Teams, and Crews:**

November	Charter Renewal Unit Access Codes mailed to Unit Leader of Record
December 1	Access the Online Renewal System from the Council Website begins.
January 15	On-Time deadline for submission of all required items.

**Posts:**

December	Paper renewal packets will be distributed to you by your District Executive.
January 15	On-Time deadline for submission of all required items.

**Packs:**

January	Charter Renewal Unit Access Codes mailed to Cubmaster of Record
February 1	Access the Online Renewal System from the Council Website begins.
March 15	On-Time deadline for submission of all required items.

**\*\*Required Items to be completed:**

1. Online completion of the charter renewal process, follow the link on the *siouxbsa.org* homepage.
2. Print charter renewal paperwork to obtain signatures from: Executive Officer & Unit Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor)

Submit the signed paperwork and fees to the Center for Scouting, ***no later*** than the On-Time completion date. (*earlier is better*)

Special reminder note for Cub Scout Packs: As decided by the Council Executive Board last year, all charter renewals will expire in January from now on. Therefore, your charter renewal will be a 10 month charter (not a full year); to accommodate this change.

**SILVER BEAVER AWARDS**

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented to Scouters for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by the local council. It recognizes efforts above and beyond the expected for a given position and goes beyond tenure alone. Do you know a Scouter who is deserving of the Silver Beaver Award? Now is the time to start working on the application. Applications are due to the Sioux Council Center for Scouting by Monday, March 1, 2010. The Silver Beaver Committee will meet in March and the Awards will be presented at the Annual Council Luncheon on Saturday, April 24, 2010. You can download the Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form at <http://siouxbsa.org/Resources/Forms/AwardsForms>.



**SCOUT SUNDAY**

"A Scout Is Reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others." So reads the twelfth point of the Scout Law. These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.



Sunday, February 7 is designated as Scout Sunday and the following Saturday is designated as Scout Sabbath. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in church aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out parts of what is pledged each week.

What follows are some suggested activities to add in a service.

- Include Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Varsity Team Members and Venturers. Any references made to Scouts, also includes these groups.
- The Scouts are to be in uniform.
- The Scouts parade in during the processional as directed by the minister. If allowed, the unit's flags may be placed in the appropriate place either before the service or at the end of the processional.
- A brief welcome and introduction may be made by the minister or by an appropriate participant.
- At an appropriate time during the service, a few words about Scouting may be made by the minister, an adult or Scout. Include some words about the Scouts' "Duty to God."
- If any of the Scouts are to receive a religious award, it may be presented at an appropriate time.
- At the end of the service, the Scouts may parade out during the recessional or afterwards.
- Schedule this in advance with the appropriate minister, priest or rabbi. Discuss what you would like to do and obtain approval.

The Scout Shop has several resources to support Scout Sunday efforts, including one-page program inserts and *Strength for Service to God and Country*, a daily devotional messages for those in the service of others.

### Recent Eagle Scouts

Paul Alan Dawkins	Troop 1	Brookings, SD	Methodist Men of Brookings
Tyler Brunsvig	Troop 5	Madison, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church
Aaron J Olson	Troop 5	Madison, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church
David W Langner	Troop 5	Madison, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church
Alex Warren Bordewyk	Troop5	Madison, SD	Trinity Lutheran Church
Tyler Michael Hunt	Troop 134	Worthington, MN	St. Matthews Lutheran Church
Matthew James Bah	Troop 134	Worthington, MN	St. Matthews Lutheran Church
Ira Ray Sherman IV	Troop 99	Tea, SD	American Legion Tea
Jake Collin Homer	Crew 529	Brandon, SD	LDS Church-Brandon Branch
Brian Joseph Van De Rostyne	Troop 133	Yankton, SD	Riverview Park Reformed Church
Jeremiah Clemens White	Crew 363	Canistota, SD	United Church of Canistota
Zachary Steven Kantack	Troop 1	Brookings, SD	Methodist Men of Brookings
Nathaniel John Fremstad	Troop 123	Fulda, MN	VFW of Fulda

### 2009 AVERA PARADE OF LIGHTS

Recently the Sioux Council kicked off the holiday season and the celebration of Scouting's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a float in the Sioux Falls Avera Parade of Lights. The float was an 8-foot high birthday cake and was led through the parade by over 70 Scouts and Scouters. The float was powered by Xcel Energy, who generously donated the use of a company truck and trailer for our use for the parade. Along the parade route, the Scouts handed out 1200 popcorn packages that promoted the Scouting program and provided information on how to join the Scouting program.

The float was designed so that it can continue to be used in parades or as a public display of the celebration of Scouting's anniversary. If you are interested in using the float for your local parade or event contact the Center for Scouting to reserve the float for your event.

Thank you to all the dedicated Scouts and Scouters who spent many nights and weekends working to create an exciting and impressive display of Scouting for the community. A special thanks as well to all the enthusiastic Scouts and Scouters that participated in the parade. Your efforts helped create a float that was selected by the parade judges as the entry with the "Best Use of Lights!" If you haven't seen the float, check out the Sioux Council website for pictures from the parade. Thanks again to all involved and we look forward to seeing you at next year's parade.



Decorating the Xcel Energy truck for the parade.



Prepping the float on the day of the parade.



Photo courtesy of the *ArgusLeader.com*



Scouts and Scouters who participated in the parade.

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program (six days, five nights) designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

Youth leadership training is a three-phase training experience, and a common thread will connect all three phases. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The Sioux Council, using a nationally approved outline under the leadership of quality volunteers, conducts the conference.

**Date?** NYLT will open on Monday, July 5, 2010 and conclude on Saturday, July 10, 2010.

**Location?** The NYLT Conference for 2010 will be held at Camp Shetek, Curie, MN.

**Cost?** The cost for the conference is \$195 per scout. This includes all food, camping equipment (except TENTAGE), program, and training materials.

**Who may attend? – THIS IS A CO-ED EVENT!** The training will be open to Boy Scouts and Venturers who meet the following criteria:

- At least 13 years old by June 1, 2010
- At least First Class rank
- Currently serving in a Troop or Crew position of responsibility (or have the skills and abilities to do so in the future)
- Be recommended/approved by his Scoutmaster/Advisor (Experience tells us that the amount of benefit a young man or woman will get from the training is directly proportional to his/her level of maturity, attitude and focus).
- Application is approved by the Sioux Council Training Committee.

**Is The Home Scoutmaster/Advisor Involved?** - Very much so. It is expected that the Troop Scoutmaster, Advisor, or other designated adult Scout leader, will work with the Scouts prior to the conference to provide them with the basics of leadership. There are certain outdoor skills that need to be mastered prior to coming to camp. It is strongly recommended that participants be graduates of the Troop Leadership Training or Crew Leader Training. The Scoutmaster's/Advisor's role is critical to the success of the youth Scout leader in implementing their goals.

**What uniform are Scouts expected to wear at NYLT?** – Scouts attending NYLT are expected to wear the complete official field (Class A) uniform of the Boy Scouts of America which includes: Official khaki uniform shirt, Official Scout shorts or pants (shorts are strongly recommended), Scout belt, Official Scout socks, and hat. Venturers will include: Official green uniform shirt, grey pants or shorts, venturing belt, and hat.

The deadline for registration is June 1, 2010. A deposit of at least \$80.00 per Scout should accompany the reservation form. These fees are refundable per Sioux Council policy. Space is limited to the first 36 applicants and this course is expected to fill up quickly. To register, please fill out the registration form, located at [siouxbsa.org/training](http://siouxbsa.org/training), make a check out with the appropriate deposit to Sioux Council, and mail it to the Sioux Council Service Center. Any outstanding registration fees are due on or before the course starting date.

**Where Is There More Information?** - Additional information can be obtained from the Sioux Council Center for Scouting, phone (608) 387-0563, ask for Joe Kress, or email Steven Thares, Course Director, [sthares@hotmail.com](mailto:sthares@hotmail.com) Please include NYLT in the header.

# NORTH STAR

SERVING NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

## FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The Friends of Scouting Family Campaign is all about investing in the future values that we want to see returned in our youth. Scouting families are great financial supporters and they need to be asked and given the opportunity to make an annual investment. A District volunteer would like to make a short 7 to 10 minute educational presentation regarding the Friends of Scouting Family Campaign and how it fits into the bigger picture. Between January and the end of March, all Packs, Troops and Crews in the District will be asked to schedule a unit presentation. Please let us make that presentation at your best-attended meeting. This will provide the greatest opportunity for everyone to hear and see the Scouting story.

Mrs. Julie Block has agreed to be our District Family FOS Chairman again for 2010. If you have not given us a date for your presentation yet Julie will be calling you. Please be ready to give her your unit's information! Presentation can start at any time. As of this writing only about 20% of units have given us their presentation dates.

## POPCORN

Wow! What a year! North Star District recorded a 9.5% increase in popcorn sales over a year ago when we recorded a 45% increase! Again we led the Council in increase AND we had the top four sellers in all of Sioux Council! Great job! You are all the BEST!

## KLONDIKE DERBY

The 2010 North Star District Klondike Derby is scheduled for the weekend of January 15-17 at the Waubay National Wildlife Refuge. All Boy Scout Troops are welcome. See the District web page for further details at [www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/News/2010Klondike](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/News/2010Klondike)

## POLAR DAY

The 2010 Cub Polar Day is now scheduled for Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Camp Iyatoka. All Cub Scouts are welcome! See the District web page for further details at: [www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/News/2010polarday](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/News/2010polarday).

## MEMBERSHIP

Our newest new units are Cub Scout Pack 51 in Aberdeen which registered 12 Cub Scouts and 9 adult leaders and Cub Scout Pack 144 in Ortonville, which registered 16 boys and 12 adults. Please welcome them to North Star District!

Unfortunately, we ended the year with fewer youth registered in the District than one year ago and that's a trend we must reverse. Cub Scout Packs look for plans this spring and be prepared to recruit your Tigers early. This year we intend to start recruiting Kindergarten boys starting in early March and going at least through the end of April. We have figured out that by the middle of May it is too late.

It is now the time for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos boys to transition into a Boy Scout Troop. This is a very important event and should be done as soon as the boys are ready to make that transition. One of the biggest mistakes we often make is to make the boys wait. Remember! Boys have little patience! It is much better to let them go early than to wait until they lose interest in moving on!

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### January

7 Key 3  
14 DCM, Roundtable, & OA chapter mtg  
15-17 Klondike Derby

### February

4 Key 3  
11 DCM, Roundtable, OA chapter mtg  
13 Polar Day

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/NorthStar/>

(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# PHEASANT

**HAND, BEADLE, BUFFALO, JERAULD, SANBORN, HANSON, DAVISON,  
BRULE, AURORA, HUTCHINSON, MCCOOK COUNTIES**

Wow another year is past. I said it before and I will say it again, "WE HAVE SOME OF THE BEST LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE COUNCIL HERE IN PHEASANT DISTRICT." It has been my pleasure to work with all of you, some tough times but all good for the District and kids.

Our District ended the year plus columns in Units, membership, volunteer manpower and Friends of Scouting. I can't thank all of you enough for that. I see dedication to Scouting and true caring in this District. I have been honored to be able to work with all of you for just over two years.

Dave K. has been working on our District Leader Banquet. It will be held in Mitchell Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The location is still being decided and we will have more details at our January Roundtable. In preparation for our leader dinner, please get your award nomination applications to Dave ASAP. They are available for everyone on the *siouxbsa.org* council web page under the Pheasant District link. At the same time, please double check to see that every leader that has earned a leader knot has received one. If they have not this is the perfect time to show recognition. At the December Roundtable, we decided to have two meats and three sides. Last year we had a great meal and program in Miller so the pressure is on to make it even better this year.

Last year we had a great Fire Side chat with Tom Smotherman. There were lots of great questions and ideas. We used some of the ideas for our direction in 2009 and I hope that we get as many people to our fireside chat again this year. This year our fireside chat will be at our February 11<sup>th</sup> Roundtable. By the way our meeting place will be changing to the meeting room above the Woonsocket City Garage.

Winter is a time when our Scouts, and even some of us adults, are stuck inside. We can make our meetings fun and if the weather is good we can still go outside to have some fun. One of the Den Leaders was telling me that they were planning to make a snow fort as an engineering project. Ideas like that make it fun for the Scouts, and sometimes gets more of the parents involved. Keep up the good work. That being said we will have two District outside events scheduled in Pheasant District in the month of

February. First, we are planning our annual sledding day in Mitchell on the 15<sup>th</sup> at lake Mitchell. Robert, with Troop 151, is planning the District Klondike in Huron. They always make it a challenge and fun. We hope to see lots of Scouts at the Klondike again this year. If you can't make it to one of these events find a hill and take the Scouts sledding, I remember the fun I always had sledding as a kid.

We have a special opportunity in our District to be seen nation wide. On the side of the corn palace there is a corn mural dedicated to BSA and the 100 years anniversary. There are plans to have a display inside showing Scouting memorabilia and our District is planning to have a picture taken and possibly an article written to submit to Scouting Magazine. We are planning to have our picture taken outside under the mural on April 17<sup>th</sup>. That's the same day as Scout-O-Rama. We will be having Scout-O-Rama at the Mitchell 4-H grounds so camping is allowed. The schedule will be check in and booth set up from 9 – 10:30, opening at 10:30, race start at 11:00, closing at 2, cleanup from 2 – 2:30, awards and pictures at the Corn Palace 3- 3:30. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We would like to see as many of our Scouts, leaders and District volunteers there as possible.

It's also the time of year again when we do our Friends of Scouting fundraiser. We will be working with all of your leaders to set up times for our presentations again this year. Last year I had a few parents call in advance to pledge and that helped to reach our goals. If you want to pledge in advance you can call me and we can take care of it over the phone.

Thanks for doing all that you do.

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### **January**

14 Roundtable  
30 Charter renewals due for Troops and Crews

### **February**

7 Scout Sunday  
7-13 Scout week  
11 Roundtable / Fireside Chat  
14 Valentines Day  
15 Sledding Day  
20 Klondike in Huron

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/Pheasant/>  
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

SERVING CHARLES MIX, BON HOMME, HUTCHINSON, YANKTON, CLAY, UNION COUNTIES

## 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Begun on February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has become one of the leading youth organizations in our country. It still remains a vital source of character building, citizenship training, and leadership development.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our great program. If your unit has not already made plans to celebrate within your own community, now's the time! Whether you're marching in parades, hanging posters, holding special recruitment rallies....it all helps celebrate the living and evolving legacy of the BSA. Help kickoff the next 100 years with your own special kind of celebration and show Scout Spirit in your communities!

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As you plan your Blue & Gold Banquets and Troop Courts of Honor, please consider scheduling some time for a District representative, who will share with you what it means to be a Friend of Scouting.

The annual Friends of Scouting campaign allows families in units the opportunity to provide additional support to the Scouting program. The money raised provides vital program support to our District and Units, which ensures a quality program for all of our units!

In addition, each unit who reaches their individual unit goal will become a Gold Star Unit for 2010. This means that the unit will receive 10% of the amount raised and paid back into their unit account at the Center for Scouting; the unit will receive free cloth rank advancements for a year; and the unit will receive a 10% off day at the Premier Scout Shop one day in June.

## KLONDIKE DERBY

It's time once again to venture into the Alaskan Wilderness...but beware of claim jumpers! Begin preparing your sleds and honing your Scouting skills as you set out on the quest to earn your fortune in the last great frontier. Anything



can happen on the tundra, but one thing's for sure: Friday, February 26-February 28, 2010, are the days of adventure. The event this year will be at the Gavin's Point Horse Camp. Watch the website and Roundtable for all the details.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped make a successful year in Scouting! It's impossible to thank each person who contributed (I wouldn't want to miss anyone), but every person who assisted with Day Camps, campouts, Scout-O-Rama, Tiger Fun Day, unit recruitments, pack meetings, den meetings, and everything else in between, THANK YOU! I look forward to working with everyone to make our centennial year another great year to be a Scout!

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### January

- 7 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 31 CLT Meeting and Council Eagle Luncheon

### February

- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 6 District Recognition Dinner
- 11 Roundtable
- 26-28 Klondike Derby-Gavin's Point Horse Camp

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/LewisandClarkTrail/>  
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# FIVE RIVERS

SERVING CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA FROM MISSION TO EUREKA

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As we prepare for a new year, what a better time to reflect on last years accomplishments. When planning either a Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor for this spring, please remember to include a short time for a Friends of Scouting presentation. These are great events recognizing the previous year's accomplishments and we need to also remember what it takes to get these things done. Without everyone's generosity, we could not provide the program we do for the boys.

## MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

During the Holiday season we all become a little sluggish. I don't know if it is due to the massive amounts of Triptophan from the turkey or the pumpkin pie, but the pace always seems to slow a bit. As I look forward to the coming year I ask myself the question; how do we make things in the Five Rivers District better? Everyone puts in huge amounts of time on a daily basis and for that I know we are all thankful. What if we were to work smarter, not harder? By this I mean that we all know we can all do things but what if another person could take on one of those tasks? We would now get two things knocked out of the way in the time it took for one.

## DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

The District Dinner is an annual adult recognition banquet. We recognize both Scouting volunteers as well as non-registered adult volunteers for achievements over the past 12+ months. The District Award of Merit is one of the highest levels of recognition one can receive by volunteering of their time and talents. We are now accepting applications for all awards for all leadership and volunteer positions. Do you know of someone who has gone beyond the ask? Write us a short story and we will find the appropriate award based on their registration and level of participation. The recognition banquet has been set to take place in Pierre on March 13, 2010. Please be looking for more information to be coming shortly.

## FIVE RIVERS POPCORN SALES

I would like to congratulate everyone that sold popcorn this year for the Five Rivers District. Our District had a great year, increasing popcorn sales by nearly 2.5% from last year. We also increased our number of overall units selling. Great job and way to go everyone!!!!

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### January

- 4 Roundtable, Pierre
- 5 Roundtable, Winner
- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 7 Roundtable, Selby
- 8 Cub Hibernation
- 15 Winter Klondike

### February

- 1 Roundtable, Pierre
- 2 Roundtable, Winner
- 3 District Committee Meeting
- 4 Roundtable, Selby

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/FiveRivers/>

(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

**THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES THE SCUBA DIVING MERIT BADGE****Requirements**

1. Do the following:
  - a. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while scuba diving, including hypothermia, hyperventilation, squeezes, decompression illness, nitrogen narcosis, motion sickness, fatigue, overexertion, heat reactions, dehydration, injuries by aquatic life, and cuts and scrapes.
  - b. Identify the conditions that must exist before performing CPR on a person, and explain how to recognize such conditions. Demonstrate the proper technique for performing CPR using a training device approved by your counselor.
2. Before completing requirements 3 through 6, earn the Swimming merit badge.
3. Discuss the Scuba Diver's Code with your merit badge counselor, and explain the importance of each guideline to a scuba divers safety.
4. Earn an Open Water Diver Certification from a scuba organization recognized by the Boy Scouts of America scuba policy.
5. Explain what an ecosystem is, and describe four aquatic ecosystems a diver might experience.
6. Find out about three career opportunities in the scuba industry. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

**NEW BELT LOOPS**

The Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce the introduction of 13 new belt loops and pins as part of the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. It has been more than 10 years since new topics have been added to the program, which is supported by the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide*, No. 34299. Look for the new blue cover on this new edition, available for sale the end of January 2010 in stores and online at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).

**Academics**

Disabilities Awareness  
 Family Travel  
 Good Manners  
 Nutrition  
 Pet Care  
 Photography  
 Reading and Writing  
 Video Games

**Sports**

Hiking  
 Hockey  
 Horseback Riding  
 Kickball  
 Skateboarding

Belt loops and pins are a great way to help Cub Scouts fulfill the aims of Scouting—building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness. Through a variety of subjects, a boy can stretch his mind and abilities by exploring the wonders of science, learning about the world around him, and expanding his skills in new areas.

The belt loops may be worn with the Cub Scout uniform on the Cub Scout belt. Webelos Scouts who have chosen to wear the khaki uniform may still wear the blue Cub Scout belt so as to display the belt loops they have earned. (The pins are not worn on the uniform.) The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program gives leaders and youths a supplemental enrichment opportunity to earn recognition for learning and skills development. Leaders often use this program to enhance den, pack, or family participation and provide more immediate recognition opportunities. For more details, go to [www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Awards/Boys/sanda.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Awards/Boys/sanda.aspx)



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SUNDAY: 1 pm - 5 pm

# PRAIRIE HILLS

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## BOY SCOUT KLONDIKE DERBY

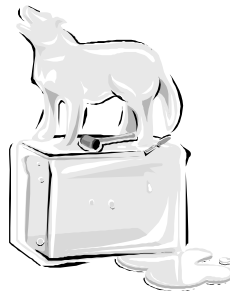
We hope the boys in your Troop will be attending the Prairie Hills Klondike Derby January 9<sup>th</sup>. Details on events and registration can be found on the Prairie Hills District page on the Sioux Council Website and at Roundtable.

## SCOUT-O-RAMA

Scout-O-Rama is a fun filled event for Cub Scouts, Boy Scout, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts where the Scouts can share what they have been working on with everyone else. This year's theme will be "Celebrating the Adventure...Continuing the Journey." Details on booth registration and more details will be available soon on the Prairie Hills District page on the Sioux Council Website and at Roundtable.

## POLAR DAYS

Polar Days will kick off on Saturday, February 20th at the Center for Scouting. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. There will be a snow sculpture contest, so be sure to dress warm and bring your creativity. The cost is \$5 with a can of condensed, non cream soup.



## DISTRICT DINNER

Join us in recognizing those Unit and District volunteers who have done above and beyond exceptional service to Scouting in 2009. The dinner will be held of March 20th at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Cost is \$15.

## WHAT IS FOS?

FOS stands for Friends of Scouting, this is our annual direct support campaign for the Sioux Council, BSA. During the beginning of the year we ask our Scouting families, volunteers and local businesses to make a pledge to help fund Scouting throughout the entire Sioux Council.

The support we receive from Friends of Scouting allows us to operate four council camping facilities, a council service center, training for leaders, recruitment materials, low cost activities, low cost camping experiences, and much, much more.

If your unit has not scheduled its annual Family Friends of Scouting Presentation, please contact Brian or Dave by January 8<sup>th</sup> to get it scheduled.

## ROUNDTABLE-A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

So when was the last time you were at a Roundtable? If you have never been, cannot remember or it has been awhile, it would be wonderful opportunity to set a New Year's Resolution to attend!

Roundtable is a monthly meeting where leaders from all over the Prairie Hills District come together to get updates on what is new in Scouting; Priorities for things to be done in the upcoming months; Fun and fellowship with other scouting leaders; get questions answered; learn new skills and projects; and much, much more.

If your unit doesn't send at least one representative a month, you may miss out on a whole lot! *But remember **Roundtable** is not just for Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, it is for everyone!* From Den Leaders to Committee Members, Assistant Scoutmaster to Crew Advisors. So come on out and see what it is all about.

Our District Roundtable meets at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of Every Month at Center for Scouting in Sioux Falls. Our next Roundtable is Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

# PRAIRIE HILLS

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every leader for fulfilling the promise we make to youth when they join our programs. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to fulfill the aims and mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Thank you for what you do for kids' sake.

In March of 2010, we will celebrate and recognize those leaders who have shared their passion with the youth in Scouting at the District Dinner. We will begin to accept nominations for the District Award of Merit and other awards very soon. Begin to think who from your unit, and in the district, best exemplified the mission and aims of the Boy Scouts of America in 2009.

**RECRUIT**...When is a good time to recruit a Scout?.....

**RETAIN**...As we finish 2009 and start looking at 2010, retention is the first thing we all need to deal with. It all starts with your unit's Charter Renewal. First making sure that you **contact every scout** on your renewal that you think you will drop. Many times families get busy (inactive) and think because they missed so many meetings they can't be involved anymore. **THIS IS JUST WRONG.** Calling them to make sure that they know you can miss meetings and still be in Scouting is important; so just don't write them off without asking.

The second part is making sure you **renew your charter ON-TIME!** The most missed item for not being a centennial quality unit is not renewing your charter on time. So start off 2010 on the right foot and renew your charter on time.

**NEXT LEVEL**...This is the time of year that we need to make sure our scouts are ready for that next step in Scouting. Just because a Cub Scout does (or doesn't) earn the Arrow of Light, it is not the end of his Scouting experiences. The best step is just ahead of them. Every eligible Webelos should cross-over into Boy Scouts! It is not Cub Scouts 2, and they need to know that. And as for Boy Scouts aging out, remember they can join Venturing. There they have the opportunity build on, grow and expand those

leadership skills they learned in Scouts by actually putting them into practice.

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### January

- 1 Service Center Closed
- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 7 District Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Troop, Crew & Post Charter Renewals Due
- 16 Boy Scout Klondike Derby
- 18 Service Center Closed
- 23 Scoutmaster/ASM Specifics Training

### February

- 3 District Commissioner Meeting
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 7-13 Scouting Anniversary Week
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 BSA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 11 Roundtable
- 15 Service Center Closed
- 20 Cub Scout Polar Day

### March

- 15 Pack Charter Renewals Due

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/PrairieHills/>  
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# BUFFALO RIDGE

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## WEBELOS TRANSITION TIME

It is now the time for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos boys to transition into a Boy Scout Troop and Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, and Webelos Den Leaders should be making plans. This is a very important event and should be done as soon as the boys are ready to make that transition. One of the biggest mistakes we often make is to make the boys wait. Remember! Boys have very little patience! It is much better to let them go early than to wait until they lose interest in moving on! And don't forget to fill out an application for the transfer and turn it in!



Scouting strong in Buffalo Ridge District.

## Training Starts At The Top

Practice what you preach is an old adage, but one that the Buffalo Ridge Committee firmly believes in. One of the committee's most important functions is to support and provide training and training opportunities for unit volunteers so that they can correctly and confidently offer programming in their units.

Scoutmaster Specifics training will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Marshall. This will be Dan Mielke's LAST training for the District. Then he is retiring from Scouting! We will sorely miss his leadership! Leading by example has long been a Scouting theme and Dan has been a fine example of that leadership.

## ICE FISHING DERBY, JANUARY 16TH

Troops if you don't have your packets yet contact Steve Thares right away! You won't want to have your boys miss this!

## KLONDIKE DERBY, FEB. 20

That could be the motto for the Buffalo Ridge District when it comes to Klondike Derbys. Wind and cold have never postponed or cancelled our annual event and we don't expect things to be any different this February 20<sup>th</sup>. As this article goes to press, we have all that it takes to make a classic event – snow and cold! We will be adding to that great boys Scout and Cub Scout programs, the traditional sled race and plenty of hot dogs, Chili, and Hot Chocolate to “take the edge off” the arctic blast. Registration materials should already be in the hands unit leaders AND on the council web site. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. So don't delay. Get those boys excited and signed up. More program information and directions to the event site will be forthcoming to leaders via e-mail and the Sioux Council website.

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The Buffalo Ridge District Committee kicked off the 2010 Friends of Scouting Campaign at their December monthly meeting. If your Pack or Troop hasn't scheduled your presentation yet please do so as soon as possible. This year, Kristi Lewis (605) 446-3413 or [eklewis@svtv.com](mailto:eklewis@svtv.com) is the District's Family Friends of Scouting Chairperson. Please save her having to call you and give her your date, time, and location either by phone or email.

It is SOOOO important that we show support for the Sioux Council so the Sioux Council can help us keep

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### January

- 5 DCM, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 12 Roundtable/Cmssnr Mtg, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 16 Ice Fishing Derby, Camp Shetek
- 23 Scoutmaster Leader Training
- 30 Eagle Banquet

### February

- 2 DCM, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 9 Roundtable, Cmssnr Mtg, Community Center Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 18 Elkton Community Center Benefit Dinner, Community Center, Elkton, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- 20 Klondike Derby, Hole in the Mt. Park, Lake Benton, 8:00 am

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/BufferoRidge/>  
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD PATCHES**

An additional order has been placed. If you have not placed your order, please do so. You may find the order form at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org) under "In other News." Once the additional 200 are gone, they are gone!

**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

The Center for Scouting will be closed on Monday, February 15th in honor of President's Day.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

The Council office will also be closed on January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Sioux Falls Canaries game on Friday, August 27, 2010.

**CORN PALACE DISPLAY**

Pheasant District and the city of Mitchell would like to invite all the Scouting family to come see one of this years murals on the Corn Palace. The 2010 theme is travel. Dave Kline started working with the Corn palace

Committee and received the approval to show Scouts canoeing and to have the 100 year logo on the mural. At this time only the mural is completed. There are plans to have an inside display depicting the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of scouting. Along with these two displays Pheasant District is planning to have a photo taken after the Pheasant District Scout-O-Rama. What a way to show our support for 100 years of scouting.

The Corn palace is the worlds largest building that uses corn and native plants as decorations. The murals are changed yearly. For those of you who have not taken time to view the Corn Palace this year would be a great opportunity to stop and have a look. For those of you who are history buffs, the Corn Palace has a complete pictorial history of past years murals on display inside the complex.



Boy Scout Mural

**SIoux COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA—EAGLE SCOUT LUNCHEON**

The Sioux Council would like to invite all Eagle Scouts, parents, family members, scout leaders, and interested members of the public to join us on **Saturday, January 30th, at 12:15 PM** at South Dakota Achieve, 4100 S. Western Ave., in Sioux Falls, South Dakota . The Sioux Council will be honoring the Eagle Scout Class of 2009.

Each Eagle Scout is asked to bring a small display or book showing their service project. The displays will be available for attendees to view.

The program will include a guest speaker along with a special presentation to each member of the Eagle Class of 2009. The guest speaker is to be announced. Plan now to attend this luncheon in honor of these fine young men.



Mitchell Corn Palace—Boy Scout Mural on right. Photo submitted by Craig Mittendorf.



# Exclusive Boy Scout Event



Sioux Council Boy Scouts of America  
Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Clinic 4:30-5:30pm  
Skyforce Game Time 7:00pm  
Order Deadline January 15th

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Troop or Pack (please circle) Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets:

Clinic/Game Ticket (\$10) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (tickets will be mailed in advance of the event)

Clinic/Game Ticket/Hot Dog/Soda(\$14) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information: (Please Check Below)

Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Check/Cash \_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_



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# LEWIS & CLARK

## SCOUT CAMP



### 2010 LEADER GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2010 version of the Lewis & Clark Leader's Guide is now available. You can download a copy from our web site at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisAndClark](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisAndClark).

They were also handed out at the November Roundtable.

### CURE THE SUMMERTIME BLUES BY GETTING A SUMMER JOB WITH FRINGE BENEFITS

Staffing plans are getting underway for the 2010 summer camp season at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp and the Missouri River High Adventure Base. Now is the right time to get your application in for a summer packed with friends, fun, food and even a paycheck or two! The Sioux Council has about 50 temporary (summer) positions to fill each year. Traditionally we have about fifty percent of our staff return from the previous year, leaving about 25 positions open. Scouts and adults interested in one of these positions should get an application form from our camp website, in the 2010 Leaders Guide, or by calling the Center for Scouting. Minimum age for a paid staff position is 15. We haven't found a maximum age yet! Both guys and gals can fill most of the positions at camp. Get your application in soon.

### SWIM CHECKS

Swim checks will be at the Madison Community Center, 820 N Washington, Madison, SD on January 31st from 6-8pm. These swim checks are good for L&C Summer Camp 2010. We will have the adult leader fill out a form before testing. We ask that all Scouts come with their Troop and take the test together. Webelos may test with the Troop that they will be joining. Other swim checks will take place in Sioux Falls and Yankton. Be sure to check the Sioux Council website for updates.

### SWIM CHECK METHODS

Swim Checks can be given to any **registered** Leader or Scout. We prefer to give swim checks to all members of your unit at the same time. (*example: "Everyone from Troop 123 come over for your swim checks...." 20 minutes later they are done and we do another unit.*)

Buddy Tags will be handed out to the unit leaders during Aquatics Orientation each week at Lewis & Clark. Other Scout camps may not recognize this Swim Check. We don't recognize swim checks conducted by other organizations either. Venturing Crews and other units wanting Buddy Tags for unit activities outside of summer camp, high adventure or other council organized events may request tags from the camp director at a later time. Each unit will receive a written report of their swim checks. It will be E-mailed in PDF Form.

### Here is how we will Administer the Swimmers Test.

We will explain the test to the group. We will ask if there are any questions.

We will privately ask each individual, before their test starts, if they are comfortable with the test and their ability. We will consult with each person individually!

Each test will be administered on a one to one basis. (One Participant and One Staff Member)

### Swimmers Requirements:

1. Jump feet first into water over your head.
2. Surface, level off and swim 75 Yards in a **strong manner** using one (*or more*) of the following strokes: side stroke, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl. (*75 Yards is 3 lengths of this pool. Down to the far shallow end, back to the deep end, then back down to the shallow end again.*)
3. Then swim 25 yards using a resting backstroke. (*This 25 yards is the second return from the shallow end of the pool back to the deep end.*)
  - The swim must be completed without stopping, grabbing the wall, or standing on the bottom.
4. After completing the swim, rest in the deep end by floating face up. The Staff member will tell you when to stop floating.

2010 Campsite Reservations Deposit						
	Week 1 June 13-19	Week 2 June 20-26	Week 3 Jun 27- Jul 3	Week 4 July 11-17	Week 5 July 18-24	Week 6 July 25-31
<b>Crazy Horse 60 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T133 Yankton	T5 Madison T346 Sioux Falls	T361 Sioux Falls	T84 Jasper	T190 Rock Rapids T225 Sioux City	
<b>Sitting Bull 24 Scouts 1 Troop</b>	T173 Pierre	T731 Sioux Falls	T371 Sioux Falls	T199 Bet- tendorf IA	T11 Beresford	T155 Elm Creek NE
<b>Spotted Tail 48 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T12 Lincoln NE T552 Omaha	T152 Sioux Falls	T17 Howard T155 Albion NE	T134 Worthing- ton	T127 Perry IA	T60 Canton T109 Lennox
<b>Red Cloud 30 Scouts 1 Troop</b>	T269 Gettys- burg	T167 Neligh NE	T1 Brookings	T66 Vermillion	T87 Elk Point	
<b>Big Foot 64 Scouts 3 Troops</b>	T268 David City NE	T112 Sioux Falls		T102 Yankton		T218 Sioux Falls
<b>Black Buffalo 60 Scouts 2 Troop</b>	T53 Dell Rapids T72 Mitchell	T75 Mitchell T150 Sioux Falls	T99 Tea	T8 Hartford T612 Greenfield <b>FULL</b>	T111 Mission	
<b>Red Dog 40 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T8 Watertown	T61 Viborg				T282 Freeman
<b>Shannon 40 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T171 Harris- burg	T48 Sioux Falls	T261 Wagner	T351 Owatonna		
<b>Ordway 40 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T116 Dal- las Center IA	T16 Sioux Falls	T94 Parkston	T114 Ft Calhoun NE		T6 Bismarck
<b>Pryor 40 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T25 Slayton	T242 Des Moines				
<b>Gass 45 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T46 Sioux Falls	T265 Sutherland NE				
<b>York 48 Scouts 2 Troops</b>	T23 Clark T99 Blue Hill NE	T333 Prior Lake MN	T494 Ononoco MN <b>Full</b>	T3354 An- nadale MN	T83 Rochester	
<b>Floyd 32 Scouts 1 Troop</b>	T12 Miller				T65 Mobridge	
<b>James E West 1 Troop</b>						

**CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPING IN COUNCIL VENTURING WORLD...**

Venturing Crews from around the Sioux Council gathered on August 29, 2009 at CLT to discuss upcoming events and to elect our new council officers.

They are:

President - Mark Retzlaff

Vice President Admin - Ryan Brandt

Vice President Program - Amanda Brandt

Secretary - Steven Oswald

Media Rep - Heather Stayner

Kathy Retzlaff was approved to be the Sioux Council adult advisor, Dave Engeldinger and Anthony Stayner were both approved to be assistant adult advisors.

On October 10th & 11th over 20 youth and adults attended the Corn Maze campout at Newton Hills. The group joined forces and cooked supper over the campfire and in Dutch ovens. There were three main courses and enough desserts that no one left hungry. The meals were all cooked in Dutch ovens and everyone had a chance to help and learn. Some of the Venturers had never cooked with charcoal and in Dutch ovens but not a single person was disappointed in the taste of the good food.

They then drove to the Heartland County Corn Maze outside of Harrisburg and had a good time navigating their way through the maze with flashlights. There was a contest to see who could make it through faster, the adults or the youth. Well, the youth ran through the maze and some of the adults said that the youth could not have found all the markers, especially since one of them was hidden by Jack from Kristine. After everyone met at the end everyone decided that they had a great time, hot chocolate and snacks were shared by all.

After the maze the hardy few spent the night at a balmy 20 degrees. All of the tents had frost inside. This was a new experience to a few of the new campers. Breakfast was cooked, camp was packed and cleaned. The trailer was packed a little too quickly and Mark almost ended up packed away. Then it was off to the gas station for much needed sodas and more hot chocolate for the trip home.

The next campout will be Jan 15-17th at Lewis & Clark Scout camp. (see registration information on the following page).

Outdoor and indoor activities are in the process. They will also be discussing the details of their spring campout. For more information, check us out on the Sioux Council webpage.

**GOING TO PHILMONT IN 2010?**

We have decided to open our remaining Philmont Trek slots up to Scouts in our neighboring Councils. We will begin to advertise to them beginning in mid-January. We are down to only 11 spaces left for the 2010 Philmont Trek. If you have not sent in your registration form and deposit, you are not counted in the 37 that we have listed as attending. Do not delay; get your registration in today!

The Philmont Trek is open to all Scouts and Venturers, 14 and over. One of our trek crews will be co-ed. You must meet the Height / Weight requirements set by Philmont. For this and other information, see our webpage at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org). Look for the Philmont 2010 article on the front page.

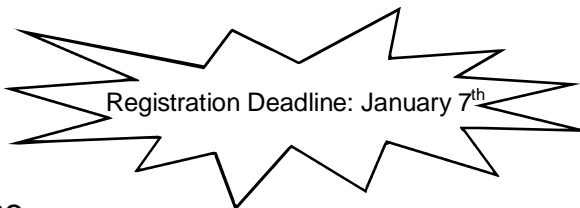
Recently we have had questions about a Philmont Trek in 2011. The Sioux Council is not sending a contingent to Philmont in 2011. Any Scouts from our Council who are going in 2011 are attending with their troop on their own.

# WINTER CAMPOUT



VENTURING · BSA

**Date:** January 16-17  
**Where:** Lewis & Clark Scout Camp  
**Cost:** \$3.00



- Check-in Saturday from 12pm – 4pm
- Check-out Sunday at 6pm
- Cabins available for Sunday Night also

Activities:	Things to Bring:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Games</li> <li>• Movies</li> <li>• Food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movies</li> <li>• Cards</li> <li>• Board Games</li> <li>• Breakfast for Monday (Optional)</li> <li>• Supper for Friday (Optional)</li> <li>• Skillet Dinner ingredients for your crew (we will combine ingredients and cook the meal together)</li> <li>• Dishes for potlucks (Bring one main dish and salad or dessert)</li> </ul>



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 Crew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you have any questions please contact Mark Retzlaff at MR3071@k12.sd.us/

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