

# Sioux



# Trails

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## WE ARE SIOUX COUNCIL...

### MEET GREG GRAJCZYK, NORTH STAR DISTRICT CHAIR

Please meet Greg Grajczyk. He currently serves as the North Star District Chairman and also serves his local Unit, Troop 45, as Troop Committee Chair.



Greg has earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southwest Texas State University and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Baylor University School of Law. Greg is an attorney/partner with the law firm of Boos & Grajczyk, LLP in Milbank, SD for the past twelve years.

Greg has been married to Toni (Senske) Grajczyk for 27 years. Together they have four children, Jamie—24, Sara—22, Matthew—19 and Michael—17. He has three granddaughters, Taylor—3, Mya—2 and Carly is expected to arrive April 25th.

Both Matthew and Michael started Scouting as Tiger Cubs and continued on earning their Eagle. Matthew earned his Eagle in November of 2008 and Michael earned his in December 2008. Both sons are Brotherhood members of the Order of the Arrow. Matthew served as Chapter Secretary for one year and Michael is currently serving as Chapter Chief. Michael has also set the Troop record for earning the most Merit Badges in the Troop's recorded history with 72.

Because Greg's father being in the Air Force his family relocated almost yearly. As a result, Greg did not have the opportunity to join or participate in the Scouting Program.

Greg says, "It is perhaps the most awe inspiring and frustrating aspect of the Scouting Program to see the tremendous amount of work and energy expended by the faithful few volunteers working at the District and Council to insure a quality Scouting Program is available for all who avail themselves of it."

If Greg ever needs a reminder of why he is spending his time of Scouting activities, he remembers that the leaders of tomorrow are the Scouts of today.

Greg and his family love to camp and spend all the time they have available at one state park or another. He enjoys reading, crocheting and is currently finishing his first novel.

**QUALITY COUNCIL...JET SKIS... 100% TRAINED LEADERS EXCITING YEAR AHEAD  
FOR SIOUX COUNCIL**

By: Tom Smotherman

Your volunteer efforts on behalf of the young people in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa are being recognized in a big way in 2010.

The first of these recognitions came in early January when Sioux Council was named a **Centennial Quality Council** by the National Council, BSA. This award comes as a result of the hard work of everyone involved at the Unit, District and Council level in Scouting and recognizes the quality of programming delivered to youth in our Council.

Criteria ranging from quality of local units, to youth participation in Scouting activities, to improved Commissioner service, to the financial stability of the Council are considered for this award. Because of the dedication of everyone involved in Sioux Council Scouting, every criterion was met to achieve Quality Council status in 2010. Your Council...Sioux Council was one of only three of the 12 Councils in Area 1 of the Central Region to be recognized as a Centennial Quality Council this year!

The foundation of the Quality Council recognition begins with the commitment of local volunteers to provide the best possible Scouting program to youth in their local communities. The National Council, BSA has long recognized that a key component of quality local Scouting is training of volunteers in the positions they have taken.

Starting this fall, the National Council, BSA will implement a pilot program in several Councils across the country emphasizing the importance of training of adult leaders. Sioux Council has been selected to participate in this **100% Trained Leaders Pilot Program**.

Details of the pilot program will be announced this Spring with the ultimate goal by time of unit rechartering in January 2011 of having ever registered adult leader working with youth in our Council trained in his/her position. Just imagine the positive impact on the quality of program for every youth in the Sioux Council when every adult leader is trained in their position of responsibility.

Now for the fun stuff...

Every leader should know and use the resource known as *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Among other things, this resource lists what activities are approved as safe for participation by youth members in Scouting. One of the activities listed as off-limits because of risk has been the use of Jet Skis by Scouts.

**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".

Tom Simmons, Sioux Falls  
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The use of Personal Watercraft is still not approved as a Scouting activity! But, the National Council, BSA has decided to allow 5 Councils across the country to participate in a Personal Watercraft Pilot Program at their local Summer Camps during 2010.

After successfully completing a multi-layered application process including: development of a detailed program concept, review by the local Council Risk Management and Properties Committees, Executive Board consideration and the scrutiny of the National Council Application Review Committee, **Sioux Council's has been approved to participate in the 2010 Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Pilot Program.**

So there is absolutely no misunderstanding...the use of Personal Watercraft is still not (and may never be) an approved activity for Scout units! But, under the close supervision of the National Council, BSA, Sioux Council is one of five Councils across the country that will be allowed to conduct a jet ski program at its long-term Summer Camp in 2010.

I congratulate the Lewis and Clark Summer Camp staff team and local volunteers for putting together an application that successfully competed with Councils from across America, and am even more excited that Sioux Council volunteers have been entrusted with this pilot program that could enhance Scouting programming nation-wide.

### Recent Eagle Scouts

Tyler Burdette Backus	Troop 353	Chester, SD	Arthur C Peterson Post 136
Ouincy Allen Flint	Troop 14	Brookings, SD	First Presbyterian Mens
Alex David Peterson	Troop 25	Slayton, MN	Kiwanis of Slayton
Nathan James Grote	Troop 51	Aberdeen, SD	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Devin Matthew Dunwoody	Troop 51	Aberdeen, SD	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Kyle Edward Welch	Troop 51	Aberdeen, SD	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Nathaniel Cole Vendt	Troop 75	Mitchell, SD	Methodist Men of Mitchell
Kylor Charles Knox	Troop 27	Pierre, SD	First United Methodist
Kaid Hunter Knox	Troop 27	Pierre, SD	First United Methodist
Zachary Edmund Drees	Troop 188	Aberdeen, SD	Good Shepard Lutheran
Matthew Nicholas Paulsen	Troop 188	Aberdeen, SD	Good Shepard Lutheran
Jessie Lee Sitter	Crew 590	Aberdeen, SD	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 590
Neil Vincent Gaspar	Troop 48	Sioux Falls, SD	Sertoma Club
Ethan Michael Gerald Weisz	Troop 99	Tea, SD	American Legion
Nathan Michael Jedlicka	Troop 229	Sioux Falls, SD	St. Lambert Catholic Church
Richard Wayne Cobb	Troop 346	Sioux Falls, SD	St. Michaels Parish
Dakota Lee Lutz	Troop 357	Eureka, SD	American Legion #186
Alexander Elias Prorok	Troop 238	Marshall, MN	Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Joshua David Thompson	Troop 27	Pierre, SD	First United Methodist
Jacob Kaiser Naasz	Troop 100	Winner, SD	Masonic Lodge
Michael James Kent	Troop 152	Sioux Falls, SD	Zion Lutheran Church
John Derek Christensen	Troop 582	Brandon, SD	Beaver Valley Lutheran
Samuel John Goddard	Troop 152	Sioux Falls, SD	Zion Lutheran Church
Evan Scott Leebens	Troop 53	Dell Rapids, SD	Lions Club
Nickolas Neal Oster	Troop 357	Eureka, SD	American Legion #186
Dennis John Smith	Troop 72	Mitchell, SD	Knights of Columbus
Dustin James Hachmann	Troop 220	Pipestone, MN	Peach United Methodist Church

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 EAGLE SCOUTS!**

Troop 363	Gerald Adams	Canistota	Troop 151	Robert Friedrichsen	Huron	Troop 188	Matthew Paulsen	Aberdeen
Troop 81	Nathaniel Allred	Aberdeen	Troop 100	Grant Galbraith	Ideal	Troop 87	Ryan Peter	Elk Point
Troop 209	William Anderson	Watertown	Troop 48	Neil Gaspar	Sioux Falls	Troop 25	Alex Peterson	Slayton
Troop 27	Thomas Anderson	Onida	Troop 100	Nathan Goodell	Winner	Troop 261	Coty Picotte	Wagner
Troop 353	Tyler Backus	Wentworth	Troop 51	Nathan Grote	Aberdeen	Troop 346	Brett Priebe	Sioux Falls
Troop 134	Matthew Bah	Round Lake	Troop 310	Matthew Guthrie	Lynd	Troop 7	Kazmer Schmanski	Brookings
Troop 731	William Baker	Sioux Falls	Troop 229	Alex Hagen	Sioux Falls	Troop 23	Jonathan Schmit	Bristol
Troop 61	Devin Bendt	Viborg	Troop 229	Alex Hemmingson	Sioux Falls	Troop 282	Dylan Seyler	Parker
Team 148	Russell Berlin	Sioux Falls	Troop 72	Jeremiah Hinrichs	Mitchell	Troop 99	Ira Sherman IV	Tea
Troop 731	Matthew Biver	Sioux Falls	Troop 731	Robert Hitt	Sioux Falls	Troop 65	Hayden Shillingstad	Mobridge
Troop 5	John Bloom	Madison	Crew 529	Jake Homer	Valley Springs	Crew 590	Jessie Sitter	Mellette
Troop 5	Alex Bordewyk	Madison	Troop 134	Tyler Hunt	Worthington	Troop 100	William Smith	Winner
Troop 5	Tyler Brunsvig	Madison	Troop 371	Michael Iverson	Sioux Falls	Troop 33	Justin Snaza	Webster
Troop 48	Joshua Bucher	Sioux Falls	Troop 27	Benjamin Jacobson	Pierre	Troop 46	Blayne Solberg	Sioux Falls
Troop 48	Justin Bucher	Sioux Falls	Troop 23	Casey Janisch	Clark	Troop 209	Nicholas Sperry	Watertown
Troop 490	Christopher Buehner	Sioux Falls	Troop 229	Nathan Jedlichka	Sioux Falls	Troop 100	Tyler Storms	Winner
Troop 209	Timothy Caron	Watertown	Troop 100	Nicholas Jorgensen	Ideal	Troop 209	Andrew Stransky	Watertown
Troop 209	Jacob Carter	Watertown	Troop 1	Zachary Kantack	Brookings	Troop 209	Thad Titze	Watertown
Troop 209	Robert Chapman	Watertown	Troop 218	Korbin Kavanaugh	Sioux Falls	Troop 133	Brian Van De Rostyne	Yankton
Troop 346	Nolan Cleary	Sioux Falls	Troop 27	Kylor Knox	Pierre	Troop 255	Kevin Van Duyn	Colman
Troop 346	Richard Cobb	Sioux Falls	Troop 27	Kaid Knox	Pierre	Troop 75	Nathaniel Vendt	Mitchell
Troop 209	Jonathan Crain	Watertown	Troop 5	David Langner	Madison	Troop 269	William Wager	Gettysburg
Troop 1	Paul Dawkins	Brookings	Troop 412	Alan Maag Jr	Marshall	Troop 45	Jacob Wagner	Milbank
Troop 5	Patrick Delzer	Madison	Troop 222	Andrew Manolis	Huron	Troop 45	Mitchell Wagner	Milbank
Troop 188	Zachary Drees	Aberdeen	Troop 173	Jeremy Marsh	Pierre	Troop 152	Samuel Waters	Sioux Falls
Troop 72	James Dunn	Mitchell	Troop 72	Tyler McEntee	Mitchell	Troop 99	Ethan Weisz	Tea
Troop 57	Devin Dunwoody	Aberdeen	Troop 582	Tyler Nelson	Sioux Falls	Troop 51	Kyle Welch	Aberdeen
Troop 216	Jason Durfee	Sioux Falls	Troop 173	Riley Novak	Pierre	Troop 346	Nicholas Wersal	Sioux Falls
Troop 14	Quincy Flint	Brookings	Troop 128	Cory Oberfoell	Ashton	Troop 363	Jeremiah White	Canistota
Troop 134	Davide Folkers	Worthington	Troop 48	Jonathan Oliver	Sioux Falls	Troop 8	Benjamin Wiggs	Watertown
Troop 123	Nathaniel Fremstad	Fulda	Troop 61	Paul Olson	Viborg	Troop 255	Samuel Wilkens	Madison
Troop 371	Bryce Frenz	Sioux Falls	Troop 5	Aaron Olson	Wentworth	Troop 150	Christopher Zuke	Brandon

**SCOUT SUNDAY**

The order form for Scout Sunday patches is available at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org).  
Patches are \$1.50 each.

The requirements include:

1. Attend Scout Sunday or Sabbath in uniform preferably with your Unit at your sponsoring organization. Cubmaster/Scoutmaster should verify attendance at services.
2. Do two of the following:
  - A. Help promote Scouting through setting up a window display or making a poster and displaying it at a local business, school or chartering organization.
  - B. Wear your uniform to school on your meeting day during Scout Week.
  - C. Participate in a service project for a minimum of one hour during Scout Week.
  - D. Bring a friend to a Pack, Den, Troop or Crew meeting (you can get a recruiter patch when they join).
  - E. Write an article for the newspaper or a letter to the editor promoting Scouting.

Please submit orders by one of the following:

1. Mail to: Sioux Council, BSA  
800 N West Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
2. Fax: 605-361-2381
3. Email: [Sioux.Council@scouting.org](mailto:Sioux.Council@scouting.org)

*No phone orders please.*



2009 Eagle Scouts with Senator John Thune.



## BALOO TRAINING

Attention Cub Scout Pack and Den leaders! Are you trained so you can take your Cub Scouts camping? If not, here is your chance to take the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (**BALOO**). This training is open to all Cub Scout leaders and interested Scouters.



After a leader (or leaders) in your Pack receives this training, your Pack can go camping under their supervision. **BALOO** will train Cub Scout leaders on the basics of Cub Scout Camping. You will receive the knowledge and confidence in planning an enjoyable Pack campout.

Topics Covered:

- |                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. AIMS and Purposes | 6. Program                           |
| 2. Planning          | 7. Cub Scout Cookin                  |
| 3. Equipment         | 8. First Aid and Sanitation          |
| 4. Campfire Program  | 9. Nature Hikes and Games            |
| 5. Health and Safety | 10. Stoves, Lanterns and Fire Safety |

**Registration begins at 8:30 AM and BALOO begins at 9:00 AM. Training will be completed by 5:00 PM. The training fee is \$6.00 per participant.**

**PLEASE REGISTER: COURSES WILL BE CANCELED IF A MINIMUM NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IS NOT RECEIVED 7 DAYS BEFORE THE TRAINING.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT**

BALOO Training Registration Form

<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Church of Our Redeemer 2001 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NW Watertown, SD Rhonda (605) 949-2708	Center for Scouting 800 N. West Ave. Sioux Falls, SD Mark (605) 360-2945	Lewis & Clark Camp 31071 Boy Scout Rd. Tabor, SD Ruth (605)665-8647

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed form and the \$6.00 registration fee no later than 7 days before the training date you select to:  
Sioux Council, 800 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

## INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is a fun-filled program of hands-on skills training, which will help you master the outdoor skills required for Tenderfoot through First Class Scout. The program runs from Friday night at 6:00 PM until Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. **Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters this is one of the required courses to be considered trained**, but it is open to all Scouting positions. Anyone seeking to master their outdoor skills or simply rejuvenate their passion for Scouting should attend.

Instruction will include such basic outdoor skills as camp set up, cooking, wood tools, knot tying, first aid, campfire program planning, map reading and compass skills, hiking and backpacking techniques, nature identification, and Leave No Trace. This course will increase your comfort level and give you confidence as a trained, skilled leader. The program will give you the opportunity to work with other Scout leaders from around the area, make new friends, and reinforce your skills in the outdoors. Each participant should bring the personal gear included in the Centennial Boy Scout Handbook (pg.292-293).

*Pre-registration is required so please complete the registration form and return it with course fees to the Center for Scouting no later than 10 days prior to the course you intend to take. The course fee is \$16. All food and program materials are supplied.*

**COURSES WILL BE CANCELED IF A MINIMUM NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS IS NOT RECEIVED 10 DAYS BEFORE THE TRAINING.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT**

### Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training Registration Form

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>April 9<sup>th</sup> Thru 11th</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>April 16<sup>th</sup> Thru 18th</b>
Camp Iyatoka 131 <sup>st</sup> St. Wilmot, SD Cal (605) 949-2708	Lewis & Clark Camp 31071 Boy Scout Rd. Tabor, SD Gene (605) 665-0380

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed form and the \$6.00 registration fee no later than 7 days before the training date you select to:  
Sioux Council, 800 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

# NORTH STAR

SERVING NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

## FAMILY FOS REPORT

The Sioux Council receives funding from a number of sources; Popcorn Sales, United Ways, Special Events, Camps and other activities, Endowments, and the **Friends of Scouting** campaigns.

It's hard to put a real dollar figure on the value of Scouting since its true investment return won't be seen for many years, but it does return. For 100 years, people have believed in and financially supported the values of Scouting, not only for their own children but the thousands of other children in other families, for generations to come.

This year's Family Friends of Scouting Campaign started January 2nd and ends March 31st. As of this writing, only one of our units has had their presentation, and Pack 359 fully expects to be a Gold Star Unit before they're done. Many other units have already given us their presentation dates and we expect the campaign will hit its goal again this year because so many of you believe that Scouting is worthwhile. THANK YOU for that.

The **Family Campaign**, which is the unit leaders and Scouting families in the district. Again this year, Julie Block is the Family Campaign Chairperson. If you have questions or need to schedule your unit's presentation please give Julie a call at 605-882-0382 or email her at [cubmasterjulie@wat.midco.net](mailto:cubmasterjulie@wat.midco.net).

## SPRING RENDEZVOUS

**When:** April 30 – May 2, 2010

**Where:** Camp Iyataka

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person (Individuals attending late for the meal and crossover will be charged \$5.00 each)

The Spring Rendezvous will incorporate the District's Spring Boy Scout Camporee, Webelos crossing-over ceremony, and the District's Annual Recognitions/Awards Event, plus more making it easily the largest event in the District each year – and for good reason!

## Something for everyone . . . .

The weekend will include activities and events specifically for Cub Scouts and Webelos . . . and even set aside an area for family camping.

The Spring Rendezvous will provide a unique opportunity for Cub Scouts and parents to observe and learn about Boy Scouting. Webelos will have an opportunity to check out / Troops he's thinking about joining; ask questions; and meet potential Troop leaders and members.

Cub Scouts, parents, and Cub leaders will have an opportunity to participate in Cub Scout outdoor activities, visit Camp Iyataka, and see what it has to offer, and a whole lot more. Scouting families will have an opportunity to get in some camping if they wish.

We would like to hear what events you'd like to see at the 2010 Rendezvous. We'll also be looking for Packs to host

and run the events that are chosen. Here is an opportunity Here's an opportunity to show off your Packs organizational skills.

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With the 2009-2010 Scouting year beginning in the North Star District, there are a number of leadership and staffing opportunities that will need to be filled in order for many events to happen. If you are interested in any of the following areas, or know of someone who would be an excellent person for the job, please contact Bob Vergamini.

### This year we are looking for people to fill the following jobs:

Training Committee members  
 District Cub Scout Activities Chairperson(s)  
 Friends of Scouting presenters  
 Cub Day Camp staff members  
 Akela Camp staff members  
 Membership committee members  
 Unit Commissioners  
 Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioners  
 Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioners  
 Assistant District Commissioners

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### March

4 Key 3  
 11 District Committee Meeting  
 11 Roundtable & OA

### April

1 Key 3  
 8 District Committee Meeting  
 9 Roundtable & OA  
 30-2 Spring Rendezvous

<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**

It's been a long Winter so far but Spring is just around the corner. That means that Scouts, parents and teachers will have spring fever. I know that I have Spring Fever. We can use this Spring fever to all of our advantages. We can spend time outside with our youth and plan activities that are fun and relaxing for all of us. I remember when I was a young Scout. We looked forward to having our outside meetings and having our parents in the park with us playing games. Those were the days we all played catch, soccer, Frisbee, fished and ate outdoors. Of course, the teams were parents against the Scouts and the parents ALWAYS WON.

I remember those great times with my friends and time outdoors spent with my grandparents, they were the ones who raised me. Lets all plan on making some outdoor memories for our youth. It's as easy as having games and ice cream in the park, fishing together, field trips, outdoor den meetings or even a back yard BBQ and games with the Den.

It's also a great time to plan what everyone will do to help the Pack achieve the Summertime Pack Award.

After I grew up, and reached the ripe old age of a Boy Scout, it was even more fun. We got to help plan the campouts, at least the Scoutmaster let us think that. I hope every Troop has plans for fun activities. My Troop hiked the mountains in Colorado and Wyoming, canoed down the North Platte River, fished any lake we could think of and most of all we made friendships that have lasted a life time. As an adult, I see all the work that my grandparents and the parents of all the other Scouts put into our futures, it does make a difference.

One of my favorite sayings, "**The Good Lord bestows no greater responsibility on us than to raise our youth.**" That's one of the reasons why I like this job, I get to see and help youth grow and learn.

We have some great opportunities to get our Scouts out this Summer. In our District, we have three Day Camps, one Akela Camp, Scout-O-Rama, Spring Camporee and Fall Camporee scheduled. All of these are great fun for the Scouts and are a great time to invite new boys to join Scouting. After all, Scouting is about growing and learning and that is what all of our camps are about. Our camping and activities committees will be calling for help so please be ready to help.

Our District youth membership was up for 2009 by four percent and that helped to make all of our campouts a success. If we can do that again this year it would be even better. I have said before and I will say it again, the more Scouts we have the more fun we all can have. Our District had a great recruitment last year and our membership committee will be working with all of our leaders to see if we can have a great spring recruitment this year.

Rod Huisman again is offering to do trainings in any of our towns, if you can get enough people interested to attend. Our Council is working diligently to get us reports that are more accurate showing who has had what training and we now have a current list of all trainings that we can offer. Just an FYI, our direct contact leaders trained in Pheasant district is just over 22%. That's up from 13% two years ago. We are making some gains but we still have a long way to go. Training helps all of us. The people being trained get new ideas and help with problems that they have encounter along the way.

All of us have a once in a lifetime chance to get the Scouting word and life out to everyone. 2010 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting. I ask that every one of you help plan, organize, recruit, advertise and get articles to the media about Scouting. Lets let our communities know that WE are making a difference.

Lets all have fun in Scouting and learn along the way!  
Jack Hinrichs

## CONTACTS

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**District Executive:** Jack Hinrichs  
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jack.hinrichs@scouting.org

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### **March**

- 6 CS Specifics Training, Wessington Sprgs 9:00 am
- 6 Committee Training, Wessington Springs, 1:00 pm
- 11 Roundtable
- 13 SMS Training, Wessington Springs 9:00 am
- 13 Cmmssnr Training, Wessington Springs, 1:00 pm
- 20 District Dinner, Mitchell
- 21 Huron/Parkston city wide Pinewood Derby
- 22 First catch badge work, Salem
- 27 Mitchell city wide Pinewood Derby

### **April**

- 6 Eagle Board
- 8 Roundtable
- 17 Scout-O-Rama in Mitchell
- 30 Spring Camporee

<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

## DISTRICT SCOUT-O-RAMA

Make sure to mark April 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! It is time once again for our annual Scout-O-Rama and District Pinewood Derby races. Each unit is encouraged to put together a booth or presentation showing off your unit or a Scout skill.

The top winners at your Pack's Pinewood Derby will be racing against the other Pack winners from across the District.

The event will be at Yankton Middle School once again. Specific times coming soon!



## DISTRICT WEBPAGE

If you haven't visited the District webpage lately, now's the time to do so! Go to <http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/LewisandClarkTrail/> to see all the new District happenings.

Our District Webmaster is consistently adding new items and updating event pages. If you have information or have something else you would like to see on the webpage, please contact Martin Saffel: [m\\_saffel@hotmail.com](mailto:m_saffel@hotmail.com).

## DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET

Lewis & Clark Trail's Annual District Awards Banquet was held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at JoDean's in Yankton. We recognized many volunteers and the 2009 class of Eagle Scouts. Thanks to everyone who helped plan this successful event and congratulations to the award recipients:

**Cub Scout Family:** Joe Ketter & Family, Pack 258

**Boy Scout Family:** Nick Schade and Family, Troop 133

**Cub Scout Spouse:** Nancy Faulkner, Pack 108

**Boy Scout Spouse:** Mike Stevens, Troop 61

**Cub Scouter of the Year:** Laura Stevens, Pack 61

**Boy Scouter of the Year:** Bill Johnson, Troop 102

**Honorary Scoutmaster:** Ken Cotton

**District Awards of Merit:** Joel Boyd, Cubmaster, Pack 258 & Larry Hintgen, Eagle Scout Board of Review

## ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING

It's time once again to begin thinking about Unit Program Planning. We all learn in our respective trainings that good Program Planning is one of the keys to running a successful program.

Like last year, April's Roundtable will be dedicated to looking at how to plan a great program. Each unit will receive the program planning guide, and each breakout will contain discussion about this important task. Each unit should plan on having a representative there! Participation at this Roundtable (along with a completed unit calendar and budget) qualifies that unit for an additional popcorn commission.

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### March

4 District Committee Meeting  
11 Roundtable  
19 Wolf/Bear Camp-in, Yankton Summit Center

### April

1 District Committee Meeting  
8 Roundtable  
10 District SOR and Pinewood Derby Race  
16-18 Spring Camporee  
16-18 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills  
17 BALOO Training

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

# FIVE RIVERS

SERVING CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA FROM MISSION TO EUREKA

## PACK 127 GETS NEW PINEWOOD DERBY TRACK

Over the years, Pack 127 in Pierre has seen their Pinewood Derby deteriorate. It has served them very well over the years, but their finish line hardware and software is so old that it will no longer work on a modern computer.

Identifying this problem, Ross Neugebauer, an older Boy Scout from Pierre, took the reins and began working on a solution. He did his research and applied for a grant. Thanks to the private donors, Pack 127 has \$3,000 to build the track of their dreams: an eight-lane aluminum track with the latest finish line technology and software.

Currently, Ross Neugebauer is seeing the project through. Once the track is complete, he plans to use the track as a training tool. By planning Pinewood Derbys throughout the District, Ross hopes to work with other young Boy Scouts to help them learn how to plan and administer events. By having Boy Scouts help with Cub Scout events, Ross hopes that the experience will improve retention by giving the Cub Scouts role models and by giving the Boy Scouts more responsibility and increasing their leadership skills.



## 100TH ANNIVERSARY SCOUT EXPO IS IN APRIL

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, the Five Rivers District is combining its Spring

Camporee with its Scout-O-Rama/Scout Show, and on April 16-18 we are hosting the 2010 Scout Expo right in front of the State Capitol building. This will be a historic event not only for the Boy Scouts but also for the Capitol building, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary as well.

Scouts from all over the Sioux Council are encouraged to attend. Activities will include tours of the Capitol Building, Camping in front of the Capitol Building, and Pinewood Derby races with an open class, an outlaw class, and an adult leader class.

For more information, check our website [www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/FiveRivers/Events](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/FiveRivers/Events)

We hope to see you all there!

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### DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### March

- 1 Roundtable, Pierre
- 2 Roundtable, Winner
- 3 District Committee Mtg.
- 4 Roundtable, Selby
- 13 District Dinner
- 15 Pack RecharTERS Due

#### April

- 5 Roundtable, Pierre
- 6 Roundtable, Winner
- 7 District Committee Mtg.
- 8 Roundtable, Selby

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

**WEBELOS-TO-SCOUT TRANSITION**

One of Scouting's greatest challenges is to make the next level of Scouting readily available for a young man once he meets the joining requirements. Let's work together to encourage an easy transition from Webelos to Boy Scouting.

**Packs:**

- It should be the goal of the Cubmaster and Webelos Den Leaders to graduate every Webelos Scout into a Boy Scout Troop!
- The key to accomplishing this is to begin promoting Boy Scouting when Cub Scouts are still in their Tiger, Wolf, and Bear dens, and to *sell the sizzle* of the great outdoors.
- Scouting should be viewed as an ongoing adventure, and the progression should be as normal as moving from elementary school to middle school.
- Examples: Work with Boy Scout Troop leaders to conduct Webelos overnight activities, invite the Scoutmaster and Troop youth leaders to special pack activities, or plan a meaningful crossover ceremony at the blue and gold banquet.

**Troops:**

- Boy Scouts Troops should assign an Assistant Scoutmaster to be responsible for new Scouts. This person serves as a resource for Webelos leaders, helps at overnight activities, and builds enthusiasm among boys and their parents for the exciting challenges that await them in Boy Scouting.
- Select Scouts to serve as Den Chiefs for each Webelos Den and Cub Scout Den. Arrange for Den Chief Training. Online training is available at <http://olc.scouting.org>.
- Provide each Webelos Scout a copy of the Troop's activities for the upcoming year.

There are a number of ways a Pack and Troop can work together to enhance the Scouting experience of their boys, but maximum transition requires cooperation between the Boy Scout Troop and the Cub Scout Pack.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of Good Friday, the Center for Scouting will be closed April 2, 2010.

**REMINDER!**

The Class 1, 2 and 3 forms will no longer be accepted for any Scouting event. **The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record is in effect as of January 1, 2010.**

**Parts A and C are to be completed for all events that do not exceed 72 hours.** Example: Day Camp/Akela Camp/Webelos Camp.

**Part B is required with parts A and C for any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours.**

Example: L&C Scout Camp, Philmont, High Adventure Treks. This is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight chart must be strictly adhered to if the event will take the unit beyond a radius wherein emergency evacuation is more than 30 minutes by ground transportation, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservative projects in remote areas.

**TOUR PERMITS**

Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all camping trips and tours. **All registered adults participating in any nationally conducted event or activity must have completed BSA Youth Protection Training.** At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection Training must be present at all other events and activities that require a tour permit. Youth Protection Training is valid for two years from the date completed.

At least one adult must have completed Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training for all tours. The listed BSA trainings are valid for two years

Where swimming or boating is included in the program, Safe Swim Defense and/or Safety Afloat standards are to be followed. If climbing/rappelling is included, then Climb On Safely must be followed. At least one person must be trained in CPR from any recognized agency for Safety Afloat and Climb On Safely. At least one adult on a Pack overnighter must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

**WELCOME NEW STAFF...**

The Sioux Council, BSA is happy to welcome Stacey Kracht and Jake Mackey to the professional staff.

Stacey Kracht joined the Sioux Council professional staff on January 13, 2010 as a District Executive. She will be serving in the Prairie Hills District, including Soccer and Scouting.

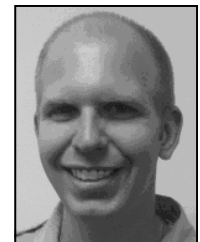


Stacey graduated from Central Lyon High School in Rock Rapids, Iowa, in 2006. She graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, in December of 2009. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and international studies, with a focus on Latin American studies. The highlight of her college career was her semester of living and studying abroad in Mexico, in the Yucatán peninsular city of Mérida, where she improved her Spanish and learned about the Mexican culture.

Stacey's family includes her father Jerry, mother Marty, and sister Shelley. Jerry farms outside of Rock Rapids. Marty works at Sanford Merrill Medical Center in Rock Rapids. Shelley is a freshman in college.

Stacey enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and reading. She has a passion for helping people through non-profit work. She also enjoys working with and living among the Hispanic/Latino population and loves continual opportunities to practice her Spanish. She believes that life is all about the people you interact with, and is learning that with Boy Scouts, those people who make up the programs and the entire organization are amazingly dedicated to the youth they serve and to the Boy Scouts' Mission. She is excited to be a part of an organization that serves youth according to values that parallel her own values.

Jake has accepted the position of Five Rivers District Executive, and he looks forward to supporting the volunteers in the central third of the state.



Jake Mackey has been involved in Scouting in many different capacities in the last sixteen years. He grew up in Yankton with Pack 138 and crossed over into Troop 102 where he earned his Eagle Scout Rank in September 2004. During his time with the Troop, Jake also served as a leader in a few different Venturing Crews in the Yankton area. In 1999, Jake was elected to the Order of the Arrow and served as a Vice Chief and Lodge Chief in Tetonwana Lodge for four years. He received the Vigil Honor in 2002.

After Graduating High School, he attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln where he studied the liberal arts. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Political Science and Philosophy.

Over the years, Jake has enjoyed a wide variety of what Scouting has to offer. He has conquered Philmont with his Troop, with the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, and as a Webelos Scout. He has been to the National Order of the Arrow Conference four times, and has received training at the National Leadership Seminar and Wood Badge. He worked at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp from 2001 to 2009, and has worked in every program area in Camp except for Handicraft. One time, he and a few guys from his Troop even decided to canoe 810 miles down the mighty Missouri River from Yankton to St. Louis.

**Please join in welcoming Stacey and Jake!**

# PRAIRIE HILLS

SERVING MINNEHAHA, LINCOLN, TURNER, SD; ROCK & NOBLES, MN; LYON, IA COUNTIES

## CHARTER RENEWAL TIME - ALMOST DONE

January was a huge success with the Troops, Teams and Crews renewing their charters. As of the article submission deadline, there are only 4 units needed to renew their charters. Way to go, thank you all that made it a smooth process. Let's set a goal for next year to have 100% of our Troops renew, and renew on-time.

Packs, you are in the thick of charter renewals right now. If your unit has not begun the process, you need to start right now. If you have questions, need help, or just stumped as to where to begin...please contact your unit commissioner or someone at the Council Service Center. We are all ready and willing to help you make this process as simple as possible.

Here are some important dates to remember:

### Packs:

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

## CUB SCOUT CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

It may still be cold out, but summer is just around the corner so be sure to start getting your boys excited about attending any or all of our Cub Scout camping opportunities this Summer. Check out <http://www.siuoxbsa.org> for all the different camps from Day Camps, Akela camps (family camp), and Webelos Camps. There are a variety of camps and you can choose which dates and locations work for you and/or your pack.

## SPRING BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

Make sure to mark your calendars for another wonderful event coming up April 30-May 2, 2010. All event information including event details and cost will be coming out soon, so be sure to attend Roundtable and check out the District webpage at <http://www.siuoxbsa.org/Districts/PrairieHills/>

## PROGRAM PLANNING

Make sure your unit is represented at the Program Planning Roundtable on Thursday, April 8, at the Center for Scouting starting at 7 PM. We will give you the tools on how to plan a quality year-round program in 2010-2011. (*Reminder: part of your Popcorn Sale Commission is based on attending this meeting.*)

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR A KLONDIKE TROPHY?

The Klondike Derby, held every January at Newton Hills Camp, is always a challenge for Scouts and volunteers, designed to test their mettle in unpredictable winter conditions. This year was especially challenging for the 240 participating adults and youth, as the bracing January morning greeted them with not only below freezing temperatures, but also 15 inches of fallen snow!

Everyone was up to the challenge this year. The day began with a skills course, testing the Scout's knowledge in first aid, orienteering and shelter building. The day concluded with an Iditarod-style race with boys pulling sleds, one as the rider, the others as the mushers.

## Klondike Derby 2010 Results

Skills Race winners: 1st Troop 152, 2nd Troop 16, 3rd Troop 150

Sled Race winners: 1st Troop 190, 2nd Troop 152, 3rd Troop 48

Overall winner: Troop 152

Special thanks to Matt Story, the Event Chairman, as well as all the volunteers who braved the snowy weather to host the skill stations and make this one exciting event!

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## FIND YOUR WAY TO SCOUT-O-RAMA

**Who?** All Prairie Hills District Scout Units  
**Where?** Center for Scouting  
**When?** Saturday, April 10, 2010  
**Theme?** Celebrating the Adventure,  
 Continuing the Journey  
**Why?** It's a chance to race your award-winning Pinewood Derby car, show off your Scouting skills, and explore the wild world of Scouting in the Prairie Hills District.

Please check our District webpage for more details on hours of operation, registration information, and booth reservations and ideas.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

After the winter, I really think it is time to start thinking spring! Which means it is time to **SPRING INTO SCOUTING!** This is a great time of the year for everyone to start recruiting new Scouts. Why recruit Scouts in the Spring? Remember *3/4 of Scouting is Outing*. That is one of the main reasons youth sign up for Scouting. And what is right around the corner...Summer Camp! So...

**Cub Scouts...** This is the time of year to start recruiting soon-to-be First Graders (*Kindergarteners*) into Cub Scouts, as well as, new Cub Scout age boys. They can go to all the Sioux Council sponsored Summer Camps and all the other Summer-time activities your Pack has planned. *Remember Scouting doesn't end just because school does!* So make sure your Pack plans a Spring recruitment beginning in late March, but no later than the first week in May.

**Boy Scouts...** It is *Transition Time!* Hopefully by now you have contacted Webelos from your area to become Boy Scouts. Maybe you are currently crossing them over. Make sure to turn those Scouts applications in as soon as you receive them, because Boy Scout tenure only starts when the Center for Scouting receive the application. Also, what about boys who were once Cub Scouts and left, new boys that have moved to the area, or boys who may now have an interest in joining Scouting. What can you do to recruit them? Peer-to-Peer is the best way, but you can also hold a Troop Open House and invite 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and older to it.

**Venturers...** Got new members in your club? Remember you need to sign them up too. Got some great events planned? Plan a *First Nighter*. We can help you plan that.

So remember when you start thinking spring... think **SPRING INTO SCOUTING!**

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### March

3 District Committee Meeting  
 4 District Commissioner Meeting  
 11 Roundtable  
 13 Scoutmaster Specifics Training  
 15 Pack Charter Renewals Due  
 20 District Dinner  
 23 Cub Leader Specifics Training  
 27 BALOO Training  
 30 District Commissioner Meeting  
 31 District Committee Meeting

### April

2 Center for Scouting Closed  
 8 Roundtable -Program Planning  
 10 Scout-O-Rama  
 22 Cub Leader Specifics Training  
 29 Sioux Falls Spring School Night  
 30-2 Boy Scout Spring Camporee

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

# BUFFALO RIDGE

SERVING LYON, MN; LINCOLN, MN; BROOKINGS; KINGSBURY; PIPESTONE, MN COUNTIES

## THANKS TO ALL

I would like to give a GREAT BIG thank you to all the individuals who have made me feel welcome over the last few weeks. I have gotten to know some individuals better than others and I only hope that our relationship will grow in the future. All of you have helped make the transition from Five Rivers to Buffalo Ridge a smooth one. To the boys: cherish your time in Scouting it will not last long, embrace the time you have especially those that have someone with them in Scouting that is close to them. To the leaders and volunteers: thank you for all that you do. Without your time, effort, help, and great attitude we would not have the great scouting program that we have. With your help we are using today to invest in tomorrow creating fine young men with leadership skills and great character.

Yours in Scouting,  
JOE



## YOUTH PROTECTION—FOR YOUR PROTECTION, MY PROTECTION, AND THEIR PROTECTION

Although youth protection is something that should be a year-round concern, the BSA designates the month of April as Youth Protection Month to remind those units and individuals who have not completed their Youth Protection Training that this is a good time to get it done. At least once a year, Packs and Troops should be showing the proper video, “A Time to Tell” (Troops) or “It Happened to Me” (Packs). In the case of the Packs, a parent MUST be present for a boy to view the video. Every adult leader should, upon registering, immediately complete the on-line Youth Protection Training, which can be easily accessed and only minutes to complete. In case you are not aware of it, any-time you are traveling with youth from your unit, you must have completed Youth Protection Training.

So if your unit is not up to date on its YP training, April is the perfect month to complete this training.

## RING IN THE NEW YEAR

No it's not the NEW year yet, but you should be planning for it at the April Roundtable, we will begin looking at the 2010-2011 Scouting year. The Sioux Council calendar will be handed out and Council and District programming will be discussed. The main part of the program will be presentations on Unit planning and budgeting. Planning is vital to the success of each Unit, the ones that don't offer suffer and are not quality units. It is no coincidence that those units generally suffer from low membership retention and sometimes no growth. Planning and budgeting is so important there is an incentive tied to it.

**To qualify for a popcorn commission bonus, a unit MUST attend the April Roundtable AND turn in a copy of the Ideal Year Calendar and Budget at the August Roundtable.** April Roundtable would definitely be the meeting your entire unit committee should be attending. Making sure everyone is on the same page is vital to giving the best program to youth possible.

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

### March

2 DCM, Elkton  
 9 Roundtable & Cmmssnr Mtg, Elkton  
 29 Cub Scout Lock-In, Marshall

### April

6 Dist Comm Meeting Elkton  
 13 Roundtable & Cmmssnr Mtg, Elkton  
 16-17 Spring Camporee/Scout O Rama

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



# EARN YOUR SCIENCE BELT LOOP AND ACADEMIC PIN!

**CUB SCOUT CAMP-IN • APRIL 23-24 • 5:30 P.M. -8:30 A.M.**

THIS CUB SCOUT CAMP-IN WILL INCLUDE FIVE WORKSHOPS, DINNER, CINEDOME MOVIE, SNACK, FREE TIME WITH THE EXHIBITS, A VISIT TO THE DISCOVERY STORE, THE BED OF NAILS DEMONSTRATION AND BREAKFAST. CAMPERS WILL COMPLETE ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCIENCE BELT LOOP AND ACADEMIC PIN.

**CAMPERS \$25 • CHAPERONES \$10 • REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB. 15TH.**



TO REGISTER CALL  
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**SIoux COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS NOW HAS A FAN PAGE ON FACEBOOK!**

With more than 350 million active users and growing, Facebook is a social media force to be reckoned with. Sioux Council Boy Scouts has tapped into this massive network to reach out to current and prospective supporters. Because so many young families are already familiar with Facebook and spend time on the site every day, having a fan page there will allow us to interact with them in a familiar, user-friendly environment. Even more importantly, because of the social nature of Facebook, users are influenced by their peers. Each time a person becomes a fan of, or comments on, our Sioux Council Boy Scouts page, all of his or her friends are informed of it. In many cases, those friends also become our fans, alerting their friends... and so on, thus driving the viral nature of this medium.

The fan page will help communicate the fun and dynamic nature of scouting. It allows interaction among scouts, leaders, staff, supporters and even prospects. Photos, schedules and upcoming events are all easily viewed. Fans can comment, leave messages, and share content with their friends. Of course, our own website, [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org) is linked to, and accessible from, our Facebook page as well.

Please help us drive traffic to our page by becoming a fan yourself and passing this email on to all your scouting families. The process is simple, click on the link below then click on "become a fan" at the top of the page! And if you want to go above and beyond... select "Suggest to Friends" from the menu on the left of the page, under the big BSA logo.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sioux-Council-Boy-Scouts/180507441549?ref=ts>

Eric Raasch

Sioux Council Marketing Committee Member

**CABELA'S CHALLENGE**

Where: Cabela's—Mitchell, SD

Who: Boy Scouts (Webelos, Troops, Crews, and Teams)

When: Sunday, May 23, 2010

There will be spaces for 48 teams. There will be a maximum of two teams per troop allowed and the teams will be three to five scouts.

**All troops must be registered by April 5, 2010** contact Kacie Zajic, Event Coordinator at Cabela's – (605)996-0337 Ext. 8593 or at [Kacie.Zajic@Cabelas.com](mailto:Kacie.Zajic@Cabelas.com)

**GPS Plotting and Compass Reading:** Troops will be given a GPS and compass to find their way. The Troop that gets to the ending destination the most direct will win a GPS for their Troop and earn 25 points.

**The Tent Raising:** All members of the Troop will be blind folded but one. The Troop that can get the tent up the fastest wins the tent along with earning 25 points

**Find the Treasure:** Using the metal detector the Troop that discovers the most treasure within a specified time period will win a metal detector along with earning 25 points.

**Map Reading:** The Troop will be given a detailed topographic map and will be given a 10 question map reading test on locating towns, historic sites, and fishing access points. Troops will earn 5 points per correct answer, total of 50 points possible.

**Accuracy Skills:** Every member of the Troop will be given a fishing rod to cast toward a ring target. The team with the highest score will earn 25 points along with a rod combo.

**Knot Tying:** All materials will be provided for your Troop to tie knots that can suspend an object. Object is secret until the day of the event. The Troop that can master this challenge on or before time allowed will earn 50 points.

**Prize List:**

- Awards will be given to the 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place Troops.
- Prizes given out for selected events.
- All Troops will receive outfitter discount the day of the event.
- All Scouts participating will receive a patch and a neck lanyard.
- All Troops taking part will be presented with a Certificate of honor for competing in the 4th annual Cabela's Outdoor Challenge.
- Each Troop will have their own designated area to set up pop-up tents, chairs, lunch and on-site parking.



**SCOUTS RESPOND TO CRY FOR RELIEF IN HAITI**

The news coming out of Haiti is very grave. So many citizens are missing or are in need of immediate care. "Our hearts and prayers go out to those suffering at this very difficult time," said BSA International Commissioner Jim Turley.

There is one small beacon of hope. World Scouting has been in contact with a member of the Scouts and Guides of France who happened to be in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, during this horrific earthquake. "This Scouter reports that our brother and sister Scouts are helping in the relief effort. No one should ever underestimate the power of Scouting! 'Be Prepared' are not just words on a piece of paper. Rather, they are a call to action," explained Turley.

Agencies trained in disaster relief are already on the ground in Haiti. Additionally, the U.S. is sending military troops and supplies to further assist rescue and relief efforts. But there are still a number of ways members of the BSA can help in Haiti. The biggest need right now is financial resources to purchase emergency supplies; later it will be to help rebuild once the emergency of the coming days has passed.

The Boy Scouts of America is rallying its troops in an effort to join the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) in assisting families devastated by recent earthquakes as many Scouts and Scouters have been looking for ways to assist in Haitian relief efforts. After communicating with officials of WOSM on current, mid-term and long term needs of the Haitian people, the BSA has decided to focus on sending new tents and new sleeping bags to assist those who have no shelter.

You can help the BSA effort by making a contribution to BSA's World Friendship Fund. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible and will help provide much needed shelter and sleeping comfort to those who have lost their homes. Donations to the World Friendship Fund can be made online or giving through your local Council. Additionally, you can support the efforts of our friends at the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter or your local Salvation Army Corps community center for more information.

Many councils and units have considered starting or have already implemented relief efforts on their own. While the effort and concern is admirable, the BSA discourages such efforts due to the complexities of shipping and distribution. The BSA is working with the WOSM to ensure shipping, necessary storage, and a smooth distribution system. Therefore, financial contributions are by far the most effective means of support at this time.

Throughout its first 100 years, the BSA has been known for coming to the aid of those who are in need. As the organization begins its second century, the need is indeed great. Fortunately, the BSA's commitment of service to others is just as strong today as it was in 1910. This is an opportunity to involve Scouts and Scouters at every level in a "good turn" that will make a significant difference in thousands of lives.

Roger Schrimp, chairman of the BSA's International Committee, adds, "At the end of the day, it does not matter how big or small an individual's contribution is. We all give what we can afford. That's what we do in Scouting. These are our friends, our fellow Scouts. They need our help. 'On my honor, I will do my best!' is a pledge that each of us has taken as a Scout."



# LEWIS & CLARK



## SCOUT CAMP

### MORE MERIT BADGES ADDED

Have you seen the Historical Merit Badges that will only be offered in 2010? These merit badges were first offered in 1910 and 1911 and retired as merit badges changed throughout the years as the interests of boys have changed. This summer, Lewis and Clark Scout Camp will be offering the Signaling and Tracking merit badges. These merit badges will count as electives for rank advancement.



Signaling



Tracking

### LEADERS, WANT TO ENJOY THE WATER?

We are starting an adult sailing program this summer at camp. Leaders will learn how to operate a sailboat and will be able to go sailing with guidance from our aquatics staff. Remember, you must be classified as a "swimmer" to use any watercraft at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp.

### STAFF NEEDED

Lewis and Clark Scout Camp is now accepting applications for staff positions for the 2010 camp season. You must be 15 years old by June 1, 2010. Print an application from our website at: [www.lcscoutcamp.org](http://www.lcscoutcamp.org).

### PERSONAL WATERCRAFT PROGRAM OFFERED AT SUMMER CAMP

Scouts attending Lewis & Clark will have a very special and exciting new "Older Scout" program to look forward to this summer. The National Council's office of Innovative Programs selected Lewis and Clark as one of five camps to offer a pilot Personal Watercraft program this summer. The other four are located on costal waters. Personal Watercraft are often referred to as Jet Skis.

Camp Director, Carla Scott, said "We are really excited to have our proposed program selected. We're going to work really hard to make this a success." To participate Scouts need to be at least 14 years of age and classified as a "Swimmer". There are some special Parental Consent Forms that need to be signed, and there are a limited number of participants each week. Look for more information about the program coming out very soon.

Larry Hintgen, a long time senior staff member, safe boating instructor and Scouting volunteer, will be the program coordinator. It is very important to note that operation of Personal Watercraft is still an activity that is prohibited, except for this specific program at Lewis & Clark. This pilot program has been established to evaluate how Personal Watercraft might be included in Scout programs in the future.



**VENTURING WINTER CAMP-OUT**

On the weekend of January 16-17, Venturing Crews in the Sioux Council got together for some winter wonderland fun at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. After the vehicles were unloaded, it was time to get started. The weather was beautiful and the snow was the perfect consistency for snowballs. There were a few that were really ready for the snow and brought all the gear needed to dig a fort. These “big” kids sure know how to have fun.



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A short meeting was held to plan supper and breakfast for the group as well as to try and figure out just why other crews within the council wouldn't want to join and have this much fun. The group just couldn't come up with any reason why, since they are just such a cool and fabulous group.

A quick trip to Walmart to buy groceries was quite the event. You should have seen all the other customers scatter when they saw such a group enter the store. Guess we were just too much fun for them. While in town, the group went to Bonanza for supper. Then it was back to the camp for movie night. We all gathered in the administrative building to watch. All those people and not one remembered to bring speakers for the computer. Since we're such a fun group, it was impossible to keep everyone quite enough to hear the movie with just the speakers from the computer so Mark sweet talked Barry into letting us borrow his speakers. Thanks Barry!!

The next morning, breakfast was made, cleanup was done and group pictures were taken. Not much sleep was had but we sure had a lot of fun. Hope to see more of you at our next outing this summer – tubing down the Niobrara River. Keep watching for more information or contact our Council Venturing President – [markretzlaff@hotmail.com](mailto:markretzlaff@hotmail.com)



Venturer's who camped at L&C on January 16-17, 2010

**HURON PARADE OF LIGHTS (TROOP 151)**

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Parade of Lights. This shows great teamwork. We won best for the Parade Theme, a Carnival Christmas, and also won the Peoples Choice Award. Way to go Troop. You should be very proud of your accomplishment.



# Cub Scout Camping



# 2010

## Day Camp - "A Century of Scouting"

Day Camp is designed for Cubs Scouts currently in kindergarten through 4th grade. It is the camp that comes to your community or at least one close by. Day Camp is created by a team of volunteers from all over the Council. It is provided by your District, by volunteers like you. Day Camp is two days of skills, games, and fun.



Please register by pack; so let your Cubmaster know that you want to attend. The cost is \$35.00 per Scout. Register by May 3<sup>rd</sup> and receive the discount price of \$30.00. One youth t-shirt is provided with the cost of camp.

See your Cubmaster for registration details or visit the Sioux Council website at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/DayCamp](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/DayCamp).

## Akela Camp - "Baden Powell's Time Machine"

This three day, two-night camp is designed for Cub Scouts and siblings currently in 1st through 4th grade and promotes quality time between parents and children.

The cost is \$45.00 per person. Register by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the registration fee is \$35.00 per person. Meals and program supplies are included. Youth t-shirts are not provided, but are available for purchase.



See your Cubmaster for registration details or visit the Sioux Council website at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/AkelaCamp](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/AkelaCamp).

## Webelos Explorer Camp

Webelos Camp is a four day, three-night experience. At Webelos Camp, Scouts get the opportunity to work on 4 out of 8 different activity pins, plus Sportsman. Most pins are completed while at camp. This is a great way to jump start your Webelos advancement. Second year Webelos often finish the few activities pins they still need. See our Webelos Camp Leader Guide for specific pins offered.

Cost is \$90.00 per youth and \$45.00 per adult. Register by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the fees are \$80.00 per youth and \$40.00 per adult. All food and program supplies are included. Registration is per youth and parent. Some Webelos come in small den groups with their Den Leader and one or more parents. Youth t-shirts are not provided, but are available for purchase.

See your Cubmaster for registration details or visit the Sioux Council website at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/WebelosCamp](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/WebelosCamp).

**View camp dates and locations at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps).  
Submit registration forms by May 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive early bird discounts.**

**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, for staff advisor, Joe Kress, or email Steven Thares, Course Director, [sthares@hotmail.com](mailto:sthares@hotmail.com) Please include NYLT in the header.

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