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## Meet Kathy Thorson, Sioux Council Treasurer...

As Council Treasurer, Kathy is responsible for reviewing financial statements and presenting feedback at monthly executive board meetings and quarterly board meetings. Kathy answers questions that arise and does research when necessary to make sure the board members are fully informed of the Council's financial condition. Kathy has also been involved in the Friends of Scouting fundraiser and other projects that arise. Kathy enjoys being a part of the Sioux Council, an organization, she says, "Not only builds character but teaches the boys of our area to be future leaders. It also touches and enriches the lives of the adults involved with the organization."



As an outsider, Kathy observes Scouting as an incredible organization, helping boys to have great experiences as youth and teaching the boys to become men with values and integrity. These are all values she has seen first hand the more involved and knowledgeable she becomes with the organization. Kathy says, "The Sioux Council Boy Scouts are fortunate to have Tom Smotherman and Bryan Knoblich as leaders influencing the direction of Scouting for our area."

Kathy has a BA in Business Administration from Augustana College and a MBA from the University of South Dakota. She also has numerous of other courses relating to management and banking. Kathy is the Market President for MetaBank in Sioux Falls. Her husband Terry, works in the insurance industry. Together they have three children, Stacy who lives in Houston, TX and Scott in Saginaw, MI both are married. Their youngest daughter, Kristin is a senior at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO.

## 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 that 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 February 28, 2011. The Silver Beaver Committee will meet in March and the Awards will be presented at the Annual Council Luncheon on April 30, 2011. You can download the Silver Beaver Nomination Form at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org).

**President's Message**

Welcome to the New Year!! During this coming year I would like to see as many units and districts as possible earn the new "Journey to Excellence" award. I am sure that most of you are aware of the changes that are occurring in what used to be called the "Quality Unit" awards. This award will now be called the "Journey to Excellence" award. I hope that each of you have had an opportunity to review the new requirements and begin your unit on that journey. Likewise we are going to be doing our best to see that the Council earns that award but much of our ability is dependent upon the units and districts in the council achieving that award.

As we begin this new 2011 calendar year I want to touch on some of the things that occurred in the past year which should enable us to deliver an even better Scouting program for the Scouts that we serve.

Popcorn sales have become such an important part of our budget. It would be virtually impossible to provide the programming staff, activities and facilities that we do were it not for that income. It appears that our popcorn sales for last year have neared the 1.5 million dollar level. That reflects a tremendous effort by many volunteers and Scouts. I truly want to thank everyone of you who participated in that effort.

In the past year we have made some significant improvements in the physical facilities which are important for delivering the Scouting program. The most noticeable improvements are those at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp where the new staff lodging building is closed in so the interior work can be finished this winter. This facility will be a boon to our staff recruitment and retention as well as a shelter in the event of storms. In addition, the home for Davey Jones/Missouri River High Adventure Base lodging and headquarters is mostly completed. An improvement that is not so noticeable, but highly important to the people who work in the Center for Scouting, is the repairs and improvements that we have made in the heating system in the Center for Scouting.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you volunteers for making this Scouting program work. We can't say that enough. Please know that you are appreciated and that the Sioux Council is here for you.

Yours in Scouting,

Art Rusch  
Council President

**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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JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

### District and Unit Facing Webinars

\*All webinars are central standard time.

Wed	1/26	11 a.m.	District
Wed	1/26	7 p.m.	Packs
Thur	1/27	9 a.m.	Crews
Thur	1/27	11 a.m.	Troops
Thur	1/27	8 p.m.	Districts
Tue	2/1	7 p.m.	Troops
Wed	2/2	10 a.m.	Packs
Wed	2/2	1 p.m.	Crews

### District and Unit link:

<http://journey-to-excellence.kintera.org/district-unit>

### 2011 Eagle Scout Banquet

The Eagle Scout Banquet will be held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 12:30 following the Council Leadership Team meeting at South Dakota Achieve in Sioux Falls. The cost for the event is \$15. There is no charge for 2010 Eagle Scouts. The registration deadline is Monday, January 24th.

Please check the Council website for details and registration materials.

South Dakota Achieve is located at 4100 S. Western Ave. Sioux Falls.



### Menu

Pork Tenderloin  
Chicken Alfredo  
Mashed potatoes  
Carrots  
Tossed Salad  
Fresh Rolls

### Recent Eagle Scouts

Bryce Allen Kampa	Troop 33	Webster, SD	Kiwanis Club of Webster
Casey Allen Moeller	Troop 361	Sioux Falls, SD	Sunnycrest United Methodist Church
Andrew Lawrence Sauer	Troop 33	Webster, SD	Kiwanis Club of Webster
Tyler James Hagen	Troop 33	Webster, SD	Kiwanis Club of Webster
Peder Kilen Ode	Troop 173	Pierre, SD	Resurrection Lutheran Church
Ryan Thomas Shaeffer	Troop 346	Sioux Falls, SD	St Michael Catholic Church
John William Merrill	Troop 46	Sioux Falls, SD	Hope Lutheran Church
Judd Aaron Wasmoen	Troop 128	Redfield, SD	Kiwanis Club of Redfield
Jacob Leroy Tebben	Troop 128	Redfield, SD	Kiwanis Club of Redfield
Brandon Steven Rasmussen	Troop 8	Watertown, SD	Grace Lutheran Church
Justis Bradaker Ostrem	Troop 134	Worthington, MN	St Matthews Lutheran Church
Corwin Daniel Ensz	Troop 361	Sioux Falls, SD	Sunnycrest United Methodist Church
Zachary Jon Bierstedt	Troop 216	Sioux Falls, SD	Peace Lutheran Church
Carl Joseph Gaspar	Troop 48	Sioux Falls, SD	Sertoma Club of Sioux Falls
Silas John Magilke	Troop 204	Watertown, SD	LDS Church
Andrew T McCann	Troop 66	Vermillion, SD	United Church of Christ
Micah Kimura Picasso	Troop 731	Sioux Falls, SD	Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Shawn Matthew Barron	Troop 229	Sioux Falls, SD	St Lambert Catholic Church
Taylor Tielke	Troop 181	Yankton, SD	First United Methodist
Chayce Dewey Lewis	Troop 353	Chester, SD	Arthur C Peterson Post
Christopher Michael Nienaber	Troop 320	Marshall, MN	Wesely United Methodist Church
Anthony Gerald Brandner	Troop 48	Sioux Falls, SD	Sertoma Club of Sioux Falls
John Robert Stassi	Troop 731	Sioux Falls, SD	Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Aaron Michael Schmidt	Troop 150	Sioux Falls, SD	East Side Lutheran Church

**Lost & Found**

If you have lost any Scouting related materials please contact the Center for Scouting. Some of the items we have is a plastic bag that has a youth shirt from Troop 60. We also have a pair of walking sticks and an air mattress. Please call the Center for Scouting to claim your belongings at 361-2697. These items will not be given out unless a brief description is described.

**Center for Scouting Closed...**

The Center for Scouting will be closed January 3rd in observance of New Year's Day. The office will also be closed for Martin Luther King Day on January 17th and also closed to honor President's Day on February 21st.

**Sioux Council Welcomes Peter Wojtowicz to the Profession Staff**

As of December 1st, Peter Wojtowicz has taken on the position of District Executive for the Buffalo Ridge district. Peter comes to us from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is a former Scout, camp staff member and volunteer. He earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Technical Theatre from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire in 2008. His main interests include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, biking, reading, working on theatre productions and playing video games. Peter says, "I love Scouting and having been a Scout, I know a lot of the great lessons and values it can teach you and I will do my part to make sure that every Scout I serve has the opportunity to experience the great things Scouting can do for them". He is greatly looking forward to working with each unit and volunteer in Buffalo Ridge to ensure that we are able to rise to every opportunity and challenge presented to us.

**BSA Training Validation**

Volunteers can verify their training status by logging into their MyScouting account. Follow these short steps:

1. Go to [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) click the **login link** or **start here** in the upper right hand corner.
2. New users must create a login. Existing users need to enter in their username/password.
3. Click the **training validation** link under the Training heading in the left hand column.
4. You can select Youth Protection training or you can look up all the training records for any unit leader. From the drop down box you can select user name or member ID. Typically you will want to use member ID, unless you are looking up someone who hasn't registered.

**Webelos Pin Workshops To-Go**

A fun and easy way for your Webelos to complete up to six of their activity pins. Each pin workshop requires 1.5 hours and will complete all requirements.

**Scientist • Engineer • Geologist  
Naturalist • Forester • Communicator**

Paige Andersen, an educator, with 6 years of Webelos workshop experience, will come to the location of your choice. Contact Paige for more information. Email [paigeandersen@yahoo.com](mailto:paigeandersen@yahoo.com) or by phone at 605-212-0400.

A complete flyer is located at [www.siouxbsa.org/NewsWebelosWorkshopsToGo](http://www.siouxbsa.org/NewsWebelosWorkshopsToGo).

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Save the date. . . Scout Night with the Stampede



**April 2, 2011 • 7:05 pm**

**Rates and more information in the next issue of Sioux Trails.**

**Or click [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org)**

**National Youth Leadership Training****June 6-11, 2011****\*Location is to be determined\***

**What Is Its Purpose?** 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.

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed six-day leadership training for Boy Scouts. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must **BE** what he must **KNOW** and what he must **DO**. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

**The Youth Training Continuum**

National Youth Leadership Training offers the skills of visualizing success, setting goals to accomplish that vision and making a plan to get there, all core to developing the leader's role. The objectives of the conference are:

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program.
- To give participants a basic knowledge of leadership, team building & conflict resolution and help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other Troops.
- To create an atmosphere of Scouting at its best living by the Scout Oath and Law.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant/candidate and his Scoutmaster
- To have fun.

**To qualify for admission to National Youth Leadership Training a candidate must:**

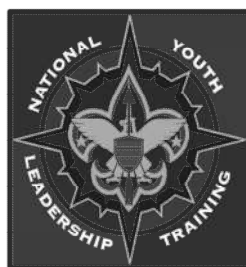
1. Be recommended by his Scoutmaster
2. Be at least 13 (14 preferred)
3. Hold at least the rank of First Class or be in Venturing
4. He/She should be proficient in their outdoor camping skills
5. Be registered in Boy Scouts or Venturing

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We are in the planning stages for the Sioux Council training. We are looking for youth and adult staff. Now is the time to help plan this exciting and fun filled program.

Please start talking with scouts and let them know about National Youth Leadership Training and what they can learn from it.



## 2011 GOLD STAR FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

### **Why is Family Friends of Scouting important and how does becoming a Gold Star Unit affect Family Friends of Scouting:**

- Family Friends of Scouting is a critical component to helping the Sioux Council provide services, training materials, recruitment materials, planning materials, camp facilities and affordable District and Council Programming. Without Family Friends of Scouting many services would not be possible.
- Units that achieve Gold Star have “helped” the District and Council achieve the necessary funds to help Scouting continue.

### **What is a Gold Star Friends of Scouting Unit and How to Qualify:**

- A Gold Star unit is a Pack, Troop or Crew that achieves its Family Friends of Scouting goal by **April 30, 2011**.
- The actual cost to support one Scout a year within the Sioux Council is nearly \$230. We ask families to consider a contribution at a fair share level of \$150.
- Unit goals are calculated by April 30, 2010 membership multiplied by \$65.00, 28% of the “actual” cost of Scouting for a year.
- **NEW:** Assign an active Unit Family Friends of Scouting Clean-up Chair to provide leadership to achieving Unit Gold Star status by April 30, 2011.
  - Part of the chairs role will be to provide follow up to families that have not contributed or were not in attendance at the presentation to achieve the unit goal.
  - This contact should be completed within 14 days of the initial presentation.

### **What do Gold Star Friends of Scouting Units Receive:**

- Free Cloth Rank Advancements
- A 10% off day at the Premier Scout Shop in June
- 10% of the “cash and pledges paid” FOS donations put in the Units’ account at the Center for Scouting to use as the Unit sees fit. This will happen twice a year in May/June and again in December.
- Gold Star recognition unit ribbon
- Recognition in the Sioux Trails



# North Star

Serving Northeastern South Dakota

## Family Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS) is a finance campaign designed to ask all of our families and alumni for monetary gifts that help keep Scouting viable in our community. It is designed to help ensure every eligible youth has the opportunity to join Scouting where he/she can learn positive values and lifelong skills. The membership fee to join Scouting is \$15 dollars a year, which goes directly to the National Council in Texas to pay for things like insurance. The fee is low because Scouting is too important to turn any youth away because of a cost to join. In reality, it costs each over \$200 to pay for each youth member in the Sioux Council. This is where the family FOS campaign comes into play. To help defer the cost so that every eligible youth can join, we ask each unit schedule a presentation from a dedicated Scouter to speak for 10 minutes at a meeting where she/he will tell their Scouting story and explain how the Boy Scouts is funded. The presentation should be at well attended meeting from both leaders and parents and happen January through March. Scouting is the best youth program in the country and it needs support from the Scouting family to keep it that way!

## Popcorn

The North Star popcorn campaign had another banner year. For the third year in a row we have grown the district sale in significant numbers. Thank you to every leader, parent and Scout who took their time and energy to sell popcorn. Popcorn gives valuable funding to Scouts and units, as well as the Sioux Council. A special Thank You goes out to Julie Block, who has given her leadership and motivation to our district and council for several popcorn campaigns. Her communication and knowledge of the campaign has proven to be a valuable asset as North Star continues to perform at such a high level.

## Polar Day

The 2011 Cub Polar Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Camp Iyatoka from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cub Scouts participate in fun winter activities including a Cardboard Classic Sled Race beginning at 11:00am. Make sure to bring sleds, warm clothing and enthusiasm. For all other information visit the NS District webpage at



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

## Charter Renewal

All charters and fees are due to the Sioux Council by January 15. Don't forget the Executive Officer and Unit Leader signatures on the front page. As a reminder, Cub Scout Packs should register all of their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Webelos in the pack charter. Any 5<sup>th</sup> grade Scouts who are dropped are not eligible to earn the Arrow of Light and also aren't covered by insurance. When the Webelos crosses over into a Troop a new application and a \$1 fee is required.

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## District Calendar

### January

2 District Boy Scout Bowling Tourney at the Village Bowl in Aberdeen  
6 District Committee Meeting  
13 Roundtable  
21-23 Boy Scout Klondike Derby

### February

3 District Committee Meeting  
10 Roundtable  
19 Cub Scout Klondike

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

(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# Pheasant

Hand, Beadle, Buffalo, Jerauld, Sandborn, 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 DISRICT". It has been my pleasure to work with all of you, some tough times but all is good for the District and kids.

2011 is a new year and the Packs will change with the recharter. As of this past Spring all units recharter by the end of January. It should not be any problem to recharter except for making sure that every adult leader has Youth Protection Training. To make it easier for everyone the training is online. Each unit leader has a DVD for youth protection, we have offered youth protection at events we had last year and we will continue to do so.

2011 will also bring us a new set of goals for Quality Unit and Quality District Awards. We have handed out the forms at our Roundtables. I hope we all can work together to help each other to reach the new goals. I would like to congratulate the following units for reaching Quality Units for 2010. Packs 75, 77, 136, 246, 340 and 796. Our Troops that made Quality Unit were 12, 72, 75, 151, and 222.

Dave K. has been working on our District Leader Banquet. It will be held at John Paul II at 1510 West Elm in Mitchell on Saturday, March 19, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per plate. In preparation for our leader dinner please get your award nomination applications to Dave March 1st. They are available for everyone at <http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/Pheasant/>. At the same time please double check to see that every leader who has earned a leader knot has received one. The perfect time to acknowledge our leaders with the knots they earned is at our leader banquet.

Last year we had a great Fire Side chat with Tom Smotherman. There were a lot of great questions, comments and ideas. We use some of the ideas for our direction in 2010 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 January 13<sup>th</sup> Roundtable.

Winter is a time when our Scouts and even some of us adults are stuck inside. Lets make it fun for all of us this time of year. Plan a camp in or popcorn/movie party. We can make our meetings fun and if the weather is good we can still go outside to have some fun. Build a snow fort, go sledding, hay rack rides, field trips or any other small activities to get the Scouts and leaders moving this time of year will work. Get out and have fun, remember that this time of year is a great time to work on earning belt loop awards. For the Boy Scouts there is a new Merit Badge, the Geocaching badge is finalized and available.

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 which 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**  
13 Roundtable  
31 Recharterers due

**February**  
6 Scout Sunday  
6 – 13 Scout week  
10 Roundtable / Fireside Chat  
14 Valentines Day  
18 -20 Camp Woodland, Huron  
21 Sledding Day

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

# Lewis & Clark Trail

Serving Charles Mix, Bonne Homme, Hutchinson, Yankton, Clay, Union Counties

## 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 financial 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 and the scouts in those units!

In addition, each unit that reaches its individual unit goal will become a Gold Star Unit for 2011. This means that the unit will receive 10% of the amount raised and paid, back into their unit account at the Council office; 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.



Many thanks to all those scout parents, who continue to ensure that their children are being exposed to the best youth program out there. Thanks to the den leaders, committee members, unit leaders and other unit volunteers that ensure those youth learn about being self-sufficient citizens and well-rounded individuals. Thanks to

everyone who was involved in any district event or Council camp.

Lewis & Clark Trail District achieved its Friends of Scouting goal and achieved membership growth in 2010! This means that we can continue to provide support to our units and scouts; in addition, this means more youth were involved in scouting in 2010 than in 2009!

Let's continue the good work! Let's ensure that our next century starts out right and continue to provide valuable, fun program to the youth in our district.

## Klondike Derby

It's time once again to venture onto the Alaskan Tundra...beware of hidden dangers and challenges! Klondike Derby is scheduled for February 26, 2011. Details are being finalized, so watch the district webpage and attend monthly roundtable to get the latest information!

## District Award Nominations

Don't forget that District Award nominations are due by January 14<sup>th</sup>! We want to make sure that those volunteers who are out making a difference receive the recognition they deserve.

The nomination form can be found on the district webpage.

## Thank You

It's hard to imagine another year has come and gone. As we say goodbye to our centennial year, we have only more excitement awaiting us. We embark into our second century this month, and I must emphasize that this would not be possible without the many volunteers out there making the program happen!

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## District Calendar

### January

13 District Committee Meeting

13 Roundtable

### February

5 District Recognition Dinner

10 District Committee Meeting

10 Roundtable

26 Klondike Derby

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

# Five Rivers

Serving Central South Dakota from Mission to Eureka

## District Awards Nominations

Do you have a great volunteer that has gone above and beyond the call of duty? Do you have a parent that goes the extra mile for the unit?



Make sure to nominate them for a 2011 District Award. Nominations for the District Awards will be due January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Let us do what we can to recognize those who work so hard to bring scouting to our communities!

## Cub Hibernation

The annual Hibernation will be super this year. We will be hosting it at the Pierre YMCA on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The theme is Super Heroes. Muddy River Hobbies will be demonstrating a number of interesting remote control toys. Kayaking, free swim, and other fun games and activities will be available as well; and of course there will be pizza and a super hero movie. The cost is \$15 for Scouts, and \$5 for adults.



## Recharter Season

It is about that time of the year for all the units out there to begin the recharter process. It is important to remember, as we draw closer to the deadline in January, that all direct contact leaders must be Youth Protection trained by then. Any leader who is not trained cannot be signed back on to a charter. This is critical to the success of each unit. If you have any issues regarding this, contact Ben Schaap or Jerry Lundborg.

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## District Calendar

### January

7	Cub Hibernation – Pierre YMCA
10	Roundtable
12	District Committee Meeting
13	Roundtable
14	Charter Renewals Due
21	Klondike Derby - Pierre

### February

7	Roundtable
9	District Committee Meeting
10	Roundtable

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

### **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 that have already taken place and are coming up:

#### **Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews and Posts:**

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 14	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*)
3. REMINDER: Youth Protection Trainings is now required for registered leaders and if leaders are not Youth Protection Trained, the unit will not be able to recharter.

As a note to, Cub Scout Pack's SHOULD recharter their Webelos. If they are not rechartered with the Pack, they will all drop from Scouting which means those boys will not be able to earn their Arrow of Light Award. In addition, if they are not rechartered, it will negatively affect your Pack's retention which is now part of the New Journey to Excellence Award Criteria.

### **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. However, it takes Packs and Troops working together to make this happen for every Scout. When Packs and Troops work together to create 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.

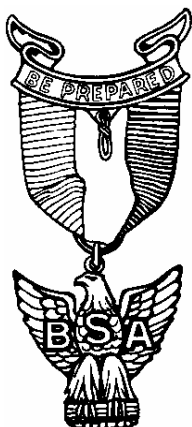
#### **Troops:**

- 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.
- 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.

SIOUX COUNCIL

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**PAUL CHRISTEN • GARY OLSON • FRANK FARRAR  
DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

This is the 2010-2011 edition of the Eagle Scout scholarship application. A new application will be prepared and distributed after May 2011.

Applications will only be considered if received by 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2011. The application must be addressed to: the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee, Sioux Council Center for Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, 800 N. West Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

The Eagle Scout applicant must complete this application personally.

Grants of at least \$500 (one-time grant, nonrenewable) are made available by the Sioux Distinguished Council Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund through gifts by individuals, foundations, and corporations.

The applicant must:

1. Be currently registered in the Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America.
2. Have been granted the Eagle Scout Award. Applicants must ensure that they have been certified by the National Office as an Eagle Scout prior to submission of the application. Attach a copy of the Eagle project if desired.
3. Be a graduating high school senior and an entering post-secondary school freshman in the year he is applying for a scholarship. Example: 2011 grants are awarded only to high school seniors graduating in 2011 and entering a post-secondary school in the fall of 2011. Any requests for exceptions (e.g., military training) must be submitted in writing with the applications.
4. Submit photocopy of SAT score and/or ACT score. (Applicants must have taken the SAT or ACT in time to submit the results with this application. Scores may be secondary to Scouting/community involvement in the selection process.)
5. Have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting.
6. Possess some financial need (secondary to achievement in the selection process).
7. Have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who knows the applicant personally.
8. Attach a brief statement of 50 to 100 words entitled, *"What receiving this Eagle Scout Scholarship would mean to me."*

# Prairie Hills

Serving Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner, SD; Rock & Nobles, MN; Lyon, IA Counties

## New Unit Welcome

The Prairie Hills Team would like to welcome all of the new units that registered in 2010. We would also like to thank all the new unit leaders, committee members, and chartered organizations for taking the time to bring Scouting to the young people of your area. If the Prairie Hills Team can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact us at the Center for Scouting.

Pack 71 • Pack 755 • Troop 755

## Boy Scout Klondike Derby

A big Prairie Hills thank you to Greg Marko and his leaders of Troop 171 Harrisburg for hosting this year's Klondike Derby. This year's Klondike Derby is going to test the skill levels of all participating Scouts. The date has been set for Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Newton Hills Scout Camp. Check in time is 8:00 AM. Registration this year will be \$8.00 for adult and youth if received by December 27, 2010. There will be an additional \$10.00 late fee if registration is received after December 27<sup>th</sup>. Tour permits will need to be submitted to the Scout Office one week prior to the event for approval and to provide staff with the best unit contact information in case of inclement weather. **A unit roster and tour permit will be required at check in.** For more information please contact: Greg Marko at (605) 212-5021 or [gregjulie@marko.ws](mailto:gregjulie@marko.ws) and John Geyer at (605) 323-0740 or [john.geyer@scouting.org](mailto:john.geyer@scouting.org).

## Scout-O-Rama

Scout-O-Rama is an exciting, fun filled event showcasing the district's Cub Scout, Boy Scouts, Venturing Crews, and Exploring Posts units to share with the area the many skills and activities they do. This year's theme will be "Scouting, The Next Generation." The date for this year's event has tentatively been set for April 9, 2011. More details and booth registration will be available soon on the Prairie Hills District page, on the Sioux Council website, and at Roundtables.

## Polar Day

Are your Cub Scouts getting tired of being cooped up all winter yet? Well they will be by the middle of February. Luckily we have the solution for those winter time blues. How about a great Polar Day Camp. February 25<sup>th</sup> is Prairie Hill's annual Polar Day Camp. This half day event will include Hot Chocolate and all kinds of fun events for Cub Scouts to enjoy the winter. Check the Sioux Council website for more details and be sure to register early for this great winter event.

## Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is our annual fundraising campaign for the Sioux Council. We ask local scouting families, volunteers, and businesses to make a pledge to help support Scouting throughout the whole of the Sioux Council. The support we receive from Friends of Scouting allows us to operate four council camping facilities, the council service center, basic training for leaders at no cost, and helps keep activity prices low. If your unit hasn't scheduled its annual Friends of Scouting Presentation please contact Stacey Kracht by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Unit Rechartering

We are well on our way to completing the Unit Recharter Process for the 2011 year. Thank you to all of our units who have completed their re-charters work already. If you have not yet completed your units recharter please remember they must be completed by January 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered on time, which is one of the requirements for Journey to Excellence. If you need any help at all we will gladly have a commissioner walk you through the process just give your Unit Commissioner or Vern Meyers, District Commissioner a call at (605) 221-4288.

# Prairie Hills

Serving Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner, SD; Rock & Nobles, MN; Lyon, IA Counties

## From the Prairie Hills District Executives

We would like to thank every one of our unit leaders for fulfilling the promise of Scouting to all the youth in their units. Without your constant help, care, and passion scouting would be able live up to its Aim and Mission. Thank you for everything you do. Although this opportunity is sometimes thankless, we want you to know we care. We want you to help us keep those excellent leaders in the forefront of everyone's eyes. Please take some time in the next couple of days to fill out a nomination sheet for Unit Leader Award of Merit, Cub Scouter of the Year, Boy Scouter of the Year, and the District Award of Merit. Every year we give out five District Awards of Merit, the highest honor we can bestow as a District please nominate those around you who are really helping scouting to reach new youth everyday.

## District Dinner

Join us in recognizing those Unit and District volunteers who have gone above and beyond exceptional service to Scouting in 2010. The dinner will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> at Central Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. Gathering will be from 6:00 PM with the program kicking off at 7:00 PM. We encourage a representative from every unit to attend and be recognized for their outstanding achievements in Scouting in 2010. Please check the Sioux Council website for more details.

### Awards to be Presented

- Centennial Quality Unit Awards
- Unit Leader of Merit
- Extra Miler Awards
- 2010 ... of the Year Awards
  - Rookie (Cub & Boy Scout)
  - Scouter (Cub & Boy Scout)
  - Commissioner
  - District Committee Member
  - District Awards of Merit

## Contacts

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## District Calendar

### January

- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 6 District Commissioner Meeting
- 13 District Roundtable
- 15 Recharter Deadline
- 15 District Klondike Derby
- 22 Cub Leader Specifics
- 22 Scoutmaster Specifics
- 29 Eagle Banquet

### February

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 3 District Commissioner Meeting
- 6 Scout Sunday
- 10 District Roundtable
- 12 Scout Sabbath
- 26 Polar Day Camp

<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

## Charter Renewal and Youth Protection

All units in Buffalo Ridge **MUST** have their Charter Renewal turned in by **January 14th**. Every unit is responsible for updating their rosters and paying the annual fees to continue in Scouting. It is essential that all units turn their charter in on time. In addition, Youth Protection Training is required by all registered leaders. Each leader who is on your Charter must be trained in order for them to be a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America and will not be eligible to recharter if this process is incomplete. Please make sure to get your forms turned in as soon as possible.



## Klondike Derby—Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

“I used to walk 10 miles in the snow... Uphill! Both ways!” That could be the motto for the Buffalo Ridge District when it comes to Klondike Derby. Wind and cold have never postponed or cancelled our annual event and we don’t expect things to be any different on February 19<sup>th</sup>. As this article goes to press, we have all that it takes to make a classic event – snow and cold! Adding to that will be great Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs, the traditional sled race and plenty of hot food and beverages to “take the edge off” the arctic blast. Registration materials should already be in the unit leaders hands 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.

## 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!

## Ice Fishing Derby, January 15th

Get those tip-ups and jigging poles ready! Dust off and start up your ice auger! It’s almost time for the annual Ice Fishing Derby. This is a great experience for you and your boys so don’t let them miss it! Troops, if you don’t have your packets yet contact Steve Thares right away!

## Friends of Scouting

The Buffalo Ridge District Committee kicked off the 2011 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. It is very important that we show support for the Sioux Council so the Sioux Council can help us keep Scouting strong in Buffalo Ridge District.

### Contacts

**District Chair:** Kristi Lewis

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**District Commissioner:** John Kindseth

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**District Executive:** Peter Wojtowicz

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Peter.wojtowicz@scouting.org

### District Calendar

#### January

- 4 DCM
- 8 OA Winter Banquet
- 11 Roundtable/Cmssnr Mtg
- 14 All Charter Renewals Due
- 15 Ice Fishing Derby, Camp Shetek
- 29 Eagle Banquet

#### February

- 1 DCM, Community Center
- 6 Scout Sunday
- 6-12 Scout Week
- 8 Roundtable, Cmssnr Mtg
- 17 Elkton Community Center Benefit Dinner
- 19 Klondike Derby

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



## Setting Contact Information

### Contact People are the Glue!

Recruiting campaigns depend on personal contact for success. It's important to not only **make** the contact but to also **follow up** on all your leads. Contact people are the glue to keep the campaign cohesive and efficient so PLEASE update your information by January 14, 2011.

Units that do not update their information will be changed automatically to the unit leader with their home phone number listed.

### The Contacts for BeAScout

In BeAScout, units will be notified when a parent makes contact with a unit, so please list your email address and check it regularly.

### Pin Management and Unit Contacts

A unit leader can set contact information using Pin Management (available from MyScouting > BeAScout link). Initially the Pin Management screen can be accessed by the:

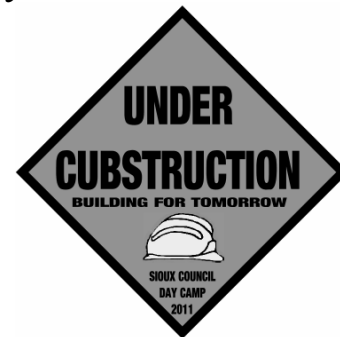
- top unit leader
- unit committee chairperson
- chartered organization representative

These leaders can change the pin from council information to (unit) contact person mode and designate unit leaders to be contacts -- one *primary* and two *alternate* contacts (either themselves or other registered leaders of that unit). These primary and alternate contacts will also have access to Pin Management, and they will receive e-mails from leads, so please check your e-mail.

Again PLEASE update your contact information by January 14, 2011 to ensure all contact info is correct!

## 2011 Day Camp: Construction

Get ready for two days of fun with Cub Scout Day Camp! Designed for Cub Scouts currently in Kindergarten through 4th Grade, Scouts get the chance to experience fun with a purpose. All Scouts should bring a sack lunch. Kindergarten boys are required to bring a parent/guardian.



*Carrying a hammer in Cub Scouting we learn to build character.*

### Dates:

June 3-4	Huron
June 3-4	Pierre
June 3-4	Yankton (L&C Scout Camp)
June 10-11	Mobridge
June 10-11	Mitchell (Camp Arroya)
June 13-14	Watertown
June 17-18	Sioux Falls
June 17-18	Armour
June 25-26	Brookings
July 8-9	Brandon
July 8-9	Marshall
July 8-9	Vermillion
July 11-12	Aberdeen
July 15-16	Worthington
July 22-23	Winner
July 23	Sioux Falls (full one day Test Pilot Camp)

### Camp Fee:

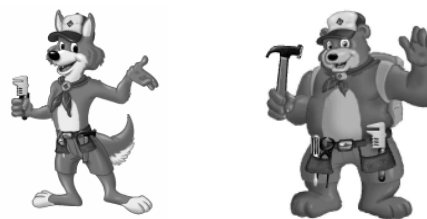
\$30/participant if registered by May 2nd.

*\*Fee includes a youth t-shirt.*

\$35/participant after May 2nd.

*\*T-shirt not included after May 2nd. Cost of t-shirt is \$10.*

**Day Camp registration takes place through your Cub Scout Pack. Visit with your Cubmaster for details.**



For additional camp details and updates go to <http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/DayCamp>

## 2011 Akela Camp—Cubs of the Caribbean

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. All food is prepared and provided.

### Dates:

June 10-12	L&C Scout Camp
June 17-19	Camp Shetek
June 24-26	Newton Hills
July 8-10	Pierre/Ft. Pierre
July 15-17	Camp Arroya (Mitchell)
July 15-17	Richmond Youth Camp

### Camp Schedule

Start time is 6:00 pm on opening day.

End time is 11:00 am on closing day.

### Camp Fee:

\$35 per youth & adult if registered by May 2nd.

\$45 per youth & adult after May 2nd.

*T-shirt is available for a purchase of \$10.*



For additional camp details and updates go to <http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/AkelaCamp/>

# 2011 Boy Scout & Cub Scout Events



## Webelos Weekend at the Pavilion

**January 28-29, 2011**  
**Friday 5pm - 8pm**  
**Saturday 9am - 4pm**

Weekend event designed for Webelos to earn their Showman, Science and Artist Activity badges through three workshops.

Participants will also have free time in the Kirby Science Discovery Center and need to bring a sack lunch. One chaperone will be required for every five participants.

**Participant fee: \$45.00**  
**Chaperone fee: \$5.00**

Registration will begin on December 1, 2010.



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## Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge Camp-In

**February 4-5, 2011**  
**Friday 5pm - Saturday 8am**

An overnight camp-in designed for Boy Scouts to earn their Geology merit badge.

This activity will include workshops designed to complete the Geology merit badge, dinner, CineDome movie, free time in the Kirby Science Discovery Center and breakfast. One chaperone will be required for every five participants.

**Participant fee: \$30.00**  
**Chaperone fee: \$15.00**

Registration will begin on December 15, 2010.



## Cub Scout "Belt Loop Mania" Camp-In

**March 4-5, 2011 OR**  
**April 29-30, 2011**  
**Friday 5pm - Saturday 8am**

An overnight camp-in designed for Cub Scouts to earn their Astronomy, Geology, Science and Wildlife Conservation belt loops.

The activity will include workshops designed to complete four belt loops, dinner, CineDome movie, free time in the Kirby Science Discovery Center and breakfast. One chaperone will be required for every five participants.

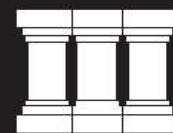
**Participant fee: \$25.00**  
**Chaperone fee: \$15.00**

Registration for the March event will begin on January 3, 2011.

Registration for the April event will begin on February 1, 2011.

**To register call the Washington Pavilion box office at 605 | 367 | 6000.**

**For more information contact Janelle Whitlock at 605 | 367 | 7397 ext. 2372.**



**WASHINGTON  
 PAVILION**

## WEBELOS CAMP DATES

July 6-9

July 31-August 3

August 3-6



# LEWIS & CLARK



## SCOUT CAMP

### **Construction Updates**

The MRHAB staff housing and headquarters buildings are in place on their foundations. We were required to do some of the finish work inside such as paint and hook up the water and electricity. Those things have been done in one of the units and we are working on the other. The Garage portion has been started. The walls are up and the roof is finished. In the next couple weeks they'll put the siding on and install the doors. The whole facility will be complete and operational by the end of January.

The Staff housing project has been on hold temporarily due to the finishing of the MRHAB buildings. The outside is completely done with the exception of the decks on either side. We have started the electrical work on the inside. The next step will be insulation and drywall. Contact Chuck Mackey at [clmackey@vyn.midco.net](mailto:clmackey@vyn.midco.net) to get involved. This project will be complete by the time the staff arrives to set up camp.

### **Leaders Guides**

Scoutmasters should have received your L&C Leaders' Guide either at Roundtable or by mail. If you have not, please contact the Center for Scouting as soon as possible. We will get one out to you quickly.

### **Camp Meetings - Payment Deadline**

Once you have received your Leaders' Guide, you should schedule a parents meeting for your Troop. Parents will need to know the cost and other details about your summer camp plans. Remember that the half payment is due to the Sioux Council on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Make sure the parents know that they need to commit to camp before March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If a youth / parent can not decide if they are going to camp or not, turn in the money and registration for those that do commit,

by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Only make the non-committed Scouts pay the regular cost, not your whole Troop. Transferring Webelos and new scouts will get the early bird discount automatically.

### **Work at Lewis & Clark**

Spend your summer on the bluffs of the Missouri River. Work at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. Employment opportunities are available for any youth (male or female) 15 years and older.

The new staff housing, with air conditioning, will be complete and ready for you and your buddies to move in. No more down pours and hail storms beating down your tent.

Staff enjoy plenty of food, new friends, experiences you will remember the rest of your life, leadership skills enhanced and great fun. Staff can also work on Merit Badges while they are here.

If interested contact Carla Scott at (605) 489-2449 or at [pcscott@svtv.com](mailto:pcscott@svtv.com). You may also get an application at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisAndClark/Resources](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisAndClark/Resources). Return applications to the Sioux Council Center for Scouting at 800 N. West Ave., Sioux Falls, SD, 57104

## Popcorn Delivers..... Quality Program



Thank you to all units that participated in the 2010 Popcorn Sale. The Popcorn Sale is the largest fundraising opportunity for a unit to fund its entire yearly program for youth.

### Winner of the Disney World Drawing

Congratulations to Cody Soderquist of Pack 60 in Canton, SD. Cody earned a Trail's End College Scholarship and won the family trip for 4 to Disney World in Orlando, FL. Every Scout who sold over \$2,500 in gross sales this fall were eligible for the Trails End Scholarship program and were entered into a drawing for the trip to Walt Disney World. Every additional \$250 a Scout sold over the \$2,500 earned them an additional entry in the drawing. There were 166 entries in the drawing. Forty Scouts throughout the council earned these entries and more importantly, money for higher education.

### Top Sellers in the Sioux Council

Congratulations to Jon Block of Troop 209 in Watertown, SD. Jon is the 2010 top popcorn salesman in the Sioux Council. Anthony Newman from Troop 188 in Aberdeen, SD is the 2<sup>nd</sup> top seller. These two are not only the top two salesmen in the Sioux Council, but they are also "Myth Busters". There is a myth that once a Cub Scout becomes a Boy Scout it is very difficult for them to sell popcorn. They lose their cute factor. In fact, the top 4 Council sellers are Boy Scouts and they have clearly proven that this myth is BUSTED!

The Top Seller will get to choose from a Sony Play Station 3 plus one E rated game or \$400 gift card from ScoutStuff, Walmart or Amazon.com. And the 2nd Top Seller will choose from an Apple 32GB iPod Touch or a \$300 gift card from ScoutStuff, Walmart or Amazon.com.

Council Top Sellers	Total Sales	Unit and District
1. Jon Block	\$9,434.85	Troop 209, Watertown, North Star
2. Anthony Newman	\$7,159	Troop 188, Aberdeen, North Star

### District Top Sellers

Congratulations to the following 6 Scouts who earned the Top Seller awards for their district. Each Top Seller could choose from a Garmin-eTrex Portable GPS or \$150 Gift card from ScoutStuff, Walmart or Amazon.com.

District	Top Seller	Total Sales	Unit
Buffalo Ridge District	Nicholas Ward	\$7,007	Troop 1, Brookings
Five Rivers District	Ledger Hannon	\$3,082	Pack 60, Selby
Lewis & Clark Trails	John Balleweg	\$4,069	Pack 165, Vermillion
North Star	Trevor Rau	\$5,087	Troop 188, Aberdeen
Pheasant	Dylan Ernster	\$4,154	Pack 55, Huron
Prairie Hills	Cody Soderquist	\$4,081	Pack 60, Canton

## ***2011 Year Round Cub Scout Recruitment Guide***

*It is the vision of the Sioux Council Membership Committee, composed of District Membership Chairs from all 6 districts to grow the Scouting program through Year-Round Recruitment opportunities supported by Strong, Visible Unit Level Public Awareness.*

### Sioux Council Membership Committee Members

- Sioux Council Committee Chair: Roger Hoyme, Vice President of Membership
- Lewis and Clark Trail District: Sandy Schloss, District Membership Chair
- North Star District: Sherry Decorsey-Nelson, District Membership Chair
- Five Rivers District: Gini Grannes, District Membership Chair
- Pheasant District: Debora Brady, District Membership Chair
- Prairie Hills District: Wanda Heisel, District Membership Chair
- Buffalo Ridge District: Vacant

### **Unit Recruitment Incentive**

As an incentive to help packs, parents, and Cub Scouts with your 2011 recruitment efforts, the Sioux Council Membership Committee is once again offering an incentive in which every boy (not just the new boys) can receive a free pinewood derby kit from the Council. For a Cub Scout Pack to qualify for this special incentive, the pack must:

1. Have an increase in total youth membership by the end of October 2011 vs. December 31, 2010.
2. Have an active and engaged Unit Membership Chair who will coordinate the pack's recruitment and public awareness efforts
3. Cub Scout Pack's recharter their active 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos.
4. Conduct a minimum of 4 recruitment events throughout the year, of which at least 2 are fall recruitments in which boys are "invited" to join your Pack.
5. Attend the district fall recruitment training seminar and develop / implement a strong public communication plan in support of fall recruitment by utilizing posters, yard signs, radio, newspaper, recruitment fliers etc.
6. Turn in a Membership Inventory Roster in the month of October to compare Pack rosters to Council rosters. (youth involved & not involved, by October 31, 2010)
7. Conduct a minimum of 5 Public Awareness Functions by Oct. 31, 2011 to increase visibility of Scouts and the Scouting Program.

It is our hope that this incentive will help your pack leadership get your current Cub Scout parents and current youth more involved in the recruitment process and well on its way to achieve the Journey to Excellence Gold Level. The cost of the pinewood derby kits will be covered by the Sioux Council.

### **Membership Growth #1**

- There are a couple of things to remember as your unit strives for membership growth. First, your membership will go down at recharter time because boys have left the program. Second, your membership will go down when boys crossover into Boy Scouts.

**Dec. 2010 Membership: Unit Specific**

**Oct. 2011 Membership Needed: Unit Specific**

### **"WORDS TO LIVE BY" Unit Membership Chair Info #2:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **Recharter Your Active 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos #3**

- With Pack rechartering taking place in January, it will be extremely important for Cub Scout Packs to recharter their active 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos. If those boys are not rechartered with the Pack then they will not be able to earn their Arrow of Light Award because they are not registered with Scouting.

**Recharter Your Active 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos #3 (continued)**

- It is also important to know that Webelos that cross over into Boy Scouting do not negatively affect your Pack's retention. In fact, the only way it will hurt your retention (decrease it) is if those boys are NOT rechartered with the Pack, which in turn will affect your Pack's Journey to Excellence Recognition.

**Conduct Recruitments #4**

- Don't forget to invite boys to join your pack on a year round basis. While the incentive is to conduct at least 4 recruitments with at least 2 in the fall; giving boys a year round opportunity to join the program gives them and their parents the understanding that if they missed an opportunity because of another function, that is ok.
- Note that Spring Recruitment has proven to be successful and most units that achieve membership growth do conduct spring recruitments (March / April).
- Whether your unit invites new boys to a fun pack activity already planned, conducts a separate recruitment event or offers the flexibility to families to stop by a location between certain hours to sign up for scouting, the key truly is the opportunity to join.
- Here are some things that can be done to invite and promote recruitments taking place...
  - School Recruitment Fliers & Save the Date Fliers in take home folders
  - School Boy Talks
  - Recess Rally
  - ADDITIONAL SAMPLE IDEAS TO BE PROVIDED

**Fall Recruitment #5**

- While it has been proven that boys will and do join on a year round basis, a number of them do join in the fall as activities start ramping up.
- Attending the fall recruitment training seminars will help your unit to develop and prepare for a strong public awareness plan in support of your fall recruitment efforts. While a lot of these materials are used heavily in the fall, they can be used in the spring as well.

**Pack Roster in October #6**

- Every year over 100 youth are accidentally dropped from charters, register for summer camp, sell popcorn or advance in scouting but none of them are currently registered. By turning in a copy of your pack roster, it allows unit rosters to be compared to the council roster. This way every boy can be registered and protected.

**Unit Public Awareness and Visibility #7**

- Increasing visibility and awareness of scouting has proven to be an essential piece of growing the scouting program. In fact, packs throughout the Sioux Council that have done extremely well in membership growth have stated that one of the primary reasons for their success is their strong visibility in the community. The packs state that they are in the public's eye every chance they get which in turn has helped them to become the "best show in town".
- In order for parents and boys to want to join their program, they have to know that Scouting exists in their community. Here are some sample ideas....
  - School Open House
  - State or County Fair Booths
  - Parades
  - ADDITIONAL SAMPLE IDEAS TO BE PROVIDED

**Additional Keys to Membership Growth Success:**

- One of the greatest ways to ensure membership growth is keeping the current scouts and delivering the promise of a quality program by a trained leader. This is retention.
- Now, how is retention determined? This is based on the number of boys that are registered with your pack at the end of the year and rechartered with your pack. For example, if your Pack ended the year with 50 boys and of those, 40 returned (rechartered), your pack's retention is 80%.
- If boys drop out of scouting, determine why and develop a way to bring them back.
- The best way to deliver on the promise and retain boys is to have a leader recruited and trained before the first meeting so they know what they are doing. Volunteer leadership should be recruited in the spring with commitments for the fall. This gives them time to be trained before they meet with the boys.
  - Can we receive your commitment to have your leaders trained before they meet with boys for the first time?

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