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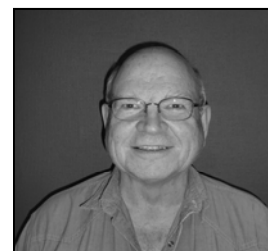
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Participating Agency

## Meet Vern Myers, Prairie Hills District Commissioner

As a District Commissioner, Vern's scouting involvement includes working with the District Chair and District Executive to oversee the workings and goals of the district, to ensure that all units receive regular helpful service from a Commissioner and to oversee and guide the Roundtable Committee. Other duties include represent Prairie Hills on the Council Commissioner Cabinet (CLT), report unit health to District Committee and to see that all Commissioners are trained, help with recruitment nights and is a Friends of Scouting presenter. Vern also volunteers as an Assistant Camp Commissioner at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp every year. Vern is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and has helped youth and adults through their Ordeal as an Elangomat (friend) around 25 times.



Vern is a high school graduate and has completed five years of electronics in VoTech and Trade School as well as two years Programming and one year of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

Vern has worked at John Morrell & Co. for 51 years and spent 40 of those years as an electrician. Vern's wife, Kay, was very active in the old Central District on the Unit level as a Unit Commissioner. They have five boys that were Life Scouts. Vern said, "I didn't push them to be Eagle Scouts because that should be earned by the boy, not the parent." His sons speak well of Scouting and how it has helped them in the Military, with their jobs and in life. Looking back they now wish they had received Eagle rank.

Vern started Scouting as an adult when his oldest boy crossed over to Boy Scouts. Vern volunteered as Cubmaster, Assistant Webelos Leader, Committee Chair, Troop Commissioner, Committee Chair and as a Scoutmaster for about 10 years. He served as Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner and Dean of Commissioners College. He is a member of the OA and a Woodbadger. Vern's favorite Scouting quote is "Keep OUTING in ScOUTING!"

Vern said it was hard to leave the unit level and become a Commissioner. Although he is glad he did because it gave him a better sense of how the whole Scouting Program works and what is involved ensuring that our youth get a good quality program. The enjoyment of serving the youth is still there because I know that the District and Council are there to help the Leaders and Units succeed.

Vern's hobbies include: camping, fishing, wildlife, active in church, the Knights of Columbus, and an American Legion member.

**Scout Law**

**A Scout is trustworthy.** A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

**A Scout is loyal.** A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

**A Scout is helpful.** A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

**A Scout is friendly.** A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

**A Scout is courteous.** A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

**A Scout is kind.** A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

**A Scout is obedient.** A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

**A Scout is cheerful.** A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

**A Scout is thrifty.** A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

**A Scout is brave.** A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

**A Scout is clean.** A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

**A Scout is reverent.** A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.



Scout, Jeremiah Hinrichs, shows a Tiger Cub the proper way to wear his scarf.

### 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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**Sioux Trails Popcorn**

The 2011 popcorn sale begins on September 30th and ends on October 27th. This year's sale has a few new elements that will be exciting to Scouts and also has the potential to offer more funding to each unit. As a preview to this year's sale, Sioux Council wants to point out a few important elements before the popcorn training in August. First, if your unit attends the Program Planning Roundtable, please be sure to bring your calendar and budget to the popcorn training in order to receive the 3% commission bonus. In addition, each unit can earn another 2% bonus by bringing two people to the membership and popcorn kickoffs in August. Check your Sioux Council calendar for dates, times and locations in your district.



For those of you wondering, Kettle Corn is again in the popcorn line-up. New this year is an additional 1% bonus commission if your unit sells \$1 over last year's popcorn sale. This extra percentage was added as a reward for those units with an increased popcorn sale so that it can offer the best program to each Scout. There are many more additional features to this year's sale, so be sure to attend your August kickoff and send your Scouting program into new heights!

An exciting update from the 2010 popcorn sale is that 40 Scouts in Sioux Council earned a scholarship for selling \$2,500 worth of product. That represents an increase of 20 Scouts over 2009. The emphasis on education has proved to be a great success in changing the lives of kids. Once again in 2011 Sioux Council will be offering one family a trip to Walt Disney World. Those eligible for the drawing are Scouts who sell \$2,500 worth of product. Each additional \$250 over the \$2,500 earns another name into the drawing. Where else will a Scout have a 1 in 50% chance or greater at a free Walt Disney World trip all while earning a scholarship that will impact his or her life? The answer is the 2011 Sioux Council popcorn sale.

**Internet Advancement Enhancements**

Internet Advancement, the online service for units submitting youth member advancement, has been enhanced with important new features. Among these are the following:

- Youth Protection Training (YPT) completed date – The last YPT completed date from the person record, if any, is displayed on the Unit Roster report. The course code is included based on the unit program type.
- View Previous Advancement Reports – This new feature provides access to the List of Reports Submitted for the unit. No longer will a unit have only one opportunity to get the advancement report online or be required to contact the council to obtain a prior report that was submitted.
- Academic and Sports Belt Loops – Cub Scout packs may enter and submit the dates on which Belt Loops have been earned by pack members. This feature is available by Multiple Person Entry and individual entry.
- Tiger Cub rank – Cub Scout packs may enter completion of the Tiger Cub rank for members who earned the award as a Tiger Cub but did not have it entered in their records.

### Journey to Excellence Service Hours

You can now enter your service hours at [www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence](http://www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence). Look for the “Service Project” area of the screen. There you can find the link to log your hours, information for first time users, ideas and tips for a successful service project, and sample reports that can be pulled by your council administrator. To enter your service hours click on “service hours website.” Choose “New User Click Here” or enter in your existing username and password. Users can still use [www.goodturnforamerica](http://www.goodturnforamerica) and they will be redirected to the new data collection site. Volunteers, if you have any questions, please contact the national service desk at 972-580-2330. Please remember to update your districts, troops, packs and crews about the new site.

Volunteers with a MyScouting account can also reach the Journey to Excellence service hour website by clicking on the Journey to Excellence Information link on the left side of the screen in the “Council Tools” section. Once they click on the link they will be directed to [www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence](http://www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence) and can follow the same procedures as listed above.

### What Journey to Excellence Brings to Your Unit

1. A framework for **planning** the year.
  - The Journey to Excellence standards are based on what successful units do to continually improve.
  - If your unit plans to achieve gold or silver Journey to Excellence, you’ll have a strong and active program.
2. A method for **evaluating** your unit.
  - Journey to Excellence provides tangible measurements based on things you are likely already tracking, such as how many campouts you have, how many youth are advancing, etc., and uses simple ways to calculate your performance.
3. **Guidance** in areas where you might do better.
  - As you track your performance against the Journey to Excellence standards, you can easily see where you could do better.
4. Specific **guidelines and standards** of what is considered good performance.
  - Journey to Excellence has specific, simple measures to help you. You can easily compare what you are doing against the standards.
5. **Early warning** of potential problem areas.
  - You track any areas where your unit is not performing as you might like and have plenty of time to make corrections.
6. **Recognition** for good Scouting.
  - You can proudly receive your bronze, silver, or gold recognition for your Scouting unit for the year.
7. **Benchmarking** to get ideas and tips from other good units.
  - You can receive help and best practices in areas where other units have met the gold standard.
  - In the areas where you are doing well, you can give help and ideas to other units

Log on to <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx> for all the Journey to Excellence information.



## Congratulations Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.



It is with great excitement that the Silver Beaver Selection Committee announces this year's Silver Beaver Recipients. The Silver Beaver is the highest recognition that a council can award to volunteers for their outstanding service to Scouting, Youth and their Community.

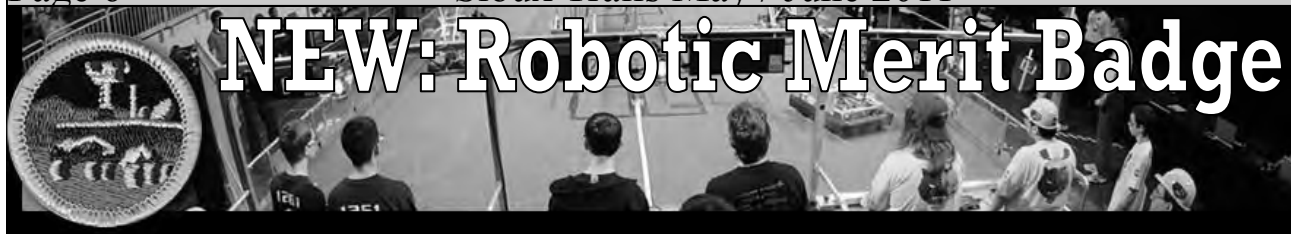
It is an honor for me to announce the 2011 Recipient Class....

1. Rodney Huisman, Pheasant District Training Chair
2. John Kindseth, Buffalo Ridge District Commissioner
3. Matthew Michels, Sioux Council Advisory Board Member and Lt. Governor for the state of South Dakota
4. Mark Ochocki, Prairie Hills District Chair & Council Board Member
5. Marv Olnes, Lewis and Clark Trail District Chair & Council Board Member
6. Bill Peterson, Sioux Council Officer (Vice President of Finance)

Congratulations to the 2011 Silver Beaver recipients.

### Recent Eagle Scouts

Anthony Michael Doherty	Troop 229	Sioux Falls, SD	St. Lambert Catholic Church
Reed Thomas Peterson	Troop 216	Sioux Falls, SD	Peace Lutheran Church
Nathan Sean J Stengel	Troop 45	Milbank, SD	American Lutheran Church
Brady Jordan Enstad	Troop 320	Marshall, MN	Wesley United Methodist Church
Joshua John DeJong	Troop 229	Sioux Falls, SD	St. Lambert Catholic Church
Joseph James VanDriel	Troop 72	Mitchell, SD	Knights of Columbus
Alexander David Rueschhoff	Troop 346	Sioux Falls, SD	St. Michael's Catholic Church
William Hayes Penisten	Troop 731	Sioux Falls, SD	Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Daniel Jonathan Nelson	Troop 48	Sioux Falls, SD	Sertoma Club
Mason Jens Kilker	Troop 51	Aberdeen, SD	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Derek Paul Taylor	Troop 81	Aberdeen, SD	LDS Church
Cory Michael Miller	Troop 188	Aberdeen, SD	Good Shepherd Lutheran
James Michael Pischke	Troop 218	Sioux Falls, SD	LDS Church
Josiah Todd Schulz	Troop 171	Harrisburg, SD	Harrisburg United Methodist



Excitement around "robo-technology" is stronger than ever and the BSA recognizes the growing importance of experience in this field. This new merit badge helps Scouts explore the possibilities that result from using robotics technology in daily life while expanding their knowledge of science, mathematics, engineering, and technology.

**1. Safety.** *Do each of the following:*

a. Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while working with robots and what you should do to anticipate, mitigate and prevent, and respond to these hazards. Describe the appropriate safety gear and clothing that should be used when working with robotics.

b. Discuss first aid and prevention for the types of injuries that could occur while participating in robotics activities and competitions, including cuts, eye injuries, and burns (chemical or heat).

**2. Robotics industry.** *Discuss the following with your counselor:*

a. The kinds of things robots can do and how robots are best used today.

b. The similarities and differences between remotecontrol vehicles, telerobots, and autonomous robots.

c. Three different methods robots can use to move themselves other than wheels or tracks. Describe when it would be appropriate to use each method.

**3. General knowledge.** Discuss with your counselor three of the five major fields of robotics (human-robot interface, mobility, manipulation, programming, sensors) and their importance to robotics development. Discuss either the three fields as they relate to a single robot system OR talk about each field in general. Find pictures or at least one video to aid your discussion.

**4. Design, build, program, test.** *Do each of the following:*

a. With your counselor's approval, choose a task for the robot or robotic subsystem that you plan to build. Include sensor feedback and programming in the task. Document this information in your robot engineering notebook.

b. Design your robot. The robot design should use sensors and programming and have at least 2 degrees of freedom. Document the design in your robot engineering notebook using drawings and a written description.

c. Build a robot or robotic subsystem of your original design to accomplish the task you chose for requirement 4a.

d. Discuss with your counselor the programming options available for your robot. Then do either option 1 OR option 2.

(1) **Option 1.** Program your robot to perform the task you chose for your robot in 4a. Include a sample of your program's source code in your robot engineering notebook.

(2) **Option 2.** Prepare a flowchart of the desired steps to program your robot for accomplishing the task in 4a. Include procedures that show activities based on sensor inputs. Place this in your robot engineering notebook.

e. Test your robot and record the results in your robot engineering notebook. Include suggestions on how you could improve your robot, as well as pictures or sketches of your finished robot.

**5. Demonstrate.** *Do the following:*

a. Demonstrate for your counselor the robot you built in requirement 4.

b. Share your robot engineering notebook with your counselor. Talk about how well your robot accomplished the task, the improvements you would make in your next design, and what you learned about the design process.

**6. Competitions.** *Do ONE of the following.*

a. Attend a robotics competition and report to your counselor what you saw and learned about the competition and how teams are organized and managed.

b. Learn about three youth robotics competitions. Tell your counselor about these, including the type of competition, time commitment, age of the participants, and how many teams are involved.

**7. Careers.** Name three career opportunities in robotics. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

**2013 National Jamboree**

Get ready! The 2013 National Jamboree is coming and it ain't your father's Jamboree. We're talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more—with 50,000 of your closet friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.

Check out the key dates below and start planning

**Check out the key dates below and start planning now to be a part of history at the very first Jamboree at The Summit.**

**The Jamboree** - July 15-July 24, 2013

**Registration** - Late Spring, 2011

**SCOUT PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS**

Scouts and team members must have a current BSA membership with a **Boy Scout** troop or **Varsity Scout** team.

- Must be at least First Class Scouts.
- Must be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- Participate in a pre-jamboree training experience.
- Have filed a Jamboree Personal Health and Medical record with the council Jamboree committee before the pre-Jamboree training.

You can contact the Jamboree Department at: [2013Jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:2013Jamboree@scouting.org).



# North Star

Serving Northeastern South Dakota

## Let's Build Some Fun at Day Camp

The theme at this summer's Day Camp is 'Cubstruction', building for tomorrow. Are your Scouts excited to shoot BB Guns & arrows, learn how to build with wood, clay, knots? How about building a recycled robot, make a leather-stamped name tag, or see how far they can launch an egg before it breaks? If your Scouts have been to Day Camp, they know how much fun it is. If you've been an Adult helper, you know how much fun it is. We need you to spread the word to everybody in your Pack. Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts. If they are just joining as this spring's Kindergarten's or they are your new Tigers they need to have an adult with them. If you have Wolves, Bears, and Webelos, they can come, too. Early Bird registration (May 2) is \$30 per Scout and includes the camp t-shirt. After May 2nd, registration is \$35 and the t-shirt is an extra \$10. Check the packets you received at the April Roundtable for further details.

North Star District holds 2 Day Camps each summer.  
June 13 & 14- Memorial Park, Watertown  
July 11 & 12- Melgaard Park, Aberdeen

To help out at either Day Camp, please contact Rhonda Stengel at: [scoutingstengels@yahoo.com](mailto:scoutingstengels@yahoo.com)

## Akela Camp

Akela Camp is an exciting two night program designed for a Wolf or Bear Scout and a parent. Akela Camp for North Star district is July 15-18 at Richmond Lake Youth Camp and has a theme of Cubs of the Caribbean. Programming will include a treasure hunt and many other fun Cub Scout activities. North Star is currently looking for additional staff members to help participate at stations and food preparation. Registration is \$35 if received by May 2 and \$45 after that date. For more information about camp or to volunteer during the weekend, please contact Mike Sorensen at [mikesorensen@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesorensen@hotmail.com).

## North Star District Commissioner Welcome

North Star is excited to have Todd Brist as the new District Commissioner. Todd's experience in Scouting and education will be a great benefit to the youth of our district. Please welcome Todd to his new position. Todd was born and raised in Watertown, South Dakota. Todd received his undergraduate degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota where he majored in social science education and minored in



speech and drama. Todd relocated to Albert Lea, MN where he taught civics and speech for five years before transferring to Albert Lea High School where he taught World History and Advanced Placement Government. Todd was selected as Impact Teacher of the Year in 2004 and 2005.

Todd received his Master's in educational leadership from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall in 2001. He earned his Specialist Degree in educational administration in 2005 from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Todd returned to Watertown in 2010 as the Watertown Middle School Principal. Todd is currently working on his doctorate through St. Mary's University, Minneapolis and plans to defend his dissertation on teacher evaluation in the summer of 2011.

Todd is an assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 209 and previously served as a Cubmaster and Den Leader with the Cub Scouts. Todd also serves on the Watertown Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors. Other leadership positions include: board member of the Crookston Development Achievement Center, president of the Albert Lea Jaycees, church council member, chair of church education committee, and Blandin Community Leadership committee.

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## District Calendar

<b>May</b>	
6-8	Spring Rendezvous, Iyataka — Includes District Awards Dinner
7	Roundtable at Spring Rendezvous
12	District Committee Meeting
10	Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting
<b>June</b>	
7	District Committee Meeting
13-14	Cub Scout Day Camp, Memorial Park

<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

I would like to thank all the people who received awards for all their hard work over the past year. We all should say thank you and congratulations to Pat Oleson for everything he has done for adults and youth. He is the scoutmaster for Troop 72 in Mitchell. He was awarded the District Award of Merit for 2010. He also was one of two scoutmasters from our area (12 council area) that were selected to go to the National Scouting Conference in San Diego, CA this year. He will represent scout leaders and participate in conferences to help improve scouting across the nation. Way to go Pat.

Other award recipients that we all can be proud of and give our deepest appreciation to are:

Peggy Butzke, Pack 42  
Danelle Mayfield, Pack 55  
Greg Hildebrandt & Amy Sprinkle, Pack 75  
Tim McGinnis, Pack 77  
Indira Dillion, Pack 96  
Nathan Sparks, Audra Sparks & Mary Alexander, Pack 246  
Tyler Peoples, Pack 340  
Kathy Retzlaff, Pack 350  
Cindy Schlenker, Pack 796  
Heidi Poore & Christine Newton, Pack 928  
Robin Hattervig, Troop 17  
Maggie Dewitt & Vince Redder, Troop 72  
Deb Brady, Tami Guericke & Brandon Vilhauer, Troop 75  
Dustin Tanner, Troop 89  
Wade Rupp, Troop 94  
Robert Bult & James Ward, Troop 151  
Ann Diehl & Mark Harmdierks, Troop 222  
Matt & Susan Christiansen, Pack & Troop 75  
-received the family of the year award.  
Hugh and Linda Holmes, Commissioners service.

We also have a special honor for Rod Huisman. He is the latest recipient of the Silver Beaver in Pheasant District. Rod is the Scoutmaster for T539, he is the District Committee member in charge of Training, both of his sons are active in scouting and he has helped many youth to become better Scouters. He is active in the Wessington Springs area and is an avid Ham Radio operator. Please everyone congratulate him when you see him.

For leaders that would like to get more ideas, we handed out a packet at our April Roundtable that gives more ideas of what to do with our scouts. Please talk to the people who went to the planning meeting in April and check out all the information.

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Last summer we tried something new in one of our units. Pack 136 chartered by The Salvation Army in Huron did a weekly program with their scouts that centered around belt loop awards. It worked great. Every week the scouts worked on and earned a belt loop. The program was easy, they invited people from the community to come and teach the scouts what was required to earn the belt loops. I was there for the nutrition day where they invited the dietician from the hospital to talk to the scouts and have snacks. What a great idea. They worked on hiking, disabilities, nutrition, ultimate frisbee, marbles and more. What a great idea and the scouts loved it. It was not much work for the leaders to accomplish it and I think every one of us can learn from them and keep the youth active in the summer.

Please have a great and safe summer with the scouts. Summer time is a great time to recruit youth because it's the fun time outdoors that the boys like.



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## District Calendar

### May

6 – 7 Spring Camp-O-Ree in Miller

12 Round Table in Woonsocket

### June

3 – 4 Day Camp in Huron

6 – 11 NYLT at Camp Woodland (Huron)

10 – 11 Day Camp in Mitchell

<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

## Program Planning

As everyone takes the valuable information they learned at April's Roundtable and starts using it to plan their Ideal Year of Scouting, a few things to consider:

**For Packs:** Try to earn the Summer Time Pack Award. It's not hard to do. Plus, it ensures that you are conducting at least three pack activities throughout the summer, so the scouts are still participating. This participation will ensure that the Scouts continue to have fun with their den. In addition, it provides a crucial communication tool, so no one is forgotten when school starts again.

**For Troops:** Hopefully you have plans already for a long-term camping experience or high-adventure trip. Many will be familiar faces at Lewis & Clark Summer Camp this year. If you are not heading to our Council camp, let us know where you are going, so we can hear about your experiences too!

**For Everyone:** Get to camp! Cubs have Day Camp, Akela Camp, and Webelos Camps to look forward to. Troops have Summer Camp. Troops and Crews can get out and do a high adventure trip! Don't know where to start? Check out the Missouri River High Adventure Base, located in our district on the same property as Lewis & Clark Scout Camp!

We are all looking forward to seeing each unit's program calendar at the August Roundtable!

## Day Camp and Akela Camp

What better way to have fun this summer than at Cub Scout Camp!

Akela Camp is June 10-12 at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. This year's theme is "Cubs of the Caribbean." Come and find out what it would be like to be a Cub on the high seas. Experience the pirate adventure with cannons, crow's nests, and a campfire that you will never forget! Set sail for adventure, and if you can't make the camp at Lewis & Clark, there are five other opportunities throughout the summer!

Day Camp's theme this year is "Cubstruction." Don your hard hat and find out what it takes to be the ultimate handy scout! We'll have building projects,



games, and of course, shooting sports. Don't miss this exciting camp! Lewis & Clark Scout Camp will be home to Day Camp on June 3 & 4. The next camp will be in Armour June 17 & 18. Vermillion's camp will be July 8 & 9. See you there!

## Popcorn and Membership Training

August Roundtable is your chance to earn another 2% commission on your popcorn sales. All you need to do is bring TWO unit representatives to the event. We will be discussing popcorn sales and how to maximize the potential of this great fundraiser. In addition, School Night is just around the corner, so we will be discussing the ways to provide Scouting to the most youth in your community.

The Roundtable will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email and mailboxes for more information.

Remember to bring your unit calendar and budget along to earn that additional 3% from April!

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## District Calendar

### May

12 District Committee Meeting

12 Roundtable

### June

9 District Committee Meeting

3-4 Day Camp, L&C Scout Camp

10-12 Akela Camp, L&C Scout Camp

17-18 Day Camp, Armour

[http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/LewisandClark Trail/](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/LewisandClarkTrail/)  
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# Five Rivers

Serving Central South Dakota from Mission to Eureka

## Scout Expo

Thank you everyone for participating in the Scout Expo. There were many interesting exhibits shown; and the district Pinewood derby race was also a great success. The camping on Friday and Saturday night were also an enjoyable experience. We hope those of you who were not able to join us this year will make it next year.

## District Award of Merit Nominees

Congratulations to the 2011 District Award of Merit Nominees:

Roger Allen  
Gini Grannes  
Mike Jerome

The District Award of Merit is given to those that have done much more than the normal service of a volunteer. Only so many of these awards can be offered in a year, which makes these nominees that much more special. Thank you for your service to Sioux Council, the Five Rivers District, and to your units for all you do.

## New Units

I would like to welcome two of our newest units to the Five Rivers District: Pack 107 in Gregory and Troop 964 in Eagle Butte. We are glad to have both units be a part of the district.

## Day Camps and Akela Camps are Coming!

Make sure you are signed up with your unit to take part in one of the three Day Camps and Akela Camps taking place in the district. Please look above at the district calendar to find the dates and locations of those camps. It is important to make sure each unit has youth registered to attend. These events are fun and allow the Cub Scouts to experience things that they may not be able to at Den and Pack meetings.

## Farewell

As we approach the end of the school year, let us thank Doug Rounds for his time and hard work as District Chair for the Five Rivers. This May, he will be focusing more of his time as the Cubmaster for Pack 391 in Pierre. His efforts and belief in Scouting have been very valuable during his time as a district volunteer. The next time you see Doug, make sure to thank him for all he has done for Five Rivers.

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## District Calendar

### May

1	Roundtable (Central)
2	Roundtable (South)
3	District Committee Meeting
4	Roundtable (North)
11	Unit Commissioner's Meeting
13-14	Spring Camporee

### June

1	District Committee Meeting
3-4	Day Camp (Pierre)
6	Roundtable (Central)
7	Roundtable (South)
9	Roundtable (North)
10-11	Day Camp (Selby)
12	Lewis and Clark Summer Camp
15	Unit Commissioner's Meeting

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

(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

# Prairie Hills

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

## Welcome New Unit

Prairie Hills gives a warm welcome to Pack 71, the new Pack out of Explorer Elementary School. They are sponsored by the South Dakota Association for the Deaf. They are lead by Cubmaster, James Saunders & Committee Chair, Anthony Moody.

## Summer has Arrived

With the arrival of Summer it is time to really show what Scouting can be. First to the Packs don't forget about your Summertime Pack Award. Have an outing every month of the Summer to earn this award and keep the promise of outing in Scouting. Day Camps, Parent Weekends, Overnight Campouts, Akela Camp & Webelos Camp; all these great opportunities to show off the greatness of Scouting in the Summer. Troops don't forget about Lewis & Clark Summer Camp, Missouri River High Adventure Base (MRHAB), High Adventure campouts, and Weekend campouts. Boy Scouts do best when they have the opportunity to show off the skills they have been learning all winter long.

## Program Planning

A reminder to all units that are completing their Program Planning for the year and turning it into to your District Executive so you can get credit for earning this. If you need some help with Program Planning please be sure to contact your Commissioner or District Executive & they will be happy to help you out. Program Planning for the year will ensure that you have the plan in place to succeed.

## District Dinner

Prairie Hills District held its annual District Recognition Dinner on March 5 at Zion Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who were able to come, and congratulations to the award recipients. A special thank you for those Scouters and individuals who helped make District Dinner a success: Dean Putnam, District Activities Chairman; Glenn Voss, District Advancement Chairman; Mark Ochocki, District Committee Chairman; Vern Myers, District Commissioner; Tony's Catering; Zion Lutheran Church; and all those who submitted award nominations. Congratulations to the Prairie Hills District Committee, commissioning staff and units for attaining the

status of Centennial Quality District in 2010! We started the evening by recognizing the 2010 Centennial Quality units, followed by Leader Recognition awards. Scott Hunt, Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 134 chartered by the St. Matthews Lutheran Church of Worthington and Mike Bah, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 134 chartered by St. Matthews Lutheran Church of Worthington earned Leader Recognition awards. Veteran awards went out to Alan Braaten, John Mills, and Wanda Heisel.

Extra Miler awards went out to Toby Walberg of Pack 361, Dwight Loudon of Troop 371, Jacoba Nagel of Troop 134, Wes Otheim of Pack 8, Kathy Nash of Pack 225, Matt Story of Troop 346, Raed Sulaiman of Troop 48, Robbie Saltmarsh of Troop 361, Dale Scott Thorson of Troop 152, and Ginger Pelley of Pack 112.

The 2010 ... of the Year Awards went out to:  
 Rookie of the Year: Anne Nelson, Troop 48  
 Cubmaster of the Year: Brad Pelley, Pack 112  
 Boy Scouter of the Year: Mark Gacke, Troop 48  
 Commissioner of the Year: Don Porter  
 District Committee Member of the Year: Wanda Heisel

District Awards of Merit were received by Mike Bah, Mark Gacke, Tina Hawkins, Leonard Block, and Brenda Ostrem.

To all Prairie Hills volunteer Scouters on behalf of all the Scouts in the Prairie Hills District, thank you for all your selfless efforts you have given over the years. Although we may not tell you today or even tomorrow how much we really appreciate you, we always remember you and all that you have done, and all that you will do in the years to come.

## Spring Boy Scout Camporee

Newton Hills Scout Camp will be the scene of this year's Prairie Hills Boy Scout Camporee. The planning team consisting of members from Troop 48 and Troop 216, looks to present some different and challenging obstacles for this year's attendees. Units will cook "Patrol Style", with lunch being furnished on Saturday, don't forget your mess kits. The event will kick off on May 13 and conclude on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration, schedule and

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leaders' guide will be available soon on the council website. Registration forms will also be available at roundtables leading up to the event.

## Fall Scoutoree

This Fall Troop 46 in cooperation with other units are planning the "Fall Scout Rendezvous". Bring your pioneering skills and frontier spirit to the rendezvous and show off your skills in a morning competition for all Boy Scouts. The afternoon you can include your young scout pioneers (Webelos) to increase your points and maybe your troop can be the top scouts at the event.

More information, date, registration and more will be available soon on the council website.

## John's Outdoor Tips of the Month!!

### Leave No Trace Challenge

Many units are talking about utilizing Leave No Trace Practices in their unit campouts and events. For more information visit [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org). It's more than "Packing in and Packing Out".

### Initiative Games and Team Building Activities

Team building and initiative games can make your unit's trips a lot more fun and exciting. They also serve as a great building base to strengthen your unit's team work for meeting, trips, and activities. Simply Google team building and initiative games. The activities can be adapted to any age and ability level.

GET OUTSIDE!! BE ACTIVE!!  
BE HAPPY!!

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## District Calendar

### May

4	District Annual Meeting
5	District Commissioner Meeting
12	Roundtable
13- 15	May Camporee
19	Cub Leader Skills Training

### June

1	District Committee Year
2	District Commissioner Meeting
4 <sup>t</sup>	Cub Leader Skills Training
4	Cub Scout Fun Day
9	Roundtable
17- 18	Sioux Falls Day Camp
24-26	Akela Camp, Newton Hills

### July

8 - 9	Brandon Day Camp
15- 16	Worthington Day Camp
23	Sioux Falls 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

## Congratulations!

There are quiet a few awards that we can mention this month, but I'll keep it to two.

First let's all congratulate John Kindseth, our district commissioner, for earning the Silver Beaver Award. He really does a lot for the district and all the youth we serve. Way to go John! Secondly we have a veteran's award. This award is given to anyone that maintains membership for 5, 10, 15, etc. years with the Boy Scouts. We are lucky to be able to acknowledge Dan Skogen for his **45 years** with the Boy Scouts of America. That's longer than our District Executive has been alive! Wow! Thank you Dan for all you do!



much easier recruitment will be if we retain the kids we already recruited. This also helps parents not forget scouting when school starts.

**For Troops:** The plans already put in place for that long-term camping experience or high-adventure trip should be in full swing. Many will be familiar faces at Lewis & Clark Summer Camp or it may be that favorite river you always wanted to canoe. If you are not heading to our Council's camp, let us know where you are going, so we can hear about your experiences, too! Never forget the pictures

**For Everyone:** Get OUTSIDE! This is truly the time to take advantage of the outing of Scouting. Cubs have Day Camp, Akela Camp, and Webe-los Camps to look forward to. Troops have Summer Camp. Troops and Crews can get out and do a high adventure trip, don't forget about MRHAB! We are all looking forward to seeing each unit's program calendar at the August Roundtable! By August we will be in full swing so let's never forget about all of us scheduling our school now!!

## Tour Permits are No More!

As of June 1<sup>st</sup> we will no longer be using the old Tour Permits. We will now be using the Annual Tour Plan which is available on the council website. It works much like the permit did except you only turn it in once for the year (June 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31st) and if you are going to make a trip somewhere all you have to do is call or email the specifics and you are good to go! No more coming into the office to get signatures for each trip. There are times when you are going to have to submit additional tour plans for certain events and those are listed on the website as well. If you have any questions please call and ask.

## Program Planning and Fall Recruitment

With all the valuable information everyone learned at April's Roundtable and starts using it to plan the best year they can in Scouting. Let's remember a few things. A quality year in Scouting starts with a planned year and trained leaders!

**For Packs:** Earning the Summertime Pack Award should be of the utmost importance. It's not hard to do. Plus, it ensures that you are conducting at least three Pack activities throughout the summer, so the Scouts are still participating. This participation will help us to work on the retention within our specific unit. Remember how

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## District Calendar

### May

3 District Committee Meeting  
10 Roundtable

### June

14 District Committee Meeting & Roundtable  
17-19 Akela Camp – Madison

### July

5 District Committee Meeting  
8-9 Day Camp – Marshall

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

**Tour Plan: Effective July 1, 2011**

The Tour Plan is an important tool for conducting local, national, or international activities and is a checklist for best practices to be prepared for safe and fun adventure. Completing the Tour Plan may not address all possible challenges, but can help to ensure that appropriate planning has been conducted, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure. In addition, the plan helps to organize safe and appropriate transportation to and from an event, and defines driver qualifications and minimum limits of insurance coverage for drivers and vehicles used to transport participants.

To conduct tours all Sioux Council units are required to complete an annual Tour Plan. This completed annual Tour Plan will be enforced for all touring done during the calendar year June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual Tour Plan should include all possible drivers, their vehicle information and all leader training records.

Once this annual Tour Plan is on file in the Sioux Council Center for Scouting, units will only be required to call or email specifics on individual touring done throughout the year.

These specifics should include: date of tour, destination, driver information, and specific training information required on trip.

Additional Tour Plans must be submitted according to National Policy for the following:

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of council borders
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting the following activities outside of council or district events:
  - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
  - Shooting sports
  - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
  - At council's request

Please complete and submit the plan at least 21 days in advance to ensure Sioux Council has enough time to review the plan and assist you in updating the plan if it is found defective. When review is complete, the second half of the plan is returned to you to carry on your travels.

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**Philmont 2012**

The Sioux Council has reserved 4 crews or 48 individual slots at Philmont Scout Ranch for June 2012. Our Contingent Leader will be Philmont veteran, Chuck Mackey. Chuck has been to Philmont several times as a troop leader and also as the Council Contingent Leader. He is well versed in the equipment needed and the operations of Philmont.

Our trek dates are June 17th through July 1, 2012. Philmont treks are available to anyone at least 14 or out of the 8th grade and 13 by June 15, 2012. The cost will be \$1250 per participant. You can register as an individual or participate with your Troop or Crew.

More information at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org).





## CABELA'S SALUTE TO SCOUT LEADERS

### FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Cabela's would like to thank the Leaders of the Sioux Council's Packs, Troops, and Crews for all the volunteer work you do. If you are a registered leader in the Sioux Council, you are eligible to receive the Outfitters Discount on Fathers' Day Weekend June 17th-19th. With the Outfitters Discount you can receive **up to 25%** off all items in the store. Wear your uniform to Cabela's on Fathers' Day Weekend & let Cabela's Outfit you!

This offer is only good for items in the retail store and only good at Cabela's in Mitchell, SD. Does not apply to catalog or internet orders. Prices cannot be given over the phone. Must be present and wearing your Scout uniform to receive the discount.

*This is for the leaders of the Sioux Council to purchase items for personal use.*

### Cabela's Outdoor Challenge

**Where:** Cabela's Mitchell, SD • **Who:** Boy Scouts • **When:** Sunday, June 19, 2011

\* Sign-in on the day of the event is from 11:30 to 12:30pm

\*All Troops must be registered by June 10th. Contact Kacie Zajic at [Kacie.Zajic@Cabelas.com](mailto:Kacie.Zajic@Cabelas.com)

#### Challenges will consist of:

**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.
- 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 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 3rd 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.

**2011 Sioux Council Float**

Sioux Council kicked off the holiday season with a float in the Sioux Falls Avera Parade of Lights. The Pinewood Derby themed float was led through the parade by many area Scouts who made their own Pinewood Derby Car costumes and wore them in the parade. Many of the Scouts received prizes for their costumes. The float was powered by Xcel Energy, who generously donated the use of a company truck and trailer for our use in the parade.

The float was designed so that it can continue to be used in parades or as a public display throughout the year. If you are interested in using the float for your local parade or event contact the Center for Scouting at 361-2697 to reserve the float for your event.

Thank you to all the dedicated Scouts and Scouters who spent many nights and weekends working to create an exciting and impressive display of Scouting for the community. A special thanks as well to all the enthusiastic Scouts and Scouters that participated in the parade.



## 2011 DAY CAMP: CUBSTRUCTION

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:**

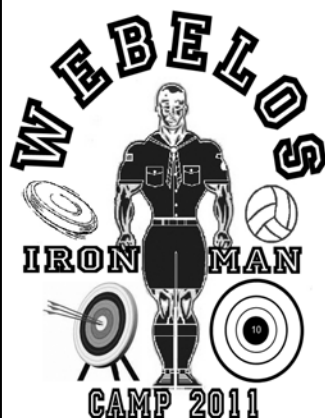
\$35 per youth & adult if registered by May 2nd.

\$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/>



Webelos Camp is four days and three nights of Webelos fun! It is for boys currently in 3rd or 4th grade, so those that will be Webelos Scouts next school year. All Webelos Camps take place at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp, where you can hike around and explore our 400 acres of forested rolling hills along Lewis & Clark Lake.

The highlight of Webelos Camp is the opportunity to earn 4 of a possible 8 activity pins. Favorites include Geologist, Forester, and Outdoorsman. You also earn the Sportsman activity badge while you are here. Other activities include a map and compass challenge, archery, BB guns and swimming. This year we will also be offering an Iron Man Competition.

All food and program materials are included in your registration fee. Make sure you bring your own camping gear and spending money for souvenirs and slushies. Get your friends from your Webelos Den to come along. More information can be obtained at [www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/Webeloscamp](http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/Webeloscamp).

**Dates:**

July 6th thru 9<sup>th</sup>  
 July 31st thru August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 August 3rd thru August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Times:**

Camp starts at 1:00 PM on  
 opening day and ends at  
 11:00 AM on closing day.

**Camp Fees:**

\$80 per youth if registered by May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 \$90 after May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 \$40 per adult if registered by May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 \$45 after May 2<sup>nd</sup>

## National Summertime Pack Award

When your **Cub Scout Pack** provides a 12-month program by continuing to meet when school is out of session, it earns the **National Summertime Pack Award**. When your unit has conducted three pack activities—one each in the months of June, July, and August—your unit has qualified for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer. **Dens** with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events are eligible for a Den participation ribbon. **Individual** boys who attend all three Summertime Pack Activities can receive the National Summertime Pack Award **pin**.

The National Summertime Pack Award Application can be obtained from the Center for Scouting or at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org).

Some sample activities include:

- Day Camp
- Akela Camp
- Webelos Camp
- Wild Water West
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Miniature Golf
- Archery
- Kickball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Frisbee Golf
- Zoo
- Minnow Races
- Rain Gutter Regatta
- Rock Climbing
- Bike Rides
- Scavenger Hunt
- Rocket Launching
- Barbeque
- Build Bird Houses
- Tye Dye T-shirts





# LEWIS & CLARK

## SCOUT CAMP



### Payments Due

The remainder of your summer camp payment is due now. This includes all of the new scouts that transferred in from Webelos. Remember transferring Webelos and new scouts will get the early bird discount automatically. Pay for the youth that have committed to attend camp. Let the non-committed ones pay the extra fees.

### Camp Forms

If you are attending Lewis & Clark Scout Camp you must have in possession a copy of parts A, B & C of the Annual BSA Health and Medical Form. If a Scout is participating in the Personal Water Craft Program or the Aviation merit badge you must have the application/consent forms turned in as soon as possible.

### Construction Updates

The Staff housing project is back underway. As of April 8<sup>th</sup> the building was sided and primed. It is ready to be painted a lovely brown to match the other camp buildings. On the inside, the electrical work is done and each room is insulated. The ceiling was dry walled. Each room will have its own heating and air conditioning units similar to the type you see in hotels. The units are purchased and waiting for installation. By the time you read this article they will be even farther along. Come check out at the facility at the OA Spring Conclave.

Contact Chuck Mackey at [cmackey@vyn.midco.net](mailto:cmackey@vyn.midco.net) to get involved. This project will be complete by the time the staff arrives to set up camp.

### 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.

We need staff members in the following areas:

- Kitchen
- Trading Post
- Aquatics – Must be 16
- First Class Trail
- COPE/Climbing – Must be 18
- Eagle Trail

### Fellow Wood Badgers

I would like to congratulate each and every one of you for participating in this years past Wood Badge course. My course was C-06-09, of course Antelope rule.

One of my tickets was to compile all of the past participant lists into one usable spreadsheet, I should have picked an easier ticket. That ticket turned into a large project. I added a list of all the past courses so it would be easier to classify all of us. I have completed my ticket but there is interest for our council Wood Badge committee to keep the list up to date and correct.



I took the completed list to our last Wood Badge banquet and passed it around so people could make sure that their information was correct. Well of course some of the addresses, phone numbers and e-mails have changed. I fixed them and have asked that Sioux Council place the two lists on our web page for everyone so see.

Starting this month the list of courses and participants will be available in a read only form on the council web page at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org). It is quite a list. If you see any changes that need fixed or you would like to add your beading date to the spreadsheet please contact Mike Drotzman at [woodbadge733@gmail.com](mailto:woodbadge733@gmail.com) to make any changes.

Thank you to Mike for following up with this project and I would like to thank all of you who check out the list and make sure that your information is correct.

Jack Hinrichs  
C-06-09  
The Fast, The Leaders, The Antelope



### Hazardous Weather Training

This training was first offered in 2009. It is valid for two years. Please check your training records as this training may have expired for some leaders. This training can be completed online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

**This training is mandatory for at least one adult on each tour.** The course includes training, testing, and additional resources on weather conditions that may be encountered during BSA activities, including lightning, flash floods, tornadoes, hot and cold weather, hail, and hurricanes.

Participants who complete the course earn a Weather Smart Certificate of Completion. The course content is appropriate for Boy Scouts and Venturers as well as adult leaders.



# It's Camping Season Again!

**Check out the Premier Scout Shop for all your camping needs.**



TrekTek T-shirts for the whole family. Great moisture management & anti-microbial shirt that's perfect for camping.



- New to the Premier Scout Shop we have a good selection of JetBoil items perfect for backpacking.
- Also new to the Premier Scout Shop is a line of Eureka! Tents and sleeping bags. We have available one-person tents and up, and forty degree to zero degree sleeping bags.



**Be sure to check us out on Facebook!  
Search for Sioux Premier Scout Shop**

You can also find the Sioux Premier Scout Shop on line at <http://www.siouxbsa.org/scoutshop>.

**National Youth Leadership Training**

**June 6-11, 2011**  
**Camp Woodlands—Huron, SD**  
**Cost: \$195**

**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.



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