



Prairie Hills District E-News

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Introducing.... Prairie Hills District E-News

There are a number of reasons why I decided to start this E-Newsletter:

1. To provide you "timely" information.
2. To cut down on the amount of individual "blast to everyone" emails we send out.
3. To provide an avenue for outside requests.

Some things that you will expect with this publication:

- You will receive this e-news e-mail NO MORE than once a week.

- We will try and identify which articles are important to you by program area (Packs, Troops, Crews, etc.)
- Meeting/training updates, reminders, etc.

This will be emailed directly to unit leaders, district committee member and members of the district's commissioner staff. We will publish this up on the Sioux Council's website under the Prairie Hills District Page.

This is intended to enhance communication, not to supplement other forms that already exist.

I hope this will be a useful tool for all (well most). If not, we will discontinue it.

Yours in Scouting,
Brian Sutilla
District Director

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SEPTEMBER ROUNDTABLE— NOTE THE DATE!

(Article for ALL Leaders)

Due to the conflict with School Night for Scouting in Sioux Falls, Roundtable for this September will be on a Tuesday not a Thursday.

Remember...Roundtable is not just for one Leader, it is for ALL Leaders!!

Sheryl and Bob have exciting things planned. Don't miss out. Please plan accordingly.

**September
Roundtable
Tuesday, September 9
7:00 PM
@ Center for Scouting**

Dates to know:

- 9/4-Commissioner Mtg
- 9/9-Roundtable
- 9/11-Sioux Falls Schools School Night for Scouting
- 9/18-District Committee Meeting
- 9/19-21-Boy Scout Camporee
- 9/20-Cub Scout Fall Fun Day
- 9/22-Popcorn Pre-Orders Due

On September 15, the Sioux Council will welcome its new Scout Executive, Tom Smotherman, Jr.

Popcorn Sale - Commission Bonuses

(Article for All Leaders)

**Calendar &
Budgets
Due no later
Than
9/9/08**

Have you completed everything to get your additional 3%? Don't know? Here are the requirements:

1. Did your unit attend the April Kickoff?
2. Did you turn in your Annual Planning Calendar and Unit Budget?

If you answered YES to both, then your done. If you answered no, here is what you need to do. Your unit has until September 9th to turn-in your Unit's Calendar and Budget.

Remember we are looking for a copy of the Budget and Calendar to keep. You can submit them via email to bsutilla@bsamail.org or Mail them to the Center for Scouting, Attn: Prairie Hills District

If your unit didn't attend the April Program Kickoff, the Key 3 will make a decision based on the quality of your calendar and budget.

Did you have 2 people at the meeting on 8/14?—Then you got your 2%.

Cub Scout Recruitment

(Article for Cub Scout Leaders)

Give it up for Bob and Steve for conducting an excellent training session last Thursday.

Now it is time for your Pack to get organized.

- Set your recruitment night date.
- Decide what you are going to do there

- And then promote it.

The entire district volunteer structure is here to help you make your recruitment event a success. Please contact us with questions, concerns, ideas, and successes.

Remember

Anytime is a good time to join Scouting....

*So make sure you are contacting **EVERY** grade level that can join!*

RECRUIT...

RETAIN...

PROMOTE...

Help Needed RSVP is looking for a Troop

(Article for Boy Scout Leaders)

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for a Boy Scout Troop to help at their annual luncheon on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

Service Opportunity Details:

- 6-10 Boy Scouts & 4-5 Adults
- Sat., Sept. 13
11:15AM-12:45PM
- Serving lunch to 200-225 RSVP members

If your Troop is interested, please contact Brian Sutilla at bsutilla@bsamail.org or 605-323-0745

We need to let RSVP know by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.

Hunter's Safety Certification (Article for Boy Scout Leaders)

The Sioux Empire Chapter of Safari Club International, in conjunction with the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks, is sponsoring its 4th Annual HuntSAFE Course for 20 youth on September 11th, 12th & 13th, 2008.

For more details, see the enclosed flier.