



Prairie Hills District E-News

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THANKSGIVING

(Article for All Leaders)

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we the Prairie Hills Staff would like to take this opportunity to say thanks...

...Thank you to Cindy and the district committee members who volunteer and work so hard throughout the year to make our district activities happen, programs succeed, membership campaign thrive and financial obligations met.

...Thank you to Mark and the commissioning staff who make sure our district's units renew their charters, attain quality unit, and are successful in providing program to youth.

...Thank you to all the Unit Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisors, Post Advisors, Tiger Leaders, Den Leaders,

Webelos Leaders, Committee Chairman, Committee Members, and their assistants. You are where the rubber hits the road. Thank you for all you do to make the program happen for our youth.

...Thank you to all the parents. Without your support Scouting does not work.

...Thank you to the Scouts. You are the ones we do this all for, but in the end you are the ones that give us as volunteers, leaders, and parents so much more in return.

We can not say Thank You enough. Please enjoy your families this holiday and say thank you for all that you have and all that you are.

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DECEMBER ROUNDTABLE—

(Article for ALL Leaders)

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.

**December
Roundtable
Thursday, Dec. 11
7:00 PM
@ Center for Scouting**

Dates to know:

- 12/4-Commissioner Meeting 7PM
- 12/6-Winter Rendezvous
- 12/11-Roundtable 7PM
- 12/18-Dist. Cmte. Mtg.

POPCORN.....

(Article for ALL Leaders)

As I am writing this today, just before we send the last of the popcorn out of the warehouse to be delivered, I wanted to share the almost final results of this year's sale.....

The Prairie Hills District, has a 12.7% increase in Gross Sales.

I do not yet know the top selling youth or the winners of big prizes, but I can inform you of our top selling units.....drum roll please...

The Unit with the largest percentage increase in sales is Troop 529 in Brandon with a 1,188.2% increase in their sale.

CUB SCOUTING

1. Pack 711 in Harrisburg sold \$38,817
2. Pack 371 in Sioux Falls sold \$30,290
3. Pack 171 in Harrisburg sold \$26,711
4. Pack 346 in Sioux Falls sold \$24,384
5. Pack 10 in Sioux Falls sold \$24,189 - They also are the Pack with the highest dollar sale increase of \$10,000

BOY SCOUTING

1. Troop 171 in Harrisburg sold \$10,577 - They also are the Troop with the highest dollar sale increase of \$6,000
2. Troop 48 in Sioux Falls sold \$6,944
3. Troop 134 in Worthington sold \$5,698
4. Troop 216 in Sioux Falls sold \$5,175
5. Troop 152 in Sioux Fall sold \$4,699

Way To Go!

Boy Scout Activities

(Article for all Boy Scout Leaders)

Gary and Frank have created a Yahoo! Group for you to come participate and share ideas about the District's Boy Scout Activity Events. Join the Yahoo! Group at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/windycity_2/

***REMINDER to all Boy Scout Troops,
Venturing Crews and Explorer
Posts....***

***IT IS CHARTER RENEWAL
TIME!!!***

***To be on time, you must complete your
charter online, obtain the signatures,
and submit the paperwork and fees to
the center no later than
January 15, 2009 to be ON TIME.***



COME, JOIN THE ADVENTURE AT THE WINTER RENDEZVOUS

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Date: December 6, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM-2:45 PM

(Registration begins at 8:30)

Location: Southeast Technical Institute

Registration Materials On-line at

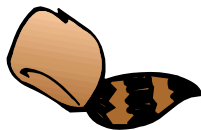
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TRAINING SESSIONS

Cub Scout Leader Training
New Leader Essentials:
(Boy Scouts & Venture Leaders)
Webelos Den Chief Training
Committee Challenge
Venture Leader Training
Venture Leader Skills
BB Gun & Archery Range Certification

EXHIBITS AND TRADING POST

Wood Badge Course C-06-09
Kodiak and Powderhorn Training
Order of the Arrow
National Youth Leadership Training
Premier Scout Shop (Trading Post)
*Bring your animal furs (money) to trade
at the Trading Post!
*Bring your patches to swap at the
OA booth.



GENERAL SESSIONS

Tiger Cubs, Here We Come
Cub Awards
Cub Scout Advancement & Ceremonies
Webelos to Arrow of Light
Cub Carving
Cub Scouts & the Order of the Arrow
Cub Knots
Cub Scout Games
Pack Finances
February, A Month of Memories
Cub Questions & Answers (Open Forum)
Adult Awards & Recognition
High Adventure Planning
Junior Leader Training in the Troop
Life to Eagle
First Class in a Year
Court of Honor Ceremonies
OA and the Troop
Scouting Resources on the Internet
Religious Awards
Working with Autistic & ADHD Youth



WINTER RENDEZVOUS

December 6, 2008

All-Day Training Courses

001 Webelos Den Chief Training

This training is for both den chiefs and for adult leaders. The role of the den chief in the cub program will be explained. This a great learning experience for both youth and adults. Also, time will be spent discussing the transition of scouts from Webelos to Boy Scouts.

002 Venturing Leader Training

Adult leaders will identify their role in guiding a Venture unit.

003 Venturing Leader Skills Training (Youth)

Scouts will learn about their leadership roles and responsibilities in a Venture unit.

Session 1:

101 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training – (2 sessions)

Have you been trained? If not, attend this basic training course to get your start on becoming a great Cub Scout leader.

102 New Leader Essentials – (2 sessions)

Discover the core elements of the Scouting Program, along with gaining a clear understanding of the resources available to leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

103 Troop Committee Challenge – (2 sessions)

Learn the role of the unit committee in supporting the scouts and leaders in your unit.

104 Pack Financing

Is your pack checking account a mess? Do you have enough money to provide an exciting program? Are you at risk for fraud? Get a handle on your pack account by attending this class.

105 Cub Awards

Beyond the basic rank advancement. Learn about the other Cub Scout awards that your boys can earn.

106 OA and the Troop

This class will explain the Order of the Arrow Program, the OA Troop Representative leadership position, and how the program can enrich the Scouting experience for Scouts and Scouters.

Session 2:

201 Cub Leader Specific Training – Continued

202 New Leader Essentials – Continued

203 Troop Committee Challenge – Continued

204 Cub Scout Advancement and Ceremonies

Build special memories with fun and exciting recognition ceremonies. Gain a better understanding of the Cub Scout advancement program.

205 Cub Scout Games

Everybody has fun playing games. Have some fun learning new games for your den meetings.

206 Life to Eagle Scouts

Do you want your scouts to be successful in reaching the Eagle Scout rank? Then learn about the procedures that a scout must follow to move from Life Scout to Eagles Scout in the Sioux Council.

207 First Class in a Year

Ensure the scouts in your troop become a First Class Scout their first year. Make a difference in the retention rate of the scouts in your troop.

Session 3:

301 Cub Scouts and the Order of the Arrow

Come and learn how your Pack can benefit from the Order of the Arrow. The OA can offer ceremonies, Den Chiefs, training, help with programs and activities, and provide a great example of Scouting to the younger Scouts.

302 Webelos to Arrow of Light

Overwhelmed with the BIG Webelos book? Not sure how your Scouts can earn the Arrow of Light? Here's a class to help you keep your Webelos on track to earn Cub Scout's highest award.

303 Question and Answer Session for Cub Scout Leaders - (Open Forum)

Here is your chance to ask questions about the Cub Scout Program and get some answers.

304 Adult Awards and Recognition

Have you ever wondered about those rows of knots that some people wear on their Scout shirts? Find out about the many knots and other special awards that adult Scouters can either earn or be nominated to receive at the District, Council, or Region Level.

305 Junior Leader Training in the Troop

“I know our troop is supposed to be “boy led”, but they don’t have the skills. How do I get them the leadership skills that will keep the Troop running efficiently?” If this is what’s bugging you, here is where to find the answers.

Session 4:

401 BB Gun & Archery Range Certification Training – (2 sessions)

Become certified to run a BB Gun or Archery range for District cub Scout events or a Troop activity.

402 Knots for Cub Scouts

Become confident in tying basic knots and have some fun along the way.

403 Question and Answer Session for Cub Scout Leaders - (Open Forum)

Here is your chance to ask questions about the Cub Scout Program and get some answers.

404 Court of Honor Ceremonies

Spice up your Court of Honor Ceremonies, so they are a special event for the scouts. Leave the scouts with a special memory each time they are recognized at a Court of Honor.

405 Religious Awards

A Scout is Reverent. Learn how scouts of all ages can earn their respective religious knots.

406 February, A Month of Memories

Advancement, crossovers, Scouting Birthday, Scout Anniversary, Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath- why February is one of the most memorable month in a Cub’s life. Ways to make sure it is special.

Session 5: See next page

Session 5:

501 BB Gun & Archery Range Certification Training – Continued

502 Tiger Cubs, Here We Come

Gain information about the Tiger Cub Program, and get useful ideas and activities that get parents and Tigers involved.

503 Cub Carving

All scouts enjoy carving. Make the experience fun and safe. Totem chip instruction will be given along with some easy projects ideas.

504 Working with Autistic and ADHD Scouts

Learn about autistic and ADHD scouts and how to work with them.

505 Scouting Resources on the Internet

Learn how to use the Sioux Council web site as well as other resources for scouting on the web.

506 High Adventure Planning

This presentation will provide information on the selection, planning and execution of a Troop-led High Adventure event. The information is based on five successful Troop-led High Adventure trips taken by Troop 5 since 2000. The trips consisted to four trips to Colorado involving high-altitude hiking and one trip to Maui. This is NOT a travelogue presentation but offers real information that can be useful to any Troop wanting to take these types of trips.

WINTER RENDEZVOUS

Registration Form

Saturday December 6, 2008
Southeast Technical Institute

Personal Information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Phone# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Unit# _____ Scouting Position _____ Years in Scouting _____

Session Time	First Choice	Second Choice
#1 9:00—9:45 AM		
#2 10:00—10:45 AM		
#3 11:00—11:45 AM		
Lunch Program	Delicious Food	Edible Food
#4 12:45 - 1:30 PM		
#5 1:45—2:30 PM		

Course Selections (Please select first and second choice for each class session)

Course Fee \$14.00

Includes lunch and materials and patch.

Make checks payable to: Sioux Council, BSA

Please send registration form and payment to:

Sioux Council, BSA
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Sioux Falls, SD 57104