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The Ideal Year of Scouting....

So have you ever asked yourself, "What is the Ideal Year of Scouting"? Ask the same question to a Tiger Cub, a Webelos Scout, an eleven-year old Boy Scout, or an experienced 15-year old Eagle Scout. Sure the answers will be different. And yet each person is setting their own expectations based on their own previous Scouting experience.

If we always do what we've always done.... then we will always get the same results "less 20 percent". Why do some units always seem to have plenty of volunteer leadership and parents ready to help? And others always struggle to secure enough help with a weekend outing or annual Blue-and-Gold Banquet.

It all starts with the annual planning process. Depending on the program, the actual process will vary greatly for a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venture crew. The entire process begins with your participation at the April Roundtable – 2008-09 Program Kick-Off workshops, which will be held at every April Roundtable. (This is a full month earlier this year). Separate planning sessions will be conducted for Cub Scout pack leadership and Boy Scout/Venture leadership.

Make plans now to attend your District April Roundtable ... and learn the key steps in planning the **IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING** and receive the 2008-09 PROGRAM Materials. **Participation is the April Roundtable earns your Unit a 3% BONUS COMMISSION for the 2008 Popcorn Sale.** Make sure you unit is represented!

Council Annual Meeting Schedule - May 8, 2008....

The Sioux Council Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8th, 4:30 p.m. at the Orthopedic Institute, Avera McKennan Campus in Sioux Falls. During this annual meeting, current board members, members at large, and Chartered Organization Representatives will gather (in person or via one the satellite locations) for the Councils Annual election of Board Members and Officers. Nominations to serve on the Council Board, MAL, or Council Officer must be submitted to a member of the Council Nominating Committee. Recommendations must be submitted in writing to: Council Nominating Committee, 800 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Nominations are not permitted from the floor during the Annual Meeting and must be submitted at least 30 days prior the Annual Meeting.



Bill Peterson, Council Vice-President - Finance presents Austin P. from Pack 77, a Dell Home Computer that he won through our popcorn program. Austin won the drawing for the "fill-it up" sheet contest. Way to go Austin!



Gary Riecke, Lincoln Ne., meets with Reid Christopherson in the "Scouters' Attic - Sioux Council Scout Museum" on January 29. Gary, a former Sioux Council Scout, Scoutmaster, Lodge Advisor, and long time Scout memorabilia collector presented the Sioux Council with 10 boxes of historical items for the museum. Wondering if that Scout item you have in your basement belongs in the Scout Museum? Contact Reid Christopherson about your donation.

BSA 100th Anniversary—Celebrating the Adventure—Continuing the Journey

1910's

- The Boy Scouts of America is incorporated on February 8 under the laws of the District of Columbia by W.D. Boyce.
- The first awards for heroism are presented by the National Court of Honor.
- By 1912, Scouts are enrolled in every state.
- After the signing of the armistice, the slogan, "The War Is Over, But Our Work Is Not" is adopted. Scouts render nationwide service during the influenza epidemic.

1920's

- The First World Jamboree is held in England; Boy Scouts from 32 of the 52 countries are present. The Boy Scouts of America sends 301 members.
- The first achievement badges are earned by physically disabled Scouts.
- The National Executive Board authorizes development of a program for younger boys, which will eventually become Cub Scouting.

1930's

- The Cub Scout program is formally launched. There are 5,102 Cub Scouts at the end of 1930.
- In response to the request of President Roosevelt in a radio address delivered February 10, Boy Scouts perform a nationwide Good Turn, collecting 1,812,284 items of clothing, household furnishings, foodstuffs, and supplies for the distressed and needy.
- The 5-millionth copy of the Handbook for Boys is published.
- The First National Jamboree is held in Washington from June 30 to July 9, at the invitation of President Roosevelt, with an attendance of 27,232.

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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 Council Commissioner
 Scout Executive
 Assistant Scout Executive
 Editor
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BSA 100th Anniversary—Celebrating the Adventure—Continuing the Journey

1940's

- With the declaration of war, the government requests Boy Scout service for the distribution of defense bonds and stamp posters, collection of aluminum and wastepaper; defense housing surveys; victory gardens; distribution of air-raid posters, cooperation with the American Red cross; and, by joint agreement with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, services in three capacities-messengers, assisting emergency medical units, and firewatchers.
- Long trousers and the Scout cap become part of the official uniform.
- General Dwight D. Eisenhower's outstanding Wastepaper Campaign culminates in the General Eisenhower Award; a gold medal is presented to him in December by the Boy Scouts of America in appreciation. Other service includes collections in many communities, distribution of circulars on conservation projects, and the Green Thumb program.
- Twenty thousand Scouts earn the General Douglas MacArthur Medal for growing food.

1950's

- The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 40th anniversary.
- Scouts distribute more than a million posters and 30 million Liberty Bell doorknob hangers in a get-out-the-vote campaign.
- Boy's Life circulation passes the 1 million mark. The 15-millionth copy of the Handbook for Boys is published.

1960's

- During the Scouting's Golden Jubilee year, thousands of boys earn the 50th Anniversary Achievement Award.
- The U.S. Post Office Department issues a Boy Scout Commemorative stamp in February.
- The Inner-City Rural Program is launched.
- The 500,000th Eagle Scout badge is presented.
- The BSA's 40 millionth youth is registered.

1970's

- Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources) is initiated as an ongoing BSA service project. It is estimated that during the year, 60,000 BSA units take part in SOAR-related conservation projects.
- The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is launched.
- The Cub Scout Safe Bicycle Driving program and Cub Scout Physical Fitness program are introduced.
- New editions of The Official Boy Scout Handbook and Wolf Cub Scout Book are published.

1980's

- Cub Scouting celebrates its 50th anniversary and registers its 30 millionth Cub Scout since 1930.
- The 11th National Scout Jamboree is held July 24-30 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. First Lady Nancy Reagan pays a visit.
- The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 75th anniversary.
- The BSA is touched by the Challenger disaster, as two of the space shuttle crew members were active in Scouting as youths. Lt. Col. Ellison S. Onizuka attained the Eagle Scout rank in 1964 in Holualoa, Hawaii. Dr. Ronald E. McNair reached Star rank as a youth in Lake City, South Carolina.

1990's

- Pope John Paul II is presented with the BSA's Distinguished Citizen of the World Commendation.
- The BSA funds training leaders from the former Soviet Union and the writing of the Russian Scout handbook.
- A focused initiative in Urban Emphasis encourages the formation of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and explorer posts in low-income and minority communities. The bilingual publication of Scouting literature is increased to serve Spanish-speaking parents and leaders.

2000's

- The BSA 100 millionth youth is registered.
- The National Scout Jamboree, held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, is the largest single-site jamboree since 1964, with more than 40,000 participants and an estimated 275,000 visitors.
- The BSA launches Good Turn for America, a national initiative to address the problems of hunger, homelessness/inadequate housing, and poor health. The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity join as national partners.
- February 8, 2010, The Boy Scouts of America celebrates 100 years of Scouting.

RECOGNIZING "ONE HOUR A WEEK"

Every adult who has ever participated in the Scouting program, no matter what age, knows that it is not an "hour a week" commitment. Everyone knows that it is a family commitment and at times a family sacrifice. Each year we spend time balancing work, play, family, extracurricular, vacation and who knows what else. It is not any easy job to be the parent, especially the parent of a Scout. Parents of Scouts seem to be held to a higher standard. They have to do all the things other parents do like sit and watch baseball and basketball, coach soccer teams, run concession stands, and take children to doctor's appointments, but a Scouting parent has to do more. Scouting parents have to attend Roundtable, Pack meetings, Den meetings, Parent Committee meetings, Day Camp, Webelos Camp, Summer Camp and the list goes on. This is no small sacrifice of time and resources. The only thing the Sioux Council can do is say **Thank You!**

Please join us on **April 26th** to say "Thank You" to a few of those adults who have chosen to give more than expected to our communities. The Sioux Council will be recognizing those people that you have found to go above and beyond the call of Scouting. The Silver Beaver is the highest recognition award that any Boy Scout Council can bestow upon its members. It is the Sioux Council's privilege to be able to recognize the work and dedication of so many people.

In addition to the Silver Beaver Awards, we will be presenting the Eagle Scout Scholarship winners, tenure awards, and James E. West Fellows.

The banquet will be held at the Sioux Council Center for Scouting from Noon until 2:00 and has a cost of \$15 if you RSVP by April 1st. If you choose to pay at the door, the cost is \$20. Registration forms are available on our website at www.siouxbsa.org or at your local Roundtable meeting.

SIoux COUNCIL CHANGES IN EAGLE ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES

A new policy regarding how Eagle Scout advancements are handled was adopted by the Sioux Council Board January 17, 2008. The new policy is intended to accomplish several things not addressed in the past; make sure that all districts are doing the Eagle advancement process in the same manner, clarify how the Eagle Advancement Process should take place, and make the entire process easier to understand and implement.

Your District Advancement Chairmen have copies of the new procedures and implementation of the new policy is immediate. If you would like a copy, please go to the Council's website and a full copy of the entire document is accessible on the home page www.siouxbsa.org. We expect that implementation of this procedure will make the entire process much more understandable.

Recent Eagle Scouts

Jacob Lyndell Sellers	Troop 8	Watertown	Grace Lutheran Church
Ian Burchill Williams	Troop 731	Sioux Falls	Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Alex Benjamin Cole	Troop 731	Sioux Falls	Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Dustin Von Mehlhaff	Troop 357	Eureka	American Legion #186
Jeffrey Thomas Nord	Troop 371	Sioux Falls	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Jonathon Michael Liudahl	Troop 133	Yankton	Riverview Park Reformed Church
Christopher Alan Bergeson	Troop 66	Vermillion	United Church of Christ
Justin Gary Munyer	Troop 263	Yankton	LDS Church
Aaron Lee Lokken	Troop 320	Marshall, MN	Wesley United Methodist
Travis Keith Broin Nordgaard	Troop 19	Clear Lake	American Legion Post 49

NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

2010 is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the highlight of the year-long celebration will be the National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held at Ft. A. P. Hill in Virginia. What goes on at a Jamboree? Everything that the combined resources of the National Council plus hundreds of the best volunteers that every local council can provide. 4-way volleyball, Buckskin games, confidence courses, bicycle motocross, rappelling towers, canoe slalom, kayaking, sailing, shooting sports, fishing, scuba diving, a HUGE Merit Badge Midway, daily stage shows, and row upon row of military and outdoor action displays. This is all capped off with two massive stage shows attended by the 40,000 Scouts and Scouters in attendance and upwards of 25,000 visitors. The fireworks display at the closing show is like nothing else you will ever experience.

In addition to the Jamboree itself, the Sioux Council contingent will tour Washington DC, visiting the many national landmarks and museums. Travel, touring, and the Jamboree itself will be two weeks of fun and adventure that will leave each participant with memories that will last a lifetime.

To attend, it is anticipated that a Scout must have completed 6th grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, and attained the rank of 1st Class by the same date. He will have completed a Class 3 "National Jamboree" physical, participated in the pre-jamboree training, be active in his troop for 6 months prior to July 1, 2010, and be approved by his Scoutmaster and the Sioux Council Jamboree Committee. His 18th birthday may not be before August 5, 2010.

Though not yet finalized, based on the fees of the 2005 Jamboree, the cost for 2010 is expected to be around \$2,300. This covers the National Jamboree Fee, travel and tour expenses, meals, lodging, unit and patrol equipment, insurances, Troop patches and medallions, and the cost of pre-jamboree training.

The Sioux Council contingent will be limited to 36 Scouts and 4 Scouters. Because of the historical significance of this National Jamboree it is expected that the roster will fill fast. If you are interested, you will need to apply early to ensure your place in line as slots will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. Official applications are not yet available, but you may apply by filling out an interest sheet and sending it to the Center for Scouting along with a first payment of \$100. A Jamboree flyer/Interest sheet is available on the Sioux Council website or from your district executive. For any questions, please contact Council Jamboree Chairman, Todd Garry at gtgarry@itctel.com or staff advisor Jim Thalacker at jthalack@bsamail.org or call the Center for Scouting at (605) 361-2697.



Dan Stroh is a computer science major at Augustana College. He uses many of his talents as a Scoutreach Program Aid three afternoons a week at Sioux Falls middle schools. Hands-on skills taught this school-year include computer robotics, (pictured at right) archery, outdoor winter sports at Great Bear, chess tournament and much more.



Congratulations Gold Star Units

As of 2-12-08 the units listed below are 2008 Gold Star Units. These units will receive the following benefits:



1) All rank patches FREE!

Cub Scout Packs:

Tiger Cub, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light patches

Boy Scout Troops:

Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life patches, and the standard Eagle presentation kit

Venturing Crews:

All Bronze Award Bars, all rank certificates and Silver Award Pin

Advancement reports must be submitted to receive advancements

2) 10% of FOS dollars raised deposited to the Unit Account at the Center for Scouting.

3) A 10% discount off all BSA merchandise (catalog orders or store stock) on one order between June 1 and June 30, 2008. All purchases and orders must be paid in full on the date of order.

2008 Gold Star Units as of 2/12/2008

Pack 41 —Sioux Falls

Troop 75 —Mitchell

Pack 134 —Worthington

Troop 100 —Winner

Pack 153 —Sioux Falls

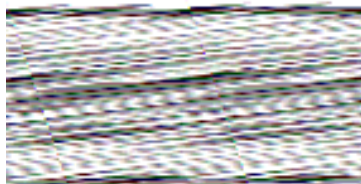
Troop 152 —Sioux Falls

Pack 246 — Mitchell

Troop 209 — Watertown

Troop 48—Sioux Falls

To become a Gold Star Unit, please contact your Unit Commissioner or your District Executive.



Increase Your Unit's Popcorn Profit

The Sioux Council set a new record for sales again last year, thanks to you and your Scouts. The profits from the Popcorn Sale helped fund your quality program as well as provided prizes and incentives for your Scouts.

In 2008, units will earn up to a 5% bonus commission for completing the following:

3% Bonus Commission

Attend the April Program Planning & Budgeting Seminar and turn in a copy of your unit's Ideal Year Calendar and Budget at the August Popcorn Training.

2% Bonus Commission

Bring at least two people to the August Popcorn and Membership Training Seminars.

By selling popcorn, our Scouts have an opportunity to learn financial responsibility by earning their own way to help pay for Summer Camp, High Adventure or any other Scouting program and units can earn much needed dollars to deliver it's year round quality program.

In addition to these changes, we are also in the process of evaluating our sales dates as well as product line-up and costs to ensure the greatest return for your unit and boys.

Don't forget to attend the April Program Planning & Budgeting Seminar.

Be sure to watch the website for details www.siouxbsa.org.



William D. Boyce
New Unit Organizer Award

The following new units have been chartered from October 2007 to the present by Sioux Council, BSA:

District 10

Pack 52	St John American Lutheran Ch.	Sioux Falls
	<i>Boyce Award recipient—Tina Hawkins</i>	
Pack 628	VFW	Sioux Falls
	<i>Boyce Award recipient—Mike Kemper</i>	
Troop 15	American Legion Post 15	Sioux Falls
	<i>Boyce Award recipient—Jeffy Wilkes</i>	

Five Rivers

Pack 856	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud
Troop 856	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud
Crew 856	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud

Pheasant

Troop 883	American Legion	Wolsey
Troop 17	Bethany Lutheran Church	Howard
Crew 575	Lions Club	Mitchell
Pack 136	Salvation Army	Huron

Buffalo Ridge

Pack 521	All Aboard Child Care	Marshall MN
Pack 522	All Aboard Child Care	Marshall MN
Troop 520	Marshall Middle School	Marshall MN
Crew 7	Group of Citizens	Brookings

North Star

Pack 264	United Methodist Church	Groton
Post 118	Boys & Girls Club	Watertown

The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award is presented to recognize volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units. The award may be worn on the adult uniform. The award is a square knot placed over the three colors representing the three phases of our program—Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. A volunteer can earn the knot by organizing one traditional unit, and a program device can be earned for up to three additional units organized. Contact your District Executive to learn more.

"Capture them earlier, excite them more, keep them longer"

FIVE RIVERS

← SERVING CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA FROM MISSION TO EUREKA →

CONGRATS, CONGRATS, CONGRATS !!

The District Adult Recognition dinner on March 15, 2008, is a way of saying thank you to all the parents, leaders, and district volunteers who donate their time to help the Individuals of their Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts. Pre-register at the District web page at www.siouxbsa.org. There is a great line up of speakers and entertainment. Our very own Scott Artz is providing us with the musical interlude as well as being the MC for the night. With Scotts humor and wise cracking ways, there should be no shortage of laughter. The key note address is by none other than the Honorable Judge Mark Barnett. Mark has always got something good to let us know and he will be in his 50s garb. Rumor has it that while the DE is much too young to have any idea about the fun that happened in the 50's, he too will be dressed for the themed evening of fun and recognition.

TALENT, EXCITEMENT, AND JUST FEELING GOOD !

The annual Scout-0-Rama is a way of showing all the talents and skills of your Scouts. It is Excitement, Crowds, and Scouts feeling good about being a part of Scouting. Pre-register your unit at the Council web page www.siouxbsa.org. The Community, parents, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers will have the opportunity to see Scouting beyond the "local" level. So come to the mall on April 19, 2008.

CUB HIBERNATION!

Basketball, Birds, and Movies... oh my! What a great turn out from the entire Five Rivers District for the annual Hibernation. This is one of several events that happen every year that the more boys we have participate the more fun we have. The night started with a wonderful demonstration of the Birds of Prey, which was both fun and educational, as the Peregrine Falcons were interesting to look at and a few boys even got the chance to have the majestic birds perch on their arm. The

Flag ceremonies added a nice shift to the respect of the flag and ideas to do at unit Pack and Den meetings. Who doesn't like to have Pizza and Pop for supper? Of course dodge ball was more organized than the movie and focused on sportsmanship and burning off some of the sugar from the pop, but was fun all the same. Some of the parents really enjoyed the quiet room as most of us are not prepared to stay up all night with running-jumping-yelling-screaming-fun-having cub scouts. Hope you get a chance to see some of the fun at the district web page on www.siouxbsa.org.

CONTACTS

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District Training Chair: Royal Boswell at 605-224-2547

District Advancement Chair: Bruce McIntire at 605-224-7577

District Activities Chair: Rick Bartles

DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH

- 3 Roundtable (this one is important) 7 PM
- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 5 District Commissioners Meeting
- 15 District Adult Recognition Dinner
- 20 Pre-registration due for Scout O Rama
- 21 Council offices closed for Holiday

APRIL

- 2 District Committee Meetings
- 2 District Commissioners Meeting
- 7 Roundtable (this one is important) 7 PM
- 7 Pre-registration due for Spring Camporee
- 19 Scout O Rama
- 26 Council Recognition Dinner/CLT

MAY

- 2-3 Spring Camporee
- 5 Roundtable (still important)
- 26 Council Offices closed for Memorial Day

NORTH STAR

SERVING NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Our District Training Committee, headed up by Cal Stengel from Milbank, has pledged to bring training to any Cub Scout Pack that can bring together at least 6 people to be trained. The object is to have as many trained leaders as we can possibly produce. To arrange a training date, time, and place contact your District Director, Bob Vergamini at 290-2311 or rvergami@bsamail.org

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008
Elkton Community Center - Elkton, SD
Hosted by Buffalo Ridge District

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS AND SCOUTMASTER/ASST.

Scoutmaster Specific Training will be offered 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, February 23rd at the Elkton community Center.

New Leader Essentials is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting and provides new leaders with a look at the resources available to them. The New Leader Essentials course will begin at 8:00 am **sharp**.

NORTH STAR DISTRICT SCOUT SHOW

Saturday, April 5, 2008

As of this writing our intent is to have the Scout Show in Aberdeen in the Mall. We have been doing background work to make this happen but it is not yet cast in stone. Please check the District's page on the Council website for updates. And plan to attend!

NORTH STAR DISTRICT SPRING RENDEZVOUS

The North Star District Camporee is scheduled for the weekend of May 2-4, 2008 at Camp Iyataka. Plans are for this year's Spring Camporee to be a District Rendezvous incorporating the district's annual recognition event, District Webelos Crossing-over ceremony, along with some Cub Scout events, and a family camping opportunity. Details coming soon. This is one event your Troop or Pack will surely want to attend. Now is the best time to put it on your calendar and plan to bring as many people as possible with you when you attend!

DISTRICT RECOGNITION

The North Star District Recognition Dinner originally scheduled for April 19th will be incorporated as a part of the District Spring Rendezvous, which includes the Spring Camporee, District Webelos Crossing-over Weekend, and more - May 2nd - 4th at Camp Iyataka. Nominations are now being accepted for annual District Awards. Nominations must be in no later than April 1, 2008. Nomination forms are available on the District's webpage in the Council website.

CONTACTS

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District Commissioner: Vacant

District Director: Bob Vergamini at 517-285-1572
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DISTRICT CALENDAR

PHEASANT

HAND, BEADLE, BUFFALO, JERAULD, SANBORN, HANSON, DAVISON,
BRULE, AURORA, HUTCHINSON, MCCOOK COUNTIES

DISTRICT LEADERS AWARDS BANQUET

March 8th will be fun for all. Dave K. has promised me that there will be more leader awards than ever before. We will all have an outstanding meal at the Springs Inn in Wessington Springs. The cost is \$ 11 per person. We have quite a few outstanding leaders in Pheasant district and I hope all of you will be there with me for the evening.

LEADER TRAINING

Rod H. and Stu H. have been working to get our list of leaders in pheasant district that have been trained updated. The latest list shows that Pheasant district direct contact leaders are 10% trained. I know that we have more people trained than that so please help Rod and Stu get the records updated. I would also like to take this time to welcome Kathy Retzloff as the new District Venturing trainer and help person. She has done a great job getting the venturing unit started in Huron and she attended the training class in Sioux Falls so she can help train new leaders. These three will be working to set up training in our district.

SPRING RECRUITMENT

Again this year we will be working to get more boys involved in scouting. I will be working with the Scoutmasters and Cubmasters to set up boy talks and signup nights for new members. We had a good fall recruitment and looking at our district we have the opportunity to get even more scouts involved this spring. I am hoping to be able to talk to kindergarten classes, first grade, fifth grade and sixth graders to get more kids signed up. I have talked to a few leaders and it would be great if we could get our Tiger den started this spring. If we can get leaders and kids this spring, it would make all of our scouting lives easier next fall. I know when I was doing boy talks this last fall I had quite a few kindergarten age kids that wanted to sign up. I would like to talk to the fifth and sixth graders to see if we can get more kids signed up for boy scouts. National statistics show that 97% of all boy scouts were involved in cub scouts and I would venture to say that our district is even higher than that.

****We are looking for two volunteers that would like to take on the day camp responsibilities. The training will be paid for by Sioux Council. Please let Jack know if you are interested.****

SCOUT-O-RAMA

This year the Scout-O-Rama will be held in Woonsocket in the school gym Saturday, April 19th. Set up time will be from 9 to 11. Opening ceremony will be at 11:00 sharp. Awards and closing ceremony will be at 3:30 pm. We all need to thank the town of Woonsocket, the Woonsocket department of public safety, and the local school for allowing us to have our event there this year. Our scouts will be able to camp by the lake and have fires in above ground fire pits. They will need to furnish their own wood. The theme for 2008 is "Just in Time". This was the theme voted on at Roundtable by the leaders to start preparing us for the 100 years celebration of scouting in 2010. I hope every unit attending makes a history/future display of scouting. These booths will be set up: District Pinewood Derby finals, KELO Land weather, South Dakota National Guard obstacle course, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks critter box and laser tech shooting, Mitchell Stump Shooters archery club archery shooting area, NRA will host a BB gun shooting booth, South Dakota Bass Masters club casting training, and all the exciting displays from all the packs, troops and crews that will be attending.

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District Commissioner: Vacant

District Executive: Jack Hinrichs at 605-770-5901
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DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH

8 Leader's Awards Banquet
13 Roundtable in Woonsocket
23 Easter
24 Start of Spring Recruitment

APRIL

1 District Eagle Board of Review in Mitchell
10 SOR Apps Due
19 SOR

MAY

2&3 Spring Camporee
8 Roundtable
30-31-1 Outdoor Leader Training

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SUPER SCOUT O'RAMA

Make sure to mark April 5th on your calendars! It is time once again for our annual Scout O'Rama and district Pinewood Derby races. Scout O'Rama will be held at Yankton Middle School this year. Each unit is encouraged to put together a booth or presentation showing off your unit or a scout skill. The top winners at your Pack's Pinewood Derby will be racing against the other Pack winners from across the district. Whose will be the fastest car? Be sure to be there to find out!

TOUR PERMITS

Just a friendly reminder: any time your unit is traveling, you need to have a tour permit filed at the Council office. For those trips under 500 miles, be sure you use the Local Tour Permit form. For those trips over 500 miles, a unit must file a National Tour Permit. Whether you're part of a Pack, Troop, or Crew, the tour permit is a must!

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET

Lewis & Clark Trail's annual district awards banquet was held on January 19th at the Yankton Knights of Columbus Hall. We recognized many volunteers and the 2007 class of Eagle Scouts. Thanks to everyone who helped plan this successful event and congratulations to the award recipients:

Cub Scout Family: Greg Hill & Family, P-258
 Boy Scout Family: Mark and Donna Rausch, T-102
 Cub Scout Spouse: Brenda Fergen, P-165
 Boy Scout Spouse: Rhonda Bender, T-133
 Cub Scouter of the Year: Crystal Gering Nelson, P-64
 Boy Scouter of the Year: Todd Muth, T-102
 District Awards of Merit: Bill Peterson, T-180 and
 Janver Stucky, T-282



ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING

This year, be sure to attend April's Roundtable. As a change of pace from previous years, the annual program planning calendars will be made available in April. Each unit is encouraged to do its program planning prior to the summer to ensure each scout has the opportunity to enjoy scouting all year round.

SPRING CAMPOREE

Our Spring Camporee will be held April 19th at Niobrara State Park. Our volunteers are hard at work planning some fun activities. If you have some suggestions, please let Chuck Mackey know.

CONTACTS

District Chairman: Matt Stone at 665-3904 or
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District Commissioner: Tony Nelson at 624-9720

District Executive: Derek Lee at 321-9819 or
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DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH

6 District Committee Meeting
 7-8 Wolf/Bear Camp-in, Yankton Summit Center
 13 Commissioner's Staff Meeting and Roundtable

APRIL

3 District Committee Meeting
 5 District Scout O'Rama and Pinewood Derby Race, Yankton Middle School
 10 Commissioner's Staff Meeting and Roundtable
 18-20 Spring Camporee, Niobrara State Park

NEW TIGERS – GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!

Are you a new Tiger Scout? Are you excited about beginning the fun and adventure of Cub Scouts? We at the Sioux Council Boy Scouts of America welcome you. We know you will enjoy the coming years as you follow Akela through the Cub Scout experience.

There is no reason to put off the adventure any longer. Here are a couple things you can do this summer to get involved and have fun.

Day Camp is always a hit with Cub Scouts. The theme this year is Cub Fun-Quest. Join your fellow Scouts as you travel back to medieval times, searching for fun and adventure. All Day Camps will feature archery, BB Guns, slingshots, crafts, games, and fun contests. Day Camps will be held in many locations near you.

For you Tigers who are ready for serious camping, and have a willing parent, get ready for Akela Camp. Akela Camp is a three day / two night camping experience. We provide the food and the fun; you bring your camping gear. There are three locations for Akela Camp; Lewis & Clark Scout Camp (Tabor, SD), Mid-way Camp (Brookings, SD), and Richmond Youth Camp (Aberdeen, SD).

Scout Night at the Bird Cage is a fun event for Scouts who like baseball. Every summer the Sioux Falls Canaries baseball team puts on a special night for Scouts. Participants watch a game, meet Canaries player, sleep over on the field, watch movies on the jumbo-tron, and participate in baseball skills workshops.

Wild Water West, Thunder Road, and many other attractions often offer special discounts and packages to Scouts on their "Scout Days". For these and all other events, check our web site at www.siouxbsa.org.

Again, Welcome to Scouting!

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Every job we have ever held was in need of leadership. It might have been in need of our own leadership or that boss who we wished would take a course in effective leadership. Here is the chance for your Troop to get the leadership that it deserves. It has been said that "Great leaders are not born they are made." Without the "know how" to motivate others as well as ourselves we find ourselves continuing along the same routes of mediocrity. We now have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of these young men we are working with. Get them involved in NYLT and let them learn what it means to lead and leave a Scouting legacy.

NYLT is fast approaching and the details are coming together as many qualified volunteers work to plan for the youth in your troop. NYLT has been called everything from the "Wood Badge for Scouts" and "the greatest leadership tool a unit can invest in" to just plain "fun."

This years NYLT is July 27th – Aug 1st. At this point, the location is being determined, but we are considering one in the central area of the Sioux Council. The cost is the same as a week at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp at \$175 if paid by May 30th, after that the cost is \$200. Registration materials are available on our web site at www.siouxbsa.org or at your local roundtable.

Just like every troop should have a trained Scoutmaster, every patrol should have a trained leader; a youth that understands his position and is able to motivate his team.

MYCOUNCIL ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

The Sioux Council is ready to launch its electronic newsletter, one of the latest features of our web site. E-newsletters will contain important information pertaining to Sioux Council events and news. The only way to get the e-newsletter is by subscribing to it from the MyCouncil account you set up from our web site. E-newsletters will be emailed to you directly when they are posted. Joining is easy, just follow these steps:

Log on to www.siouxbsa.org.

Click the **Join** link in the upper right corner of any page of the website.

A short dialog will collect your information and will create a personal profile with your interests. You can change your e-mail address, password and interest choices at any time.

Note: Make sure you subscribe to all of the newsletters that you want to receive. At the time of printing, there were three to choose from; Sioux Council, Tetonwana Lodge, and North Star District. More options may be available soon.

E-newsletters and other features of MyCouncil will provide for better communications with the 4,000 plus volunteer leaders, and 7,000 plus parents and others involved with the Sioux Council

YOUTH PROTECTION MONTH

April is Youth Protection Month and is an opportunity for adults and children to discuss this serious subject. Since 1988, the Boy Scouts of America has provided adult and youth training to combat this societal problem. For adults, we have Youth Protection Guidelines for Parents and Leaders. For youth, the BSA uses a variety of tools, including DVDs, to communicate with young people about protecting themselves against all forms of abuse. The BSA's award-winning videos of child abuse prevention help youth recognize dangerous situations and avoid becoming victims.

The video *It Happened to Me* is designed for boys ages 6 to 9, to view with their parents or guardians. The video presents five scenarios of high-risk situations that boys may encounter. It establishes the four rules for personal safety, that help the boys counteract the fear and shame that can result from potentially abusive situations.

A Time to Tell is the all-new video for youth 10 to 14. This video depicts the risks of sexual abuse through dramatizations of adolescent experiences.

A third video, *Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness*, is designed for any young adult (boy or girl) ages 14 to 20. It is made up of vignettes dealing with the issues of sexual harassment, acquaintance rape, Internet safety, and stalking. Each scenario is followed by instructions for local group discussions and a reality check discussion, with pertinent advice regarding each situation.

The comic book series "Power Pack Pals" has been created to illustrate to Cub Scout-age boys the harm that bullying may cause, how to be safe when using the Internet, and the four rules for personal safety.

Adult leader training is available online through our council web site at www.siouxbsa.org. Look for other training events through your district training team.

You can receive a copy of these materials by contacting your Unit Commissioner or District Executive.

Remember, any case of abuse is one too many!

DISTRICT 10

SERVING MINNEHAHA, LINCOLN, ROCK, LYON, NOBLES COUNTIES

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

Great news everyone! District 10 is in the process of getting the District Committee up and running. If you are a past Committee Member or are interested in program, activities, finance, or recruitment we would like to invite you to help out on the District Committee. We will be meeting the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 PM at the Center for Scouting in Sioux Falls.



Family Camp, and all the summer activities your pack has planned. Spring is the only time of the year we can recruit from the Kindergarten class, but do not limit yourself to just recruiting incoming first graders, you may recruit from all grade levels up to fourth grade in the spring. We would like to have all Packs hold a school night or fun activity for recruitment sometime before the end of April. Be sure to set your date, time, and location soon and send your information into Verlyn or Kyle at the Center for Scouting.

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET

Does your Pack, Troop, or Crew have outstanding leadership? The time to recognize them is fast approaching with the District 10 Awards Banquet, which will be on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Blessed Redeemer Lutheran in Brandon, SD. The Banquet will start with a social at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. If you haven't reserved your spot call the center for Scouting and make your reservation today. For more information please go to the district webpage at www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/District10/

NEW POPCORN INCENTIVES!!!

Yes that's right, we are changing things up a bit hoping to try to help your unit have a successful year and retain more youth. Listed below are the new Popcorn Incentives, so please be sure to mark your calendars now.

3% commission by attending the April Program Planning Seminar (**April 2008 Roundtable**) and turn in a copy of your Ideal Year Calendar and Budget at the August Popcorn Training.

2% commission by bringing at least two people to the August Popcorn and Membership Training Seminars (**August 2008 Roundtable**).

This totals a possible 5% BONUS commission on your Pack or Troop Popcorn Sales for 2008.

WHAT COMES AFTER CUB SCOUTS

For many of you the answer is Boy Scouts, but for many Webelos they never get the chance. Some think the program ends with getting their Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light or have never been invited by a Troop to cross into. I know many of the Troops that participated in this falls Webelos Transition event are gaining a lot of new faces this spring. If you are a Cub Leader and do not know who to contact stop by Roundtable the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Center for Scouting. If you are a Troop Leader, contact your district executive or come to Roundtable as well and we will give you a list of Webelos eligible to transition into your Troop.

SPRING RECRUITMENT

That's right, spring is just around the corner and it is time to get those Tiger Dens set for the Fall so you can send them to Day Camp, Akela Camp,

SCOUT-O-RAMA 2008

Get your magic tricks off the shelf and get ready to for a fun filled event with a magical theme at Scout-o-Rama on April 12, 2008 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Troops and Packs are invited to have a booth with a fun activity or program related to the theme or scouting skills at this event. Cub Scouts get your cars ready for a great race with the top 3 cars from each pack.

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We will be holding three heats with a final at the end of the day. Please check the district website for registration and event information.

KLONDIKE 2008

Thank you to everyone who made this a great event. We had 246 people show up and participate in the event, which was covered by the Argus Leader. As a new district, it was nice to see all the events flow so smooth with the help of many great volunteers.

POLAR DAYS—THE GREAT FREEZE

It was definitely cold for a party themed The Great Freeze. Due to extreme cold and strong winds, the event was moved indoors with the Civil Defense, Sioux Falls Fire & Rescue, South Dakota GF&P Trappers, and George Nelsen the Story teller kept all the boys and leaders involved and excited all day long. Patches are on order and should be in about six weeks.

SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Packs and Troops, be sure to get information out to families in your unit soon so you can make your reservations. While Cub Camping events are still being setup, Lewis and Clark Boy Scout Reservation and the Missouri River High Adventure Base are already taking reservations and collecting early bird registration. Please be sure to check into the registration and fee deadlines. We look forward to seeing you at camp, and would appreciate a call if you are planning to attend another Councils camp, so we can keep record of which units attended a long term camp throughout the summer.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH

- 6 District Commissioner Meeting
- 9 District Awards Banquet
- 13 District Roundtable
- 27 District Committee Meeting
- 28-30 Outdoor Leader Skills

APRIL

- 3 District Commissioner Meeting
- 10 District Roundtable (3% Popcorn Incentive)
- 12 Scout-o-rama
- 17 District Committee Meeting

MAY

- 1 District Commissioner Meeting
- 2-4 Spring Camp-o-ree
- 2-4 Council Venture Camp-o-ree
- 8 Roundtable
- 15 District Committee Meeting

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Districts/District10/>

(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)

BUFFALO RIDGE

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

2008-2009

That's not a typo. At our April Roundtables, we will begin looking at the 2008-2009 Scouting year. The Council calendar will be handed out and council and district programming will be discussed. The main part of the program will be presentations on unit planning and budgeting. Long a necessary part of programming for successful units, it is, unfortunately, treated lightly, if not ignored completely by many units. It is no coincidence that those units generally suffer from low membership retention and stagnant growth. The Sioux Council considers unit planning and budgeting to be so vital that it is tying it to the incentive program for this fall's popcorn sale. **To qualify for a 3% commission bonus, a unit MUST attend the April Roundtables AND turn in a copy of the Ideal Year Calendar and Budget at the August Roundtables.** April Roundtables would definitely be the meeting your entire unit committee should be attending. Having everyone on the same page will be a big + at planning time.



minutes to complete. In case you are not aware of it, anytime you are traveling with youth from your unit, at least one adult **MUST BE YPT certified**. So if your unit is not up to date on its YP training, April is the month to "get 'er done."

BALOO

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is the training **required** for at least one adult participating in a Pack family camping event. This is required to meet BSA standards. Without that certified adult, the Pack will jeopardize its BSA liability coverage. The Buffalo Ridge District will be offering this training on Saturday, April 12th, at the Scout Center in Marshall. Pack leaders will be receiving a flyer with more information on the training. To register for the training, contact Don Wilmert at (507) 537-1061 or dwilmert@charter.net.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Want to make a difference in some boys' lives? Want to feel great about yourself and what you've accomplished at the end of a day? Want some time out in the sun and fresh air? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we've got the job for you. We are looking for adult volunteers to help us with the Day Camps in Brookings, Madison, and Marshall this summer. All three camps are Friday evening/ all day Saturday camps. Brookings dates are July 18 & 19, Madison's are July 25 & 26 and Marshall's are July 11 & 12. Watch for sign-up information.

IT'S NEVER TOO SOON

Selecting your unit's popcorn and recruiting chairs early is never a bad thing. Having them in place when the fall program information comes out, will make sure they are up to date rather than trying to play catch-up in the fall. With the 2008-09 council program calendar and program information coming out in April, it wouldn't hurt to be looking at filling those positions asap. The importance of selecting these volunteers early will be the other part of the commission bonus for the 2008 popcorn sale. **To Qualify for an additional 2% commission bonus a unit MUST have at least two volunteers attend the August Popcorn and Membership Training Seminars.** These seminars will be the topics of our October Roundtable. The two obvious attendees should be the unit's popcorn and recruiting chairs. July or early August is not the time to be recruiting these individuals. Why not have them selected by April and have them attend the planning seminars?

APRIL IS YOUTH PROTECTION MONTH

Although youth protection is something that should be a year-round concern, the BSA designates the month of April as Youth Protection Month to remind those units and individuals who have not completed their Youth Protection Training that this is a good time to get it done. Every year, generally in the fall, Packs and Troops should be showing the proper video, "A Time to Tell" (Troops) or "It Happened to Me" (Packs). In the case of the Packs, a parent **MUST** be present for a boy to view the video. Every adult leader should, upon registering, immediately complete the on-line Youth Protection Training, which can be accessed

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH

- 4 Dist. Mtng, Com. Ctr, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 9 OA Chapt. Mtng, Brookings American Legion, 7:00 pm
- 11 Rndtbls/Comish, Mtng, Com. Ctr, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 15 Dist. Vol. Recog. Banquet, Mid-way Camp, Volga, 5:00 pm

APRIL

- 1 Dist. Mtng, Com. Ctr, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 8 Rndtbls/Comish. Mtng, Com. Ctr, Elkton, 7:00 pm
- 12 BALOO Training, Marshall Scout Center, 8:00 am
- 13 OA Chapt. Mtng, Brookings, American Legion, 7:00 pm
- 18-20 Scout-O-Rama/Spring Camporee, Site TBA

Cub Scout Camping - 2008



We are planning a great summer for Cub Scout Camping! There are so many choices for your Scouts to choose from. Each type of camp we offer has a little different feel that will meet the needs of every Cub Scout. Listed below is a brief description of the camps the Sioux Council will be offering this summer. More specific information is available on our website at www.siouxbsa.org/Camps. **Registrations for all camps are due by May 1st.**

All camps include BB Gun and Archery stations, since these activities can only be done at Council sponsored activities. Other stations and program activities vary and are based on a theme and the skill level of the participants.

Day Camp - Cub Fun-Quest

Day Camp is designed for Cubs of all ages. It is the camp that comes to your community or at least one close by. Day Camp is designed by a team of volunteers from all over the council. It is provided by your district, by volunteers like you. Day Camp is two days of skills, games, and fun. Many of our communities have opted to run a Friday night / Saturday day variation, to make it easier for Scouts and leaders to attend.

Registration will be by pack, so let your Cubmaster know that you want to attend. The cost will be \$40.00. Pack registrations due by May 1st.

Akela Camp - 2008

Akela Camp is a three day/two night campout for both Cub Scouts and their parents. Participants arrive on Friday evening and leave by noon on Sunday. The activities at the camp are designed for those Cub Scouts who will be Wolves or Bears (2nd or 3rd graders) in the fall. The cost for the program is \$35.00 per person if you register by May 1st. After May 1st, the registration fee increases to \$45.00 per person. Make sure to get the early-bird rate! All fees will include food and all necessary program supplies. Registration forms are available from your Cubmaster or easily accessible on the Sioux Council website at www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/AkelaCamp. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Webelos Explorer Camp

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

Registration is per youth and parent (same form as Akela Camp). Some Webelos come in small den groups with their den leader and one or more parents. Work these logistics out with your den leader. The cost is \$90.00 per youth and \$45 per adult. All food and program supplies are included. Get a registration form from your Cubmaster or our website at www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/WebelosCamp.

Make sure to view the registration forms on our website to see the Early Bird Discount you can receive if your registration forms are submitted to the Council Office by May 1st.



LEWIS & CLARK

SCOUT CAMP



High Adventure Base Expands Program Offerings

The Sioux Council's Missouri River High Adventure Base is entering its fifth year now and is about to offer two new exciting programs for 2008.

Many know that the base (known as Mr. Hab), has offered week-long canoe adventures down the wild and scenic sections of the Missouri River. Some have described the trips as "kind of like summer camp on the run". This program has been well received and many Troops from across the country have made Mr. Hab their destination for summer fun. Starting with the 2008 summer season, we are adding two additional programs.

You will soon be able to register for week long sailing adventures on Lewis & Clark Lake. Dave Broadwell and crew have put together a program that involves sailing, camping, tours, great food and lots of other fun activities. This first season will run 3 or 4 weeks in the first part of the summer.

Also, this year Mr. Hab will be offering a "Five State Canoe Adventure" from August 3rd through the 14th. This adventure will depart from Yankton, SD and navigate down stream to St. Joseph, Missouri with stops along the way at special parks, museums and other attractions. This adventure requires a little canoeing skill and a fair amount of maturity. Camp Director Barry Schloss said, "There will be space for a combined total of about 40 Scouts, Venturers, and leaders. There is a lot of planning that goes into a one-time adventure like this. It would be best if potential participants call or e-mail me at camp to get questions answered and get signed up."

Standard high adventure age and physical requirements must be met for both these programs. The Five State Canoe Adventure has additional requirements. Contact Barry Schloss at 605-665-4392 or E-mail BSARanger@aol.com.

Cure the summertime blues by getting a summer job with fringe benefits.

Staffing plans are getting underway for the 2008 summer camp season at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp and the Missouri River High Adventure Base. Right now is the right time to get your application in for a summer packed with friends, fun, food and even a paycheck or two!

The Sioux Council has about 50 temporary (summer) positions to fill each year. Traditionally we have about fifty percent of our staff return from the previous year, leaving about 25 positions open.

Scouts and adults interested in one of these positions should get an application form from our council web site, in the 2008 Leaders Guide, or by calling the Council Office or Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. Minimum age for a paid staff position is 15. We haven't found a maximum age yet! Both guys and gals can fill most of the positions at camp. We have some great opportunities for Venture Crew members. Get your application in real soon.

Camp Staff is a great summer job. Employers are looking to hire people with work experience and are very excited when they find someone with leadership or supervisory experience. Camp Staff is a great way to develop these skills and help build a good resume for the future. You most likely will form staff friendships that will last a lifetime.

2008 Campsite Openings

The following campsites are still open for week long camping. As we get closer to June, we will know approximately how full each camp site will be and be able to better fill them to capacity. Visit the web site at <http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisAndClark/> to view the availability calendar.

Week 1: Red Dog, Crazy Horse, Shannon, Ordway, Gass, and York.

- Week 2: Crazy Horse, Shannon, Pryor, Ordway, York, and Floyd.
- Week 3: Big Foot, Red Dog, Crazy Horse, Shannon, Ordway and Floyd.
- Week 5: Big Foot, Red Dog, Crazy Horse, Shannon, Pryor, Gass, York, and Floyd.
- Week 6: Sitting Bull, Black Buffao, Red Dog, Shannon, Pryor, Gass, and York.
- Week 7: Spotted Tail, Big Foot, Black Buffalo, Crazy Horse, Shannon, Pryor, Ordway, and Gass.

Early Bird Discount

In order to receive the “Early Bird Discount” for Lewis & Clark Scout Camp 2008, you will need to submit a half payment of \$87.50 for each scout attending, by **March 1, 2008**. New Scouts and transferring Webelos will need to be paid in full by May 1, 2008 to receive the “Early Bird Discount”. The “Early Bird Discount” price for Scouts attending in 2008 is \$175.00. Full price fees are \$195.00. **Don’t penalize the youth who are coming to camp, by waiting for the undecided to submit your fees.**

Webelos Transition

Scoutmasters, are you satisfied with the size of your troop? Do you have plenty of new scouts to insure the longevity of your troop? If the answer to either of these two questions is NO, then you need to get involved with Webelos Transition. According to recent surveys, 96% of current Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts. Why? Two reasons, once a youth gets involved in Cub Scouts they often find the adventure that they have been looking for and wish to continue. Secondly, we (as an organization) are not good at recruiting new Boy Scouts.

A critical step in Cub Scouts becoming Boy Scouts is the transition from a Webelos den to a Boy Scout troop. This step does not just happen in most cases. Webelos and their parents must be invited, encouraged, and given a little guidance before they will transition. This is where you come in. There is a great brochure from National that outlines the whole process. Your Commissioner or District Executive can get you one.

Here are a few of the points you should follow to help the process.

First, you should start cultivating a relationship with Webelos and Webelos Leaders the moment they become Webelos. Your relationship should continue as they progress into second year Webelos and into your troop. The first time they see you should not be at the cross over ceremony or as they complete the “visit a local troop” requirement for the Arrow of Light award. Webelos dens are able to participate in troop activities as long as they are invited and the activity is appropriate for Webelos aged youth. Your troop should plan a couple activities a year to include Webelos Dens.

Second, you need to let the parents meet you. The best way to do this is to invite the youth and their parents to a troop open house. At the open house, show them all the great things your troop does. Show them the great adventures you are planning. Let them see your calendar and the plans you have. Parents also want to know how you fund raise and what you expect of them. A good time to do this is in late November or December. Don’t be afraid to have a few transfer forms on hand for parents to sign. Often we forget to turn in the transfer forms until it’s time for camp and we find out Billy is not registered.

Third, Your District Executive can provide you with a list of Webelos that did not transfer into a troop. This list will show you the current 5th and 6th graders who were Webelos. This list allows you to contact these youth personally and invite them to join your troop or at least to an open house. Sometimes a youth or their parent is not sure what to do to transfer to a troop. Sometimes the youth is unsure of what Boy Scouting is all about, and is reluctant to join. Once his friends start talking about the adventure of Boy Scouts and the upcoming activities, he decides he wants to join. Again he doesn’t know how to get back in. Your invitation allows this to happen.

So your thinking this is all good, but you are busy running the troop. Solution, assign an Assistant Scoutmaster to over see Webelos transition. The best one for this job is the one that will be assigned to the “new scout patrol” when the boys do transfer. Still make it a point to introduce yourself at troop activities and open houses, but let the organization of the events be done by the Assistant Scoutmaster.

Recruiting (or if you prefer courting) Webelos should be just part of your troops’ annual plan. It’s easy to do; it just takes a little planning and organization.

Pinewood Derby - Pack Buying Guide



Pinewood Derby Kit



Participation Emblem



Place Medals



Participation Ribbon



Participant Pkt Cert



PWD Trophy



Derby Guidebook



Participation Hat Pin



Extra wheels & axles



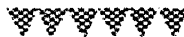
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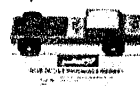
PWD Plaque



Derby Racer License



String Pennant 25'



Display Stand



Race Official Ribbons



Cub Scout Gift Wrap



Race Day Organizer



Photo Op Display



Book Speed Secrets



Book Designs/Patterns

item #	Description	Retail	Qty	Price Extended
17006	PINEWOOD DERBY KIT QTY 1-7	\$3.59		
17006-8PK	PINEWOOD DERBY KIT QTY 8+	\$3.24		
80217	EMBLEM PWD RACER ***NEW FOR '08***	\$0.99		
17381	MEDAL BLUE	\$2.89		
17382	MEDAL RED	\$2.89		
17383	MEDAL WHITE	\$2.89		
17377	PARTICIPANT RIBBONS 10PK	\$4.49		
33702A	PARTICIPANT POCKET CERTIFICATE	\$0.10		
7580	TROPHY PINEWOOD DERBY	\$16.49		
33721A	DERBY GUIDEBOOK	\$1.99		
00954	PARTICIPANT HAT PIN	\$1.79		
17007	EXTRA WHEELS & AXLES 5 EACH	\$2.49		
17954	DIGITAL SCALE	\$51.99		
7590	PLAQUE PINEWOOD DERBY	\$18.99		
17373	DERBY RACER LICENSE 8PK	\$8.99		
11009	STRING PENNANT 25'	\$8.99		
17009	DISPLAY STAND	\$8.49		
17375	RACE OFFICIAL RIBBON 10PK	\$4.59		
30528	WRAPPING PAPER - CUB SCOUT GIFT WRAP	\$4.99		
17103	RACE DAY ORGANIZER DISPLAY STAND	\$19.99		
17102	PHOTO OP DISPLAY STAND	\$9.99		
30538	BOOK PWD SPEED SECRETS	\$12.95		
34130	BOOK PWD DESIGNS & PATTERNS	\$12.99		

DIRECT YOUR ORDERS TO THE PREMIER SCOUT SHOP:

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Prices subject to change in 2008

With our ever evolving staff, we want to make sure everyone is informed of the phone numbers and e-mail address of our staff. Listed below are the departments and personnel at the Center for Scouting. Feel free to tear this page out and put it with you Scout stuff for future use.

Department	Person	Phone Number
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GIFTS-IN-KIND

THE WISH LISTS BELOW ARE A PORTION OF THE PROGRAM AND CAMP NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL

Each year Scouting benefits from generous *Gift-In-Kind* support. Gifts-In-Kind are goods given to the council that would otherwise have to be purchased. If you, your business or service club would like to donate a gift, contact your FOS volunteer, District Executive or Development Director. For a complete list, go to www.siouxbsa.org and click on *Support Scouting* and then the *Gifts-In-Kind* link.

Council Service Center Wish List

Building Related

Asphalt resurfacing for parking lot
Building janitorial service
Fluorescent tubes, 48", 40 watt
Lawn service
Snow removal service

Office Supplies

Computer labels, 1" white on 8.5" x 11" sheets
Frames for pictures 8.5" x 11"
Ink pens, various

Stationary

Envelopes, various— see web site for detailed list
Paper, various— see web site for detailed list

Vehicles

Gasoline
Oil changes
Tires

Miscellaneous

Coffee pots, 10 gallon
Computer: lap tops
Computer projector unit
Digital camera with case
Electric stapler
Fireproof safe
Flags, USA and state
Landscaping
Maintenance services
Mini blinds
Outdoor marquee sign
Vehicles; cars and vans

Council Operations Wish List

Membership Growth

Learning for Life fees
Race to Cub Scouting billboards
Race to Cub Scouting newspaper advertisements
School night flier sponsor

Leadership Development

BSA Leadership training
Summer camp staff training materials

Publications/Printing

Sioux Trails, bi-monthly newsletter
Annual program planning calendar
FOS brochures and enrollment cards, four-color
Council annual report
Welcome wagon brochure
Camp promotional brochures, four-color

Cub Scout Day Camp

Day camp t-shirts (800 at \$5.50 each)
Day camp patches (1,000 at \$1 each)

Advancement/Recognition

Eagle Scout award presentation kits
BSA veterans award
NESA memberships
Eagle recognition dinner/sponsor
Silver Beaver Award

Lewis & Clark Scout Camp Wish List

Many items on the wish list for camp are food items. If an item is perishable, there may be a weekly use figure attached to it. If the item can be safely stored in a freezer or in dry storage, the amount reflects how much would be used over the entire summer camp season.

Food Items—Frozen

Beef patties 8 per lb.	2,100
Brats (or smoked sausage)	2,100
Breakfast burritos	2,100
Chicken nuggets or chicken strips	650 lbs.
French toast sticks	8,500
Hot dogs 8 or 10 per lb.	2,100
Individual pizzas (or equiv)	2,100
Steak and potato burrito product	2,100
Swiss steak or chicken fried steak	4,200 servings
Waffles-frozen	4,500

Food Items—Refrigerated

1/2 Pint Servings 2% milk	8,500/1,200 per wk
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Food Items—Fresh

Apples (1 bushel case)	1/wk or 7 total
Bread sticks	600/wk or 4,200
Donuts or Danish	300/wk or 2100
Hamburger buns	300/wk or 2,100
Hot dog/brat buns	600/wk or 4,200
Oranges (1 bushel case)	1/wk or 7 total
Sandwich bread	75/wk or 525

Food Items—Dry Storage

Bar-b-q sauce (Cookies brand or equivalent)	12 gallons (3 cases)
Beverage dry-mix, punch or flavored	1250 pkg. (2 gallons/pkg.)
Cereal-bulk sweetened	720 lbs.
Various: Honey Nut Cheerios, Trix, Coco Puffs, Captain Crunch, Lucky Charms or similar	
Fruit cocktail #10 can	72 (12 cases)
Green beans-blue lake #10 can	72 (12 cases)
Honey	40 lbs.
Oats-old fashioned	2 boxes (1 case)
Pancake syrup 1 gallon bottle	20 gal. (5 cases)
Pasta sauce #10 can or equivalent	72 (12 cases)
Peaches-sliced #10 Can	72 (12 cases)
Peanut butter-creamy	120 lbs.
Pork and beans #10 can	72 (12 cases)
Pudding-chocolate #10 can	72 (12 cases)
Sugar-brown	50 lbs.
Sugar-white	100 lbs.
Tomato ketchup #10 can or equivalent	36 (6 cases)

General Items

Ammunition .22 caliber long rifle	10,000 rounds
Garbage cans- 40 gallon steel w/lids	10
Grass seed- any mix	100 lbs.
Mouse traps- live catch for nature program	3
Oil- bar & chain for chain saw	4 gallons
Oil- motor Oil (10w 40)	3 cases (12 per case)
Oil- two cycle marine	4 gallons
Paint- for chapel	22 gallon
Railroad ties- used	50
Siding- T-111 style (8 inch centers)	15 sheets
Targets- rifle type (NRA 50' style)	1,000
Targets- shotgun (clay birds)	200 cases

Specialty Items

AED—defibrillators (Phillips or other)	3 about \$2,500 each
Boat motors (long shaft)	9 hp (2)
Concrete (ready-mix for tower base)	9 yards
Landscape timbers 8' (rework campfire seating)	25
Lumber (green treated or cedar for directional signs)	call Ranger for details
Swim area buoys (call Ranger for details)	\$400 total

2007 MEMORIAL GIFTS RECAP

MEMORIAL, HONOR AND TRIBUTE GIFTS RECOGNIZE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Honoring a loved one through a charitable memorial gift is often an especially meaningful act of paying tribute to someone special while assuring that worthwhile values continue to influence the world around us. Use a memorial, honor or tribute gift to recognize the special occasions and events in your life. You may honor a family member, friend, new Eagle Scout, Scouter or Scoutmaster.

Jim Kading Memorial

G. Todd Garry

Ralph Gerry Memorial

LeRoy & Laura Ask
Reid & Ruth Christopherson
Jeffrey & Tamara Deering
Gay Dempsey
Roger & Judy Johanson
Joseph & Nichole Kemnitz

Norm Green Memorial

John & Patricia Bultsma
J.D. & Deb Bushfield
Reid & Ruth Christopherson
Ronald & Janice Erkes
Jeffrey & Roberta Moe
Ray & Virginia Slechta

Every attempt was made to accurately recognize all gifts properly. We regret any errors or omissions and would like to know about them so they may be correct. Please contact the development director.

George Peterka Memorial

Ronald Aten
James & Sue Aubrey
Rohlf Memorial Clinic
Randy Brennick
Jean Byl
Virginia Collignon
Leo Cwach Jr.
Carl Dillion
Dan & Julie Gergen
Lorene Haessig
Joel & Jane Hathaway
Robert & Kimberly Hayes
Lawrence & Kathleen Hintgen
Steve Kowalsky
Merle & Virginia Larson
Thomas & Dorothea Merrill
Dennis & Diane Peterka
Rodney & Rebecca Pieper
Douglas Raynie
Jerry or Jodi Richardson
Arthur & Lana Rusch
Nathan Steinbach
Jim & Kathy Thomson
Gladys Ufford
Rita Wentworth

You may direct your gifts to any of the four permanently endowed funds of the Sioux Council.



The lists on the left are a recap of the 2007 Memorial Gifts received by Sioux Council, BSA.

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WEB CONNECTIONS

Use the links on www.siouxbsa.org to reconnect with Scouting, give a gift on-line, or send in a memorial, honor or tribute gift honoring a family member, friend, new Eagle Scout or Scouter.

www.bsagiftplan.org

This BSA web resource helps Scouters explore the benefits of charitable planned giving.

Read donor stories, create your own plan or [sign-up for a free e-Newsletter](#).

Article topics include Social Security, Healthcare, Finance and other timely information.

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Along the Scouting Trail.....

What is the best time to join the Scouting program? We missed the sign-up night last fall, so now I guess we can not join? We missed Boy Scouts last year, so does my son have to make the time in-order to advance?

These are just a few of the common questions that we hear from parents who want to know more about the Scouting program. All too often, someone has been given the wrong information about joining the Scouting program. Let me try to put a few of these common questions to rest:

FACT: Boys can join the Scouting program anytime of the year. When a boy turns age 6 or completes kindergarten, he is eligible to join Tiger Cubs. The best time for a boy to join Tiger Cubs is in the spring, so they do not miss a summer of fun and adventure. Your pack spring round-up for Tiger Cubs should be held by April 15th. Make sure every kindergarten boy is invited to join in the fun this spring!

MYTH: When a 9 year old boy joins Cub Scouts, does the boy have to earn Wolf and Bear before becoming a Webelos Scout? No.

FACT: The first rank that all Cub Scouts (age 7 or older) earn is their Bobcat Badge. Then boys then work on the age appropriate requirements depending on their grade level.

MYTH: Very few Boy Scouts today were ever in Cub Scouts?

FACT: Approximately 98% of today's Boy Scouts started their Scouting experience as a Cub Scout. Today, less than 5% earn the Eagle Scout Rank. Whether they are a Scout for nine months, nineteen months, or nine years... the experience will shape their lives now and into the future. Make sure your local kindergarten boys are invited to start their Scouting Adventure in the spring.

In 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 Years of Scouting. Celebrating the Adventure—Continuing the Journey.

.... Paul Myers, Scout Executive