

# Sioux



# Trails

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## My Council

Have you seen the Sioux Council web site lately? We have a great new feature....My Council. What is "My Council"? My Council is a communication devise that helps the council staff communicate with volunteers and parents more efficiently. Here's how it works. Log onto our council web site at [www.siouxbsa.org](http://www.siouxbsa.org). On the front page is an article entitled "My Council...Get the Information You Want". Click on that headline and it will take you to an information page. The page will prompted you to click the "My Council" link on the top of the page. You will create an account for yourself which will include your email address. You will also check boxes that pertain to you, such as which district you belong to, are you a Cub Scout person. , etc. Once you are registered you can receive emails based on the boxes you selected. For example if the Klondike Derby is being postponed because of sever weather, you will receive an email informing you of the change. No need to make calls or check the District page of the web site, you'll just have to check your email.



In the near future, you're "My Council" account can be used to collect and store favorite pages and events from the website, create a personal calendar, and will also be used in the future to register for events. You're "My Council" page will become your personalized Home Page on the council website.

Many people have signed on already. Take a few minutes and get your "My Council" account activated.

## WWW.SIOUXBSA.ORG

Over the past year our council website has grown into an important and useful tool. We continue to add features as they become available to us. It really isn't flashy with the latest graphics and sound, but it has the information you need and it looks good. If you are using a dial-up internet connection, you can still get the information you need.

Use your District home page and calendar for all you upcoming events, use the Council calendar to find events and activities to enhance your program. Nearly every form you need including youth registration forms and Tour Permits are all in the "Resources" section. Many training sessions, particularly for new leaders are available online in the Training section. We could go on and on about the uses of our web site. The bottom line is you just need to go there and spend some time looking around. You will find the things you need.



### Presidents Message

Reid Christopherson

Thanks. Leadership. Mentorship. Duty to God. Fiduciary responsibility. Traditional membership. These are just a few of the recurring themes that were discussed and embraced during the 2007 National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in Atlanta during May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Council Key 3, Regional, and National leaders of the BSA gathered to not only review our current organizational health, but to also focus upon our future.

I am proud to report that the BSA is in great shape! We are served by committed and talented leaders. We are in a strong financial position; however, gifts of our treasures can significantly open new doors to even more opportunities to serve youth. Our traditional membership has rebounded! In the closing day of the meeting, we received the report that our national traditional membership, after several years of decrease, has now returned to an increase. We have regained the lost ground and are postured for continued success.

Our National Council of the Boy Scouts of America is in great shape! The Central Region, of which we are part, is in great shape! Sioux Council is in great shape! Certainly challenges and opportunities exist at all levels. But a firm foundation of volunteers and professional talent and fiscal support provide the firm foundation for our continued commitment to serve the youth of America. Thanks for all that you do to convert this goal to reality!

### Sioux Council Staff Changes

Due to recent promotions and career changes, we are a little under staffed at the Sioux Council. We currently have four districts without a Unit Serving Executive and Prairie Coteau's executive is serving at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp and is therefore not functioning in his normal role. The remainder of the staff members are committed to keeping things going as we fill these vacancies. For questions or concerns about Newton Hills and Prairie Coteau Districts, please contact Gerry Granum. For questions or concerns about North Star and Pheasant Districts, please contact Rich Stockton. For questions and concerns about Lewis & Clark Trail District, please contact Corey Davis. We have started the process of interviewing and hiring new staff members already. We will updated you as vacancies are filled.

Please join us in congratulating Rich Stockton on his recent promotion. Rich will be the new Scout Executive for the Green Mountain Council in Vermont. He will take over in Vermont beginning July 15th. Good luck Rich! We'll miss you!

#### 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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Celestron, a leading designer and manufacturer of telescopes, binoculars, spotting scopes, and microscopes, has made a donation of 200 Celestron NexStar 80GTL telescopes to the Boy Scouts of America, including the Sioux Council.

Each year, nearly 50,000 boys in the BSA earn merit badges in space exploration and astronomy. To enhance their learning experience, Celestron is donating the telescopes to local councils to encourage interest in space exploration and astronomy among America's youth.

This year's donation, worth approximately \$60,000, follows last year's gift of 200 Celestron SkyScouts to the astronomy programs at all high-adventure and selected BSA summer resident camps nationwide. The donation of telescopes this year will begin arriving at local councils during the first week of June.

"American youth have always had a natural curiosity to explore new frontiers, including our universe and space in general," said Paul Myers Scout executive, Sioux Council. "During the past century, nearly 1 million Scouts have earned merit badges in astronomy and space exploration-related topics. This donation of Celestron telescopes to the Scouts at the Sioux Council will allow us to further teach our kids to explore the wonders of our universe."

**About Celestron:**

Founded in the 1950s, Celestron is a leading designer, manufacturer, and importer of high-quality optical products, including computerized and non-computerized telescopes and related accessories, binoculars, spotting scopes, and microscopes. Celestron is a leader in the sale of performance telescopes and enjoys brand-name recognition among serious amateur astronomers for superior optics, outstanding design, and innovative technology. Celestron sells and markets its products worldwide through a variety of specialty retail outlets and international distributors. Celestron is a privately held company with corporate offices and manufacturing facilities in Torrance, California. For more information about Celestron and the SkyScout product please visit <http://www.celestron.com> and <http://www.celestron.com/skyscout>.

**Stampede Season Tickets**

Cyntom Property Management of Sioux Falls generously donated five Stampede season tickets to the staff of the Sioux Council, BSA. Thank you Cyntom! We enjoyed the games this past season. It was nice to spend a little time with the family and experience the thrill of a hockey game with them.



## WOOD BADGE C - 11 - 07

Under the direction of Cindy Shuck, the Sioux Council is offering Wood Badge adult leader training this fall. Wood Badge is the ultimate training experience for Scouters. You get the opportunity to be a kid again and walk down the Scouting trail. Along the way, you gain leadership experience, project planning, organization tools, better communication skills, and study team development models.

Wood Badge just isn't for Scout leaders, it's for anyone who wants to learn these important skills.

### Course dates are :

September 8th (Center For Scouting)

September 21st - 23rd (Lewis & Clark)

October 12th - 14th (Lewis & Clark)

Participants must attend all three week ends.

Wood Badge is the peak experience of a Scouting career and has served as a source of inspiration to thousands of volunteers all over the world.

We still have space available for more participants. We are limited to 48, so register today. The cost is \$205. Many companies will pay for part or all of the registration costs. Scholarships are available. See our website, [www.siouxbsa.org/WoodBadge](http://www.siouxbsa.org/WoodBadge) for more details and registration materials. You may also see who else is taking the course and who is part of our terrific staff.



## Why Wait! Go in 2008, Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont Scout Ranch is booked for the 2008 and 2009 seasons. That means your Troop can not go until at least 2010. Why wait for a chance to go in 2010. Sign up and go with the Sioux Council contingent next summer. We have reserved 48 spaces for our council members. Reservations are on a first come first basis. You can register your Troop and go together or register yourself and go with others from our council. Either way we charter a bus and travel together.

Our reserved trek dates are Friday, June 20th to Wednesday, July 2nd. Our trip dates are June 18th to July 3rd.

We are working on the final costs, but should be right around \$1150 per participant. This covers all transportation, lodging, and food costs for the trip. Participants must supply their personal gear and any souvenirs.

Participants must be 14 years of age by January 1, 2008 or have completed the eight grade and be at least 13 prior to participation.

Registration materials are available from the Sioux Council, Center for Scouting 605-361-2697.





## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

**What is National Youth Leadership Training?** National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program (six days, five nights) designed 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.

Youth leadership training is a three-phase training experience, and a common thread will connect all three phases. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The Sioux Council, using a nationally approved outline under the leadership of quality volunteers, conducts the conference.

**Who may attend?** – The training will be open to Boy Scouts who meet the following criteria:

- At least 13 years old by May 1, 2007.
- At least First Class rank.
- Currently serving in a troop position of responsibility (or have the skills and abilities to do so in the future).
- Be recommended/approved by his Scoutmaster (Experience tells us that the amount of benefit a young man will get from the training is directly proportional to his level of maturity, attitude and focus).
- Application is approved by the Sioux Council Training Committee.

**Is The Home Scoutmaster Involved?** - Very much so. It is expected that the troop Scoutmaster, or other designated adult scout leader, will work with the scouts prior to the conference to provide them with the basics of leadership. There are certain outdoor skills that need to be mastered prior to coming to camp. It is strongly recommended that participants be graduates of the Troop Leadership Training. The Scoutmaster's role is critical to the success of the youth Scout leader in implementing their goals

**What's The Date?** - NYLT will open on Sunday, July 29, 2007 and conclude on Friday, August 3, 2007.

**What's The Location?** - The NYLT Conference for 2007 will be held at [Camp Iyataka](#).

**What's The Cost?** - The cost for the conference is \$165 per scout. This includes all food, camping equipment (except TENTAGE), program, and training materials.

**What uniform are Scouts expected to wear at NYLT?** – Scouts attending NYLT are expected to wear the complete official field (Class A) uniform of the Boy Scouts of America which includes: Official khaki uniform shirt, Official Scout shorts or pants (shorts are strongly recommended), Scout belt, Official Scout socks.

### Recommendations

We are still accepting reservations for 8 more participants. This training will help your Troop function better. Every Troop's Senior Patrol Leader and future SPL should complete this training. We recommend that you sponsor your youth leader and send them to NYLT.

# Register Now For This Exciting Event!

**Jubilee Starts:** Friday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m.  
**Jubilee Ends:** Sunday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Lewis & Clark Scout Camp  
**Staff Contact:** Corey Davis (605) 323-0713



## Cost:

- Boy Scouts - \$15.00 per Scout & Leader
- Cub Scouts - \$10.00 per Scout & Leader
- Eagle Dinner - \$10.00 per participant

Jubilee is providing all activities, and lunch on Saturday. Troops, Crews, and Packs are responsible for all other meals. Webelos dens may stay over night on Saturday if they are invited by a Troop and will stay in the same campsite, but a different section of the site. Cub Scout Packs may stay overnight on Saturday if they follow the guidelines set forth in the BALOO training, including having a BALOO trained leader on site.

## A Few Program Highlights:

- Thursday Canoe Trek (Older Scouts & Ventures)
- Friday evening scavenger hunt
- Saturday morning patrol competitions highlighting First Class skills (Boy Scouts)
- Saturday morning Cub Scout Stations (Cub Scouts)
- Saturday afternoon exhibits and demonstrations from many local, regional and national groups
- Saturday afternoon open program areas: waterfront, shooting sports, climbing, and Challenge Valley
- Saturday Eagle Scout & Staff Alumni Dinner
- Saturday evening show with fireworks and live music
- Sunday morning religious services

**Check the Jubilee Web Site for updates and registration information:**

<http://www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisandClark/Events/LCJubilee>

SIoux FALLS  
**STORM**

## Scout Night

**Vs.**

**When:** Saturday, July 14, 2007, kickoff at 7:05 PM  
Boy Scout Check In - 6:15 PM



**BILLINGS OUTLAWS**

**Cost:** \$5.00/person

**All tickets must be purchased by Friday, July 6, 2007.**

All ticket orders must be made at the Storm front office or by phone. Pick up tickets at the game at the South entrance.

1910 S. Minnesota Avenue. - Sioux Falls  
Phone-605-332-4225

**Bring Troop flag and Scouts must wear uniforms for parade.**

Anyone in a scout shirt is invited to present the flags before the game. Please bring US Flags, State Flags, and Troop Flags are welcome. Everyone is invited to walk in the flag presentation before the game. Please meet at the north end of the Arena that faces Russell Avenue at 6:15 PM to line up. Adult leaders are welcome to participate in this event to help and walk with the Scouts.

# Scouts Day

**Friday, July 20, 2007**

Rain date August 3, 2007

*Wild Water West and The Adventurepark!*

### WATERPARK DISCOUNTS!

	Day Rates	Evening Rates
48" & over	<b>\$13.95</b>	<b>\$7.95</b>
Under 48"	<b>\$6.95</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>
Spectator	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>

### UNLIMITED SLIDES-N-RIDES PASS

**\$22.95** per person

Unlimited Waterpark access plus Unlimited Go-Kart rides,  
Bumper Boat rides, Mini-Golf & Batting Cages.

*Prices do not include sales tax. Height restrictions apply on all rides.*



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Present membership card to Park's ticket booth and receive discounted rates any time on Friday, July 20, 2007.  
Waterpark hours 11am-8pm, Adventurepark hours 11am-11pm.

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## Get Your 50th Anniversary Jubilee Merchandise

Two locations only - Front Desk at the Center for Scouting or at the Lewis & Clark Scout Camp Trading Post.

This is a celebration marking 50 years of Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. Get your collectors memorabilia even if you can't attend the Jubilee.



### Merchandise List & Prices

T-Shirts - \$10.00  
Hats - \$15.00  
Shirt & Hat Combo - \$20.00  
Ceramic Mugs - \$4.00  
Plastic Mugs - \$1.50  
Colored Hat Pins - \$2.00