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Happy Holidays!

MEET JEFF ECKHOFF, SIOUX COUNCIL VOLUNTEER

Jeff Eckhoff has been a member of the Executive Board since 2006. He has also chaired the Council nomination committee in 2007 and 2008. Jeff will serve as Council Friends of Scouting chair in 2009.



He is the Executive Director of the Lincoln & Minnehaha County Economic Development Associations. Jeff's family consists of his wife, Gea, a daughter, Lynnea, who is a sophomore in high school and a son Logan, a fifth grader. Jeff enjoys being involved in his children's activities, golfing, pheasant hunting and reading.

Jeff's son, Logan, is a second year Webelos. Jeff states, "Scouting has reinforced a positive peer group and positive values. Logan has had the opportunity to learn skills and to enjoy camping that he probably would not have had otherwise. Going to Akela and Webelos camp with Logan has been a great opportunity for us to spend some great time together."

Jeff's scouting responsibilities and involvement include serving as a Popcorn Chair for his son's Pack. He has also served as an enroller for past FOS fund drives. He says, "I have greatly appreciated getting to know the staff and the support they have provided me as a board member with no previous Scouting experience. I was fortunate enough to spend time with staff last year helping with popcorn in the warehouse and it was evident that this group is dedicated to scouting and a lot of fun!"

Jeff quotes, "As our world continues to explode with technology and the availability of information, both good and bad, the values of Scouting are more important now than ever."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

By Tom Simmons

We have a new key leader in our midst. By now, I hope many of you have had the privilege of meeting and or speaking with our new Scout Executive Tom Smotherman. Tom hit the ground running and has immersed himself in the activities of the Sioux Council just in time for the popcorn season, cub scout recruiting and annual budgeting while keeping up with Vice President of Membership Reid Christopher's ambitious travel project visiting each district and property in the council. It's truly great to have Tom on board. Already I've sensed the steady hand of a seasoned executive leader dedicated to the kids we serve by Tom's commitment to "customer service" and his ability to focus on the issues that will make the greatest difference in providing our programs. I guess it's what we should expect in an organization dedicated to leadership development.

During the past several weeks there has been much discussion about leadership as the nation debated the attributes of presidential candidates while trying to understand the cause and potential impact of uncertain economic times. Some leaders choose to fix the blame, others choose to spin the message. Ultimately we will put our trust in the real leaders who can accurately assess the situation, propose a path toward a solution, develop and execute a plan, and build the support necessary for all of us to pull in the same direction for the greater good. That's the type of leadership we need to grow our program, and that's the type of leadership I see in Tom. He leads by example, and I like that a lot!

As we contemplate the upcoming centennial celebration of the scouting program, we have a mission that is as important today as it was 100 years ago. For us to be successful in recognizing the leadership potential in each of our kids we must also lead by example in our leadership roles. The "golden rule" teaches us how to treat others. It's a valid lesson consistent with the twelve points of the Scout Law. There is a golden rule extension that teaches, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", also consistent with the Scout Law and a good model for all leaders to consider.

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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SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE:

By Tom Smotherman

LET'S GIVE EVERY KID A CHANCE

When the volunteer members of the Scout Executive Selection Committee chose me for the distinction of being the new Scout Executive of the Sioux Council, I promised them, "I'll be ready to hit the ground running." Little did I know how prophetic a statement I had made.

My first 15 days on the job have been a whirlwind of meeting new people, discovering new places and experiencing the "spirit" of Scouting across the Council. In this short time, I've witnessed the amazement of youth experiencing their first Scouting adventures, the dedication of volunteers, the determination of the professional and support staff, and the pride of being a part of the storied legacy of Sioux Council.

My wife, Margie and I are proud to have the opportunity to work along side each of you as we continue to build on the excellent tradition of service to youth in the communities of South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. Together, let's make sure we are giving every young person in each of our communities a true chance to join Scouting.

Since I'm new to the community, I'm looking for a new home. I spent my first Sunday afternoon at "open houses". Visiting with a realtor at one home I mentioned my connection with Scouting and she was sad that her son had missed "the" opportunity to join Scouting at his unit's rally night.

I wonder how many other families were unable to attend our first recruiting rallies? How many boys could not make the Cub Scout Night or Troop Open House on that one night they thought was the only opportunity to join Scouting? Between now and the end of the year, I challenge every unit, Pack, Troop, Team & Crew, to have one or more additional signup events. Let's insure every youth the chance to experience the adventures of a lifetime awaiting them in Sioux Council Scouting. Finally, as we pause this holiday season to reflect on our blessings, I would like to express on behalf of the Sioux Council our deepest appreciation for everyone involved in delivering Scouting to our over 10,000 youth members. And extend to each of you our best wishes for a joyous and safe holiday season!

Recent Eagle Scouts

John Eugene Streff	Troop 42	Salem SD	Christ Lutheran Church
Matthew James Smith	Troop 229	Sioux Falls SD	St Lambert Catholic Church
Michael William Mayrose	Troop 42	Salem SD	Christ Lutheran Church
Phillip Michael Smith	Troop 19	Clear Lake SD	American Legion Post 49
Ross Thomas Neugebauer	Troop 173	Pierre SD	Resurrection Lutheran Church
Andrew Russell Lampy	Troop 173	Pierre SD	Resurrection Lutheran Church
Christopher Dean Bah	Troop 134	Worthington MN	St Matthews Lutheran Church
Luke Daniel Thorson	Troop 152	Sioux Falls SD	Zion Lutheran Church
Brandon Patrick Haschke	Crew 216	Sioux Falls SD	Peace Lutheran Church
Jacob Fischer	Troop 229	Sioux Falls SD	Zion Lutheran Church
Zachary Thomas Sherman	Troop 99	Tea	American Legion Post 266
Benjamin John Sherman	Troop 99	Tea	American Legion Post 266

THE FUN BEGINS WITH POPCORN!

Thank you to all units who participated in the 2008 Popcorn Sale. The Popcorn Sale is the largest fundraising opportunity for a unit to fund its entire yearly program for youth.

Important dates to remember:

November 4, 2008:

- Submit Show-N-Deliver Return form
- Place Trail's End Take order online (by container)
- Place Prize order online
- Send Prize summary form includes unit master record (required before prize order will be submitted to Trail's End)
- Submit \$1,500 Bonus Prize Form & \$2,500 Scholarship forms
- Submit copies of filled sheets for the "fill the sheet" drawing to the Sioux Council office.

November 21 or 22:

- Popcorn Distribution
- Pre-Order (Show & Deliver) Payment Due

December 12, 2008:

- Take Order Payment Due



CONGRATULATIONS 2008 GOLD STAR UNITS

Congratulations to the 64 units listed below that are this years Gold Star Units. These units received the following benefits:



- 1) All rank patches FREE through March 31, 2009.

Advancement reports must be submitted to receive advancements

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

2008 Gold Star Units

Pack 3—Sioux Falls	Pack 159—Sioux Falls	Troop 13—Brookings	Troop 171—Sioux Falls
Pack 4—Brooking	Pack 160—Sioux Falls	Troop 16—Sioux Falls	Troop 173—Pierre
Pack 5— Madison	Pack 208—Sioux Falls	Troop 17—Howard	Troop 188—Aberdeen
Pack 5—Huron	Pack 225—Sioux Falls	Troop 23—Clark	Troop 209—Watertown
Pack 12—Miller	Pack 227—Sioux Falls	Troop 45—Milbank	Troop 216—Sioux Falls
Pack 19—Clear Lake	Pack 246—Mitchell	Troop 46—Sioux Falls	Troop 229—Sioux Falls
Pack 32—Adrian	Pack 260—Sioux Falls	Troop 48—Sioux Falls	Troop 255—Madison
Pack 41—Sioux Falls	Pack 273—Pierre	Troop 51—Aberdeen	Troop 261—Wagner
Pack 50—Sioux Falls	Pack 282—Freeman	Troop 60—Canton	Troop 282—Freeman
Pack 74—Fort Pierre	Pack 319—Watertown	Troop 62—Flandreau	Troop 320—Marshall
Pack 75—Mitchell	Pack 320—Marshall	Troop 65—Mobridge	Troop 346—Sioux Falls
Pack 81—Aberdeen	Pack 359—Aberdeen	Troop 66—Vermillion	Troop 353—Chester
Pack 87—Elk Point	Pack 371—Sioux Falls	Troop 72—Mitchell	Troop 357—Eureka
Pack 102—Yankton	Pack 391—Pierre	Troop 75 —Mitchell	Troop 361—Sioux Falls
Pack 110— Lake Preston	Pack 490—Sioux Falls	Troop 84—Jasper	Troop 371—Sioux Falls
Pack 121—Worthington	Pack 628—Sioux Falls	Troop 87—Elk Point	Troop 490—Sioux Falls
Pack 128—Redfield	Pack 731—Sioux Falls	Troop 100—Winner	Troop 529—Brandon
Pack 134 —Worthington	Pack 796—Woonsocket	Troop 102—Yankton	Troop 539—Wessington Springs
Pack 138—Yankton	Pack 928—Parkston	Troop 121—Worthington	Troop 731—Sioux Falls
Pack 141—Lake Benton	Troop 1—Brookings	Troop 133—Yankton	Crew 350—Huron
Pack 152—Sioux Falls	Troop 4—Brookings	Troop 134—Worthington	
Pack 153 —Sioux Falls	Troop 8—Watertown	Troop 150—Sioux Falls	
Pack 156—Sioux Falls	Troop 12—Miller	Troop 152 —Sioux Falls	



SILVER BEAVER AWARDS

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented to Scouters for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by the local council. It recognizes efforts above and beyond the expected for a given position and goes beyond tenure alone.

Do you know a Scouter who is deserving of the Silver Beaver Award? Now is the time to start working the application. Applications are due to the Sioux Council Cen-

ter for Scouting by Monday, March 2, 2009. The Silver Beaver Committee will meet in March and the Awards will be presented at the Annual Council Luncheon on April 25, 2009. You can download the Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form at <http://siouxbsa.org/Resources/Forms/AwardsForms>.



2008 & 2009 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

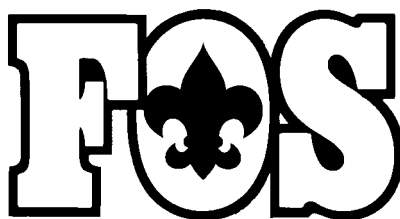
The 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign has presented each district with many different challenges. A couple of these challenges have been recruiting volunteers to help raise the necessary funds to support scouting and areas of struggling economy. However, we are pleased to announce that through dedicated and committed volunteers, the council has been able to surpass this year's fundraising goal.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped secure these funds and THANK YOU to all the units that supported a Family Friends of Scouting Presentation. Without all the support of units and volunteers, this would not have been possible.

As we look forward into next year, each district has already started the process to create future success so that each campaign can be completed by no later than May 2009. One key element to creating this success has been the recruitment of the Council Friends of Scouting Chair, Jeff Eckhoff. Learn more about Jeff in the Sioux Council Volunteer Profile of this newsletter on page one.

As volunteers work to develop the 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign, they are once again asking each unit to support this effort by allowing a family presentation to be conducted at your Blue and Gold Banquet and Court of Honor. If you haven't already provided your unit's date and time to your Family Friends of Scouting Chair or District Executive, please do not hesitate. By providing this information now will save volunteers countless hours down the road.

Again, THANK YOU to everyone and every unit for your support of the Friends of Scouting Campaign.



2008 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

	Goal	2008	2007	% of Goal
Sioux Council				
Board/Staff	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 22,115.00	\$ 17,110.00	116.4%
Project Sales Division	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 17,547.00	\$ 10,500.00	159.5%
Benefit Social Division		\$ 17,500.00		
Totals	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 57,162.00	\$ 27,610.00	190.5%
Lewis & Clark Trail				
Community Division	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 16,988.00	\$ 11,110.00	93.1%
Family Division	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,285.00	\$ 13,396.00	116.3%
Leadership Division	\$ 750.00	\$ 825.00		110.0%
Project Sales Division		\$ 450.00		
Totals	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 34,548.00	\$ 24,506.00	104.7%
Pheasant				
Community Division	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,092.00	\$ 15,995.00	105.9%
Family Division	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 20,345.00	\$ 22,692.00	94.6%
Leadership Division	\$ 500.00	\$ 580.00		116.0%
Project Sales Division		\$ 890.00		
Totals	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,907.00	\$ 38,687.00	102.3%
Prairie Hills				
Community Division	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 98,090.00	\$ 92,048.00	90.0%
Family Division	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 82,976.00	\$ 84,345.00	110.6%
Leadership Division		\$ 1,830.00		
Project Sales Division	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00		60.0%
Totals	\$ 185,000.00	\$183,496.00	\$176,393.00	99.2%
North Star				
Community Division	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 31,355.00	\$ 21,827.00	112.0%
Family Division	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,456.00	\$ 22,815.00	85.8%
Leadership Division	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,550.00		77.5%
Project Sales Division				
Totals	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,361.00	\$ 44,642.00	98.8%
Five Rivers				
Community Division	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 7,567.00	\$8,855.00	60.5%
Family Division	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,793.00	\$ 12,416.00	113.8%
Leadership Division	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,100.00		220.0%
Project Sales Division				
Totals	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 23,460.00	\$ 21,271.00	90.2%
Buffalo Ridge				
Community Division	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 17,851.00	\$ 29,614.00	61.6%
Family Division	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 24,562.00	\$ 30,956.00	76.8%
Leadership Division	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,224.00		206.4%
Project Sales Division	\$ 500.00	\$ 421.00		84.2%
Totals	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 50,058.00	\$ 60,570.00	77.0%
Campaign Total	\$ 434,000.00	\$443,992.00	\$393,679.00	102.3%

NORTH STAR

SERVING NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY RACES IN NOVEMBER

This event is designed to be a fun way to recruit a few more boys into your pack. The rules for operation are as follows. See the District website for updates as they are made:

COST: Each pinewood Derby kit costs about \$5.00. We will have kits on site for purchase. (We are seeking someone to purchase the kits for the District. If we are successful the cost will be \$0.00 and we will be updating the District Web Site with this information.)

IF YOU ARE A CUB SCOUT – You must bring at least one non-Cub Scout friend as your partner. You will each build, decorate, and race your own car. Your friend(s) will be invited to have fun with you in your Cub Scout Pack!

IF YOU ARE NOT A CUB SCOUT – You must find a Cub Scout friend to go with you. You can ask one of your Cub Scout friends.

Hand Tools Only – parents you are asked to bring your own tools. No power tools are allowed. Battery-powered drills will be available to drill holes to add weights. Maximum car weight is 5 ounces. The District will provide a scale.

CUB SCOUT FUN DAYS

The North Star District held Cub Scout Fun Days in Watertown and Aberdeen the weekend of September 20th and 21st, which drew 127 Cub Scouts - 68 current Cubs Scouts and 59 new Cubs.

The Watertown event, held on Saturday, September 20th at Memorial Park, drew 46 current Cub Scouts and 25 new Cubs, for a total of 71.

The Aberdeen event, held at Melgaard Park on Sunday, September 21st drew 22 current and 34 new Cub Scouts for a total of 56. There was also about an equal number of parents, siblings, and friends who attended the event at both locations.

We want to thank all the fine volunteers who helped to make this event a rousing success!

POPCORN SALE

This Scouting annual fundraising opportunity has evolved into a tradition almost as recognized and anticipated as the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sales. Not only do your Scouts and Unit benefit from these sales, but, the local council also generates operating revenue. Watch for updates on the district webpage, and more details at upcoming Scout leaders' roundtables.

Below are the Sioux Council's Popcorn sales dates:

- November 4** - Final popcorn & prize orders due
- November 21** - Popcorn pick-up
- November 21** - Popcorn pre-order payment due
- December 12** - Final popcorn payment due

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

- 15 Watertown Pinewood Derby Day Cub Scouts & recruits
- 22 Aberdeen Pinewood Derby Day Cub Scouts & recruits

December

- 6 Scout Leader Winder Rendezvous, Southeast Tech, 9:00 AM
- 11 Roundtable

PHEASANT

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

I can't believe that it's been a year since I was hired in to the pleasure of working with all of you. I was really green behind the ears, still am, and I want to thank all of you who have helped me. I want to thank all of you for all the help and understanding you have given me. I try to learn from everyone I meet and take the best I can and promote that to others. People like the Bushfields, Newtons, Mayfields, Bults, Halbcats, Vilhauers, Mauers, Retzlaffs, Huismans, DeWitts, Lelands and Kliens to name a few are true scouting families that have gone out of their way to help me and Scouting. I can't thank all of you enough for what you do, if I can ever help any of you please let me know.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who are using Fast Tracks meeting syllabus for den meetings. All I have received so far is positive feedback. I'm hearing that the Scouts are liking it, the leaders like the help and structure and if all works we will be able to keep good leaders and be able to get more leaders. I like it because the kids all get the chance to earn awards and have fun doing it. The greatest success story that was told to me was when we had seven kids that wanted to be in scouts but none of the parents were stepping forward to be the den leader, mostly because they were not sure what to do, but after being shown Fast Tracks they all are helping. Thank You parents.

FALL CAMPOREE

Fall Camp-O-Ree will be held at the Girl Scout Camp south of Huron Friday night November 7th and 8th. Jay Ivers will be calling for some help to run the stations. We will set up stations so that the Scouts who attend can work toward their Pioneering Merit badge. We are inviting Webelos to attend and it will count as one of the two functions that they need to earn their Arrow of Light award. Rod H. will be holding leader training. At this point we are planning to have Cub Scout leader basic training but if you would like training for Boy Scout leaders please contact Rod and we will see if we can get another one of our trainers to help out.

MEMBERSHIP

Pheasant District is in a slump as far as membership goes. We are down from last year and that was down

quite a bit from the year before. Every year there are more activities for kids to participate in but few are as good for the kids as Scouting. More Scouts equals more fun, more leader help, more options for outings and again more fun. Scouting was started so kids could get together with their closest friends and do things together outside of school. **What would happen if we recruit one parent out of every class in school then the four or five best friends of the new leaders son would all join the den together?**

POPCORN SALE

What a year for popcorn sales. I believe that the boys who sold popcorn all learn from it as well as help pay for their own way in Scouting. To all of the leaders and parents I applaud you for helping. Scouting is about learning life skills and sales will be one skill that will last them their whole life.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting is also about helping others. I always enjoyed Scouting for Food and I still help with it. For all of you who helped I can't thank you enough for volunteering and I know that all the food pantries appreciate what you did.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

- 7-8 Fall Camp-O-Ree
- 8 Leader Training
- 8 Leader Belt Loop Training
- 13 Roundtable
- 21 Take order popcorn pickup
- 27 Thanksgiving

December

- 6 BALOO Training, Huron
- 11 Roundtable
- 25 Christmas

LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

SERVING CHARLES MIX, DOUGLAS, BON HOMME, HUTCHINSON, YANKTON, CLAY, UNION COUNTIES

WEBELOS LOCK-IN

We have all fallen in love with the Wolf and Bear Camp-In. Now, the adventure continues!



For the first time, *all* Webelos have the opportunity to attend the Webelos "Up All Night" Lock-In at the Summit Center in Yankton. The event is November 21st. Check-in begins at 6:00 PM. From there, Scouts will have the chance to work on Activity Badges, in addition to swimming, games, pizza, movies and of course FUN! Watch your email and attend Roundtable for the rest of the information.

For questions, please call Derek at (605) 321-9819 or email derek.lee@scouting.org.

TRAINING DAY AT LEWIS & CLARK

All Cub and Boy Scout leaders should reserve November 8th. Our district training team is hosting Cub Basic Training, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), and Scoutmaster Specific training.

All Cub Leaders should have Cub Basic Training. Each pack needs to have one BALOO trained leader in order to conduct a pack over night program. Scoutmaster Specific training contains the information *all* Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters need to be successful in running the troop.

For Scoutmaster Specific Training and BALOO, please see the website to pre-register.

CENTENNIAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD

It's time once again to begin applying for the Centennial Quality Unit Award. Most units set goals at the beginning of the year and have been monitoring throughout the year. Now comes the point when you make sure all the goals have been met and turn in your application.

Contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner for questions in the application progress.

DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

All year long, we recognize our leaders at the unit level. Now's the time to show the rest of the district what your leaders are doing! Soon, we will be asking that everyone nominate an adult for a District Award. The categories are Cub Scout and Boy Scout Spouse of the Year, Cub Scout and Boy Scout Family of the Year, Cub and Boy Scouter of the Year, Honorary Scoutmaster and District Award of Merit. The banquet will be January 10th. We will update everyone on times and location soon.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As we begin 2009, we're asking all units once again to participate in the Friends of Scouting campaign. There are many benefits to attaining "Gold Star" status. Most packs allot a few minutes in their Blue & Gold Banquet and most troops give us some time during their Courts of Honor.

Each of these presentations help fund scouting in Lewis & Clark Trail District.

Please contact Derek with your presentation date if we don't already have it!

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

6 District Committee Meeting
8 Training Day at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
13 Roundtable
21-22 Webelos Camp-In at Summit Center

December

4 District Committee Meeting
11 Roundtable

FIVE RIVERS

SERVING CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA FROM MISSION TO EUREKA

A THANK YOU FROM JOE

I would like to give a GREAT BIG thank you to all the individuals who have made me feel welcome over the last few months. I have gotten to know some individuals better than others and I only hope that our relationship will grow in the future. All of you have made the transition from Wisconsin to South Dakota a smooth one.

To the boys: cherish your time in scouting it will not last long, embrace the time you have especially those that have someone with them in scouting that is close to them.

To the leaders and volunteers: thank you for all that you do. Without your time, effort, help, and great attitude we would not have the great scouting program that we have. With your help we are using today to invest in tomorrow creating fine you men with leadership skills and great character.

Yours in Scouting,
JOE

MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT

With school night recruitments in the rear view mirror and the end of recruitment on the horizon, we need to still think recruitment. Although we are well on the way to our goal we are not there yet. Congratulations to all those units that have met the incentive for pinewood derby kits. Most units are right on the edge and those few extra kids right down to the end will make all the difference.

FALL TRAINING

In order to help all of our new leaders and those who have recently changed leader positions, we have put together several training opportunities for this fall. It is our hope that all of you will take advantage of one or more of these trainings. Remember that "Every boy deserves a trained leader." For info on training dates look at your district calendar for roundtable dates or check the website at www.siouxbsa.org/districts/fiverivers.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

3	Roundtable
4	CS Leader Specifics Training
5	Committee Mtg
6	Commissioners Mtg
7-8	Fall Camporee
24-25	Service Center Closed

December

1	Roundtable
3	Committee Mtg.
6	Winter Rendezvous
6	Anniversary of Scouting
12	Popcorn Orders due
25-26	Office and scout shop closed
29-31	Scout shop closed for inventory/ New Years

L&C PROPERTY CHANGES

Two major projects will be taking place this fall at Lewis & Clark. The first one you will notice is a new roof on the Dining Hall. Last fall we had a severe storm that produced golf ball sized hail at L&C. The hail really beat the Dining Hall roof up, damaging the shingles. The damaged shingles allowed water to seep into a section of the roof and into one of the exterior walls. When the damaged wall was discovered, it was repaired immediately as well as the roofs over-hang that contributed to the damage. Plans were set in motion for the shingle replacement of the entire roof. Now that camp is over these repairs will be able to be completed.

The second project is to build a new flush toilet and shower facility near the Spotted Tail campsite. This facility will primarily serve the Spotted Tail, Red Cloud, and Sitting Bull campsites. The project calls for a facility that will have individual toilet closets on one side and individual shower closets on the other. A common sink will be set on one end of the facility to accommodate hand washing. This layout is similar to the toilet facility near the Administration Building, except will have showers on the one side. The purpose of the new facility is to take some of the pressure off of the existing west shower house and to begin phasing it out completely. The hope is to build this one this year, and build others around camp, as money is available. One day we will have several of these type facilities on both sides of the camp property.



The National Guard crew from Wagner, SD works on the new toilet/shower house near the Spotted Tail camp site.

IYATAKA PROPERTY CHANGES

Camp Iyatoka will also see construction this fall. We will be replacing the old latrine next to the Gail Huake Lodge with a new, two-stall, handicapped accessible latrine. The new facility will have concrete flooring and will be far nicer than the existing latrine. The new facility should be ready just in time for all of the winter fun to come this year.

CAMP SHETEK GETS A LIFT

A special thanks goes out to the members of Order of the Arrow for all of the work they did at Camp Shetek. During the Fall Conclave this past August, over 100 Arrowmen converged on Shetek and provided the needed labor to fix the property up and give it a boost. Crews painted, cleaned, cleared downed trees, spread gravel, and added needed insulation to the attic. At the end of the day, Shetek looked better than it has in years. Take advantage of this hard work and book a reservation for your next Troop campout. Shetek is most heavily used in the winter; ironically it looks the best during the summer and fall when it is used the least. Thanks again Order of the Arrow for all the work you put into Shetek.



SOCCER & SCOUTING

Please join us in congratulating the newest members of the Soccer and Scouting committee. They are Roman Hernandez, Juan Bonilla, Mirna Nelson, Jon Halverson, and Josefina Baloun. We also welcome, Nicolas Jackson to the Soccer and Scouting team as the program aide to assist coaches and players. Many thanks to the Spanish-Speaking Task Force for the volunteer help with our Jump Start event and verbal commitment to financially sponsor individual soccer players. With the help of the Sioux Falls Multicultural Center the Opening Ceremony honored flags from the United States and Central and South American nations and all the new Cub Scouts promised to “do their best!” Four teams will compete in the first season with room for plenty more as additional chartering organizations are identified.

Soccer and Scouting
Join the adventure!



(pictures of the first Soccer and Scouting game and Opening Ceremony)



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CUB SCOUT FUN DAY WRAP-UP

Well if you weren't there, you missed all the fun and will have to wait till next year. We had 123 youth show up for this FUN event with just over thirty leaders coming for adult leader training or new parent orientation. There were six different stations set up for the kids which included the fire station, police department, zoo mobile, bb-guns, slingshots, and rope games. Everywhere you looked there where Cub Scouts having fun. It is great to get your new boys to a fun exciting event right off the bat; it helps get them excited and keeps them in the program for longer. Thank you to all the volunteers and organizations that helped to make this event possible.

CUB SCOUT POLAR DAY

If you missed Cub Fun Day you can still have a blast in the snow. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 21, 2009. Our volunteer team is beginning to put together a program, at the Center for Scouting, which will blow your socks off. Be sure to watch the website and attend Roundtables for more information coming soon. Also, note that the fliers will have a snow/cold weather date so the boys can enjoy a fun filled day outside and not have to be stuck in a building because the weather didn't permit. So make sure your winter gear is ready to go and that you bring plenty of warm cloths. We look forward to a fun filled year of Cub Scouting and hope to see you at Cub Scout Polar Day.

BOY SCOUT FALL CAMPOREE WRAP-UP

The Prairie Hills Fall Camporee at the Big Sioux Recreation Area was a great success. There were 160 Scouts and leaders who enjoyed the great weather and fun. This year's theme was Search and Rescue. Saturday morning was time to learn search and rescue skills from the professionals and the Scouts put those skills and knowledge to work in several mock emergency situations. Thank you to all of the Scouts who became victims for the drill. Thank you also to the leaders who did the judging and to Frank and Gary for organizing the event.

CENTENNIAL QUALITY UNIT REVIEW

Now that it is November, we must begin to review each of our units to see if they qualified for the 2008 Centennial Quality Unit Award. To qualify for the award, the unit must sit down with their Unit Commissioner or District representative after October 31st and before December 31st. A unit must also meet every goal on the Centennial Quality Unit Commitment form, establish back at the beginning of the year. Once determined by your unit leader, commissioner and local executive that you have met all the criteria your unit is then a 2008 Centennial Quality Unit.

If you have questions about the review process, please see your Unit Commissioner or local executive to assist you.

Please schedule your review to be conducted no later than December 15, 2008 so that it can be properly recorded by December 31st.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As we wrap up 2008, the staff and volunteers of the Prairie Hills District wish to thank everyone who was a Friend of Scouting in 2008. Your support has helped us provide programs to all the youth and leaders in our District.

We will be beginning our 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign shortly. There are some exciting changes to this year's recognition plan for individuals as well as units.

If your unit has not yet scheduled your 2009 Friends of Scouting presentation date, please do so no later than the middle of November. So we can make sure we have a district volunteer available for that night. Again thank you all for a great 2008, and we look forward to an excellent 2009.

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IT IS FUN IN THE COLD, AT THE BOY SCOUT KLONDIKE DERBY

The Prairie Hills Klondike Derby will be Saturday, January 10, 2009. If the weather is too severe the reschedule freeze out date will be January 24. Frank LaBadie and Gary Able are planning this event and will have complete information and registration forms at the Boy Scout Leader Roundtable and the Sioux Council Website.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR...

From time to time as we all do, I dwell on some past experiences that have stuck out in my mind. One of those experiences happened many years ago as a Scout. While on a camping trip with my Troop at Wildcat Mountain State Park, we decided to hike a portion of the Elroy-Sparta Trail. This portion of the trail has 3 tunnels one of the tunnels is much larger than the others (I was told a mile). I can remember we stopped right in the middle of that tunnel. All we could see was a small point of light in either direction, and complete darkness around us. I was excited, nervous, scared, and thoughtful all at the same time (I guess this is why this memory comes up from time to time).

So what's my point; I have many, but this is the one for today. A Scouting year can seem like the middle of that dark tunnel. Not being really able to see the beginning or the end. Take a deep breathe, let it out. Now, take your unit's annual program plans you made a few months ago. This is your guiding light. It will shine bright for you and your Scouts as you move through this exciting Scouting year for your Scouts.

RECRUIT...Look at your plans. You'll see you have ways to get more youth involved you your program that you meet along the way.

RETAIN...Making sure we stop every so often to see if we have everyone we started with. Making sure our plans are exciting enough to keep everyone involved and wanting to go on the next trip.

NEXT LEVEL...And from time to time as we get through with one journey it is our job to make sure those that are ready get properly started on their next one.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

4	Election Day
6	District Commissioner Meeting
10	Cub Scout Leader Training
13	Roundtable
18	Webelos Transition Event
20	District Committee Meeting
27-28	Service Center Closed

December

4	District Commissioner Meeting
6	Winter Rendezvous (Trng)
11	Roundtable
18	District Committee Meeting
25-26	Service Center Closed

January

1	Service Center Closed
15	January Charter Renewals Due

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

BUFFALO RIDGE

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

PLAN AHEAD

Has your unit made plans to attend the Fishing Derby in January, the Klondike Derby in February or the Cub Scout Lock-in in March? These dates should have been on your Unit Program Calendar that should have been handed out to your families in September. Now is the time you need to be promoting these events. They should be a topic of discussion at every meeting - unit committee, leader, Den, Pack, Patrol Leader, and Troop. The old adage, "out of sight, out of mind" definitely applies here. Remember, **outing** is what **Scouting** is all about.



Just For the FUN of It

Fun was definitely the key word at Cub Fun Day in Brookings, Madison and Marshall on Saturday, September 20th. The three hour events were intended to introduce new Cub Scouts to some of the fun things they can look forward to for the next 5 years. The event was open to all Cubs and over 130 attended the event at the three locations. Depending on where they attended, boys could shoot BB guns and wrist rockets (sling shots), build catapults, shoot a water balloon sling shot, joust, or go fishing. Thank you to the volunteers from Packs 4, 5, 24, 238, and 320 for helping make the event a great success.

By the comments from both parents and volunteers, it looks like this will become an annual event.

ICE IS NICE

Looking for a place to "cool your heels" (and the rest of your bod)? The place to do it is on the ice of Lake Shetek, surrounding the Shetek Scout Camp. The time to do it is Saturday, January 10th. That's the date of the 1st annual Buffalo Ridge District Fish-O-Ree. Here's your chance to introduce your youth to the thrills and CHILLS of looking down a hole in the ice. Besides the chance to get some fresh air and maybe hook that "big one," there will be hot beverages, a hot meal to warm your cold extremities and lots of prizes. Unit leaders should watch for the leader guide that will be coming out shortly.



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

November

- 5 District Committee Mtg, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 PM (date change due to elections on the 4th)
- 8 New Leader Essential/CS/SMS trng, Community Center, Elkton or Scout Center, Marshall, 8:00AM
- 9 OA Chapter Mtg, American Legion Hall, Brookings, 1:30 PM
- 11 Roundtable, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 PM

December

- 2 District Committee Mtg, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 PM
- 9 Roundtable, Community Center, Elkton, 7:00 PM (Christmas Party)
- 13 CS, SMS Trng, Scout Center, Marshall, 8:00 AM

COUNCIL NEWS...

The Sioux Falls Stampede Scout night is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 7:05 PM.

Tickets will be available through the Stampede box office. Check the Sioux Council web site at www.siouxbsa.org for the flier and order form.



Skyforce basketball team Scout night will be Saturday, March 28, 2009.



TOUR PERMITS

Effective January 1, 2008 the tour permit application was revised. Please print off the new form on the website. (<http://siouxbsa.org/Resources/Forms/TravelForms>) Old forms will no longer be accepted.

Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all camping trips and tours. All registered adults participating in any nationally conducted event or activity must have completed BSA Youth Protection Training. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection Training must be present at all other events and activities that require a tour permit. Effective for tours beginning January 1, 2009, Youth Protection Training will be valid for two years from the date completed.

At least one adult on a pack overnighter must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Training (BALOO). Also, effective January 1, 2009 at least one adult must have completed Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather Training.

SHORT TERM RESERVATIONS

Following your reservation, please return the key and the total adults and youth who participated in the camping trip within three business days. There is a one dollar per person fee so please include payment or specify fees to be charged to your unit's account.

ONLINE LEADER TRAINING

The following training courses are available online. Hazardous Weather Training (which is required for tour permits effective January 1, 2009), Den Chief Training and Commissioner Fast Start.

Hazardous Weather Training

This training session will cover the following materials:

- Weather planning and preparation
- Lightning
- Cold weather
- Hot weather
- Thunderstorms
- Flash floods
- Tornadoes
- Windstorms
- Traditional weather signs
- Hurricanes

Den Chief Training

After taking this course you should be able to identify the responsibilities and what you will do as den chief. Also, to describe the den chiefs relationship to the adult leaders, and how that relates to your activities with the den.

Commissioner Fast Start

You have been asked to be a Unit Commissioner because of your acknowledged character, your support for Scouting, and the type of skills you bring to the job. The role you have agreed to take is not as visible, but it is an essential part of Scouting and plays a highly influential role, critical to the success of Scouting in the Sioux Council.

This fast start training is designed to get a quick start on your new role.

These courses can help adult leaders deliver quality Scouting experiences to youth. A log-in is required, however anyone may create a user account and view the courses. Registered members of the BSA may provide their member numbers (as part of the user profile) to receive credit.

2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE ROSTER FILLING FAST

If you haven't applied for a spot on the Sioux Council's 2010 National Jamboree contingent, time's a wasting. Only 15 of the contingent's 36 youth member positions are still available. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster applications are being accepted to fill those three positions also.



Attendance at any National Jamboree is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The 2010 Jamboree, promises to be an even a greater experience as it is the celebration of 100 years of Scouting, and will also be the last year the event will be held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, home of the Jamboree since 1981. Try to imagine a city of 43,000 Scouts and leaders, 18,000 tents and 3,600 patrol kitchens, covering 3,000 acres. Now, imagine this city being built in one day.

And what is there to do there? A list of things you can't do there would be much shorter. The events reflect the true spirit of Scouting. See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses and more. Daily activities include a huge merit badge midway, arts and sciences and a re-creation of Baden Powell's original camp on Brownsea Island. Add to this regional entertainment stages and interactive displays galore. Top it off with two arena shows capped off with a fireworks display like no other you will probably see and you have Scouting at its very best.

So don't procrastinate! To learn more about the Jamboree and how to register on-line go to www.siouxbsa.org. Click on the 2010 National Scout Jamboree link on the home page. From there you can access more information, including attendance qualifications, and find instructions for registering. You will also find contact information if you have any questions.

You don't want to miss this event folks. Since 1937, 654,000 Scouts and leaders have hiked the trails, paths and roadways at 16 national Scout Jamborees, but only 43,000 will be able to say they attended the 100th Anniversary of Scouting Jamboree. It's the opportunity of a lifetime, one you will never forget. DON'T MISS OUT on this special moment in time.



2008 BOY SCOUT SHOOT OUT - A BIG SUCCESS

Twenty eight teams competed for the annual Top Gun Title on September 16th, 2008 at the Sioux Council, Boy Scout Shoot Out. The Boy Scout Shoot Out has been held at Hunter's Pointe sporting clays range in Humbolt, SD for the past 14 years. Each year, business from around South Dakota and Minnesota gather to support the Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The process starts around April with a dedicated committee of volunteers. The committee begins with a few logistical procedures, but quickly moves into collecting prizes, awards, and team sponsorships. The result of six months of planning and recruiting is a successful event that raises money to support the Scouts of the Sioux Council.



1st Place Team - Raven Industries
Dell, Dusty, Ron and Mike (not in order)

Participants register in teams of four shooters. They enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon (away from the office), camaraderie with co-workers, networking with other businesses, a great lunch and supper from John Morrell's, plenty of cool drinks, and great prizes.

There are a number of corporations that came together to make this event successful this year. First Premier Bank was our lead sponsor. They contributed all of the shotgun shells, clay targets, and a prize package. With one hundred twelve shooters, all shooting a hundred shells, the expense adds up quickly. Other big sponsors were Hunter's Pointe, that hosts the event at no charge, John Morrell's, that provided all the food for the event, and Dakota Beverage, that provided all of the drinks. We thank these sponsors and the other twenty companies and individuals that contributed cash or prizes to the event.

In addition we also need to thank the 28 companies and individuals that put together teams to participate and support the Scouts. The Shoot Out would not be much fun with out shooters.

2008 Results:

- Total gross income from the event - \$35,000
- Number of teams - 28 @ 4 shooters per team
- Top Team - Raven Industries with a team score of 327
- 2nd Place Team - Tom Zimmer with a team score of 321
- 3rd Place Team - Muth Electric with a team score of 314
- Top Gun (individual score) - Jay from Muth Electric - 91 out of 100
- 2nd Gun - Chris from Gil Haugen Constriction - 90 out of 100
- 3rd Gun - Ron from Raven Industries - 88 out of 100

2008 Committee:

Al Kirkeby, Don Kelpin, Matt Stone, Monte Hanson, Paul Muth, Tom Simmons, Tony Bour, Corey Davis, and Jack Hinrichs.

*** If you would like more information, or would like to participate in the 2009 Shoot Out, please contact Corey Davis at corey.davis@scouting.org or 605-323-0713.**

LEWIS & CLARK

SCOUT CAMP

AVIATION MERIT BADGE OFFERED IN 2009

Lewis & Clark takes great pleasure in introducing the Aviation Merit Badge to our line up for 2009!

Through a special arraignment with dedicated Scouters who have a passion for flying, we have set up this somewhat unusual summer camp offering for Scouts that are at least 2nd year campers. Scouts will be transported to the Yankton Regional airport where FAA certified flight instructors will teach the basics of flight and the history of aviation. This concentrated four and a half hour merit badge session will conclude with a Basic Orientation Flight with a certified flight instructor. You might even be able to get a picture of your campsite from the air!

There are a few special requirements to participate in this merit badge:

1. All Scouts must have a "Participation and Health Care Consent" form filled out and signed by their parents or guardian. The Scout must also sign the form and agree to listen to, and follow safety instructions.
2. There is a \$30 fee to cover transportation and flight time.
3. Scouts must be at least a 2nd year camper.
4. We need a minimum of three and a maximum of 21 participants each week.



STAFF NEEDED

Lewis and Clark Scout Camp is now accepting applications for staff positions for the 2009 camp season. To apply, print an application from our web site at: www.siouxbsa.org/Camps/LewisAndClark/Resources and mail to the Center for Scouting.

Benefits of working at Camp:

- Live at Camp
- Plenty of Food
- New Friends
- Learn Leadership
- Learn Organizational Skills
- Great Fun
- May even earn a merit badge or two
- Better than cooking fries all summer

Requirements:

Male or Female, 15 years and older, dependable, willingness to help others, friendly, and responsible. Expected to live the Scout Oath and Law. Must have a complete uniform.



National Guard Building Crew from Wagner, SD

The National Guard is building a new toilet and shower facility near the Spotted Tail camp site. See article on page 12 for more details.

POSTCARDS FROM CAMP!

Mark your calendars now for another fun summer with Sioux Council Camps!

Cub Camp Themes

- Day Camp – Wild West
- Akela's – Railroads
- Webelos – Safari

L&C Scout Camp

- Watch for a new promotional video and Leaders Guide coming soon
- Staff/CIT applications available now online
- Reserve your campsites now for 2009

Missouri River High Adventure Base

- Great High Adventure program in your backyard
- Great opportunity for older Scouts and Ventures
- Sign up now to experience history





COME WORK WITH US!



The Premier Scout Shop is busier than ever! Because business is growing, we need more employees!



We are looking for energetic and talented Scouters or non-Scouters who can create an enjoyable shopping experience for the volunteers and Scouting community of the Sioux Council.

Previous sales experience is preferred but not required.

Complete medical, dental/vision, and life insurance plans, plus retirement, are available for full-time employees.

If you match these qualifications, mail your resume to:

**Premier Scout Shop
Attn: Craig Mittendorf
800 N. West Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

Interviews will be held at the store.

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

The Philmont Training Center, the National Volunteer Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America, provides a unique environment for Scouting Conferences each summer and fall. In addition to hosting these Conferences, the Training Center also provides the opportunity for families to join their Scouters and enjoy a wide range of Family Programs—making the Philmont Training Center experience one of a kind.

Attendance

Attendance is limited to Scouters who have been recommended and approved by their local council. Scouters are encouraged to bring immediate family members with them. To get invited, talk to your District Executive or contact the Center for Scouting.

Conferences

Over 96 separate weeklong conferences are scheduled. Conferences will cover almost every aspect of Scouting—from Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting to Council and District Operations, from Venturing and Professional Development to Scoutreach and Finance.

The Conferences are conducted by divisions and committees of the National Council and are led by a faculty of outstanding volunteer and professional Scouters. Each Conference is designed to discuss specific Scouting issues, share information from all over the BSA, and train using the “best methods” that will enhance the Scouting program for youth and adults.

While Conference time is important, ample opportunity for a Scouter to enjoy the majesty of Philmont with his or her family is part of the schedule of most Conferences.

Family Program

The Philmont Training Center offers a full, organized program for every member of the family—from infants to spouses. Family members are joined by others in their age group and participate in carefully designed, age-appropriate programs under the leadership of trained and experienced Philmont staff.

Facilities

Tent cities accommodate Training Center participants and their families. Tents are large, two person wall tents with wooden or concrete floors, electric lights, an electrical outlet, wardrobe, and two twin sized beds with mattresses. Each tent city has restrooms and hot showers. Cots and cribs are available for use during the week.

Conferences are conducted in fully equipped conference rooms or at various locations in Philmont’s backcountry. Family Program facilities include the Small Fry Center, the Handicraft building, and our Pony Ring. However, most of the time family members will be enjoying the best facility of all—Philmont’s 137,493 acres of “Scouting Paradise.”



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