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The Sioux Council, BSA is happy to announce Tom Smotherman, Jr. as the next Scout Executive / CEO of Sioux Council.

He is a graduate Southeastern Louisiana University (Hammond, LA) in 1981 with a BS in Business Agriculture and minors in Horticulture and Marketing.



Tom joined Scouting as an Explorer Scout (now Venturing) in 1973 in Varnado, LA. He began his professional Scouting career as a District Executive in his home district out of the Istrouma Area Council in Baton Rouge, LA in 1985. In 1989, Tom moved to the Great Rivers Council in Columbia, MO as a Senior District Executive. He served from 1992-2000 as a Senior District Executive/Multiple Person and District Director for the Mid-Iowa Council in Des Moines, IA. From there Tom moved to Coronado Area Council in Salina, KS as the Assistant Scout Executive from 2000-2004. Tom has served as Scout Executive of the Pony Express Council in St. Joseph, MO since April 2004.

Tom is blessed to be married to his lovely wife Margie, and together have one grown son, Chris, who is an Eagle Scout.

As an Explorer (now Venturing) Scout for six years in Varnado United Methodist Church Post 180 he earned the Istrouma Area Council Distinguished Explorer Award.

Tom became an adult Explorer Advisor at the age of 21 and earned the 1985 District Award of Merit for his volunteer service to Scouting in the Bogue Chitto District in Louisiana.

Tom states, "My wife Margie and I are excited to be joining the Sioux Council Scouting family. Sioux Council's reputation of exceptional service to youth in the South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa area is well known throughout the Central Region. It is our hope that the diverse Scouting experiences we can bring to the Council can help continue the growth and service to youth in the area."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: THE FUTURE IS NOW

By Tom Simmons

This year has been a year of many changes for the Sioux Council. It has been a year of challenges but at the same time great opportunity and with opportunity comes change. We are on the verge of change as we look to the future and we want everyone to be part of this change. With the selection of our new Scout Executive, Tom Smotherman, comes leadership, vision and determination. It is an opportunity to engage and work with volunteers throughout the council to enhance our vision and to give volunteers the ownership into the direction we are going. As the Sioux Council President, I am excited about our future opportunities and am excited to work with the great volunteers we have in the Sioux Council as we look and work towards the future to better this great organization.

As the 100 Year Anniversary of Scouting comes closer so does the opportunity not only to look to the past of great memories but more importantly to where we need to go as a council. Everything we do now in the Sioux Council will be to develop a better program for youth, raise the funds needed to provide this program, to reach out to more youth to help them be the best leaders / citizens they can be, engage alumni, engage new volunteers and to help the Sioux Council, BSA position itself strongly for the next 100 years.

To date we have put in place many new changes and have reached out to many of you for your feedback and input. As we continue to make changes and work to make our council better for the youth, it is my hopes that you will join me in this quest because the future is now!

NEW LEADER APPLICATION

The National Boy Scouts of America have issued new Adult Leader Applications. It is important that you use only the new leader applications from NOW on. Old forms CAN NOT be accepted. Please destroy all of the older forms that you have in your possession.



You may download the new application at:

<http://siouxbsa.org/News/NewLeaderApps>

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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PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

Scouts and Scouters of Sioux Council are fortunate to have access to the Scouters' Attic as a repository for the rich history of both our local and national programs. This local treasure; however, is also a partner in a much larger network of museums that are dedicated to the preservation of the legacy of the Boy Scouts of America. Another relatively local treasure is the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting (NSSM), located at 2640 E. Seventh Avenue, North Saint Paul MN 55109.

During the past 28 years, North Star Scouting has acquired over 150,000 items of memorabilia. These include uniforms, books, magazines, pictures, movies, tapes, histories records and many other artifacts. About 3000 additional items are acquired every year. Over 98% of the items in their collection were donated, not purchased by the museum.

North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc was founded in 1976 as a nonprofit corporation. Their world-wide collection covers both Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. The NSSM is not financially supported by either the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Support for the Museum and all of its programs come from both membership fees and generous Friends of the Museum donations. In addition to being a nonprofit corporation the NSSM is also a Federal 501(c)(3) organization. As such all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. Scouters are encouraged to support the efforts of the NSSM through an annual membership. Membership fees begin at only \$35 per year for individuals.

North Star Scouting is basically an all volunteer organization. You do not have to be an active or past member of the Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting to become a member of the Museum. Those persons who support their mission are always welcome. They have members from across the country, including the past and current service of Sioux Council Scouters on their board of directors.

A trip to the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting is a destination location. Check it out at your earliest convenience. Your visits and financial support ensure the continued operation of this museum and the preservation of its archives.

Additional information is available on the museum's website: www.nssm.org

Recent Eagle Scouts

Cody Jacob Seiner	Troop 261	Wagner SD	VFW #7319
Travis Ryan Bennett	Troop 11	Beresford SD	Zion United Methodist Church
Bryce Alex Vossler	Troop 151	Huron SD	American Legion Post 7
Andrew Ambrose Schmanski	Crew 7	Brookings SD	Group of Citizens
James McArthur Francis	Troop 6	Brookings	Church of Latter Day Saints
Brian Jacob Voss	Troop 48	Sioux Falls SD	Sertoma Club
Allen James Schmitz	Troop 66	Vermillion SD	United Church of Christ
Michael Patrick Dendinger	Troop 66	Vermillion SD	United Church of Christ
Mathias Nicholas Dosch	Troop 27	Pierre SD	1 st United Methodist Church
Jesse James Sprenkle	Troop 100	Winner SD	Masonic Lodge #166
Jacob William Storms	Troop 100	Winner SD	Masonic Lodge #166

CNA SURETY HELPS LEAD THE WAY

CNA Surety, located in Sioux Falls, has been a very strong supporter of the Sioux Council, BSA. They have continually supported Scouting through volunteer service and financial contributions. In addition they have recently donated five desk top computers to the Sioux Council.

Thank you CNA Surety for all your support and THANK YOU Bill Peterson, Vice President of Council Finances for making this possible!!



GROWING THE SCOUTING PROGRAM BY EXTENDING THE OPPORTUNITY

The week of August 11th – 15th was one of the first steps the Sioux Council made to work with Packs and Troops to extend the opportunity for boys to join scouting this fall and what a week it turned out to be. Hundreds of unit leaders turned out council wide to the trainings and we have heard nothing but GREAT comments on the training sessions, the open discussion and the great job the volunteers did leading these trainings.

	Cub Scouts Recruited (<u>Aug – Dec</u>)	Boy Scouts Recruited (<u>Aug – Dec</u>)
Buffalo Ridge:	216	23
Five Rivers:	88	2
Pheasant:	66	6
Prairie Hills:	555	63
Lewis and Clark:	132	15
North Star:	<u>163</u>	<u>12</u>
Total New Youth:	1220	121

While we recruited a lot of boy's council wide in 2007, we also know that we are only scratching the surface. The Sioux Council professional staff is excited about working with each unit to not only continually reach out to boys but to help your unit develop the plans of how to reach out to new boys in every community. We know that membership growth can only be accomplished because of the outstanding leadership and commitment of the units and it is our hopes that we can give away hundreds of pinewood derby cars this fall through the Cub Scout Pack Fall Recruitment Incentive. If your unit needs help this fall, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone or drop an email to your local field executive. We are here to help you and help coordinate other volunteers to assist you in any way possible.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2008

The Sioux Council Scouting for Food drive will be **October 25, 2008**. Packs, Troops, and Crew are encouraged to participate in this fun and important service project. It works best if Packs take the responsibility for delivering the food bags to the houses in your community the week before the drive (Oct 25). Troops can pick up filled food bags on the 28th. Crews are useful to assist Troops in pick up or also work well as sorters at the delivery site.

Thousands of individuals and families benefit every year from the Scouting for Food drive. In some communities, Scouts are the only organization that conducts food drives.

To get involved, contact your Unit Commissioner or your District Executive by the end of September. Food bags will available at your October Roundtable. We will also have patches available through the Center for Scouting. Order forms will be handed out at your October Roundtable.

Remember to log your Scouting for Food hours and all other service projects on the Good Turn for America website.



COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING (CLT)

The next Council Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25th at the Center for Scouting in Sioux Falls. We will begin at 9:00 AM. Rolls, coffee, and juice provided.

If you are the chair of one of the district operating committees, then you should be in attendance. If the chair can not be in attendance, then they may ask a member of their committee to attend and act in their absence.

The operating committees of the district are Finance, Membership, Training, Advancement, Activities, and Camping. The council operating committees are the same as the districts, only they provide the leadership for programs and events for the entire Sioux Council. The individual district chairs make up the council committee. This gives each district equal representation when planning and executing council policies, programs, and events. If your district has a vacancy in one of the chair positions, then your district has no vote on the council level. This is one reason why it is important to keep good volunteers in these vital chair positions.

Each of the council committees are chaired by a volunteer, who reports to another volunteer, who is the Vice President of Program. Each council committee also has a volunteer vice chair and a professional staff advisor to assist the chair. Council committees make recommendations to the VP of Program, who takes the proposal to the council Executive Board for vote. This is especially true of recommendations and proposals that require money or changes in council policy. The only paid staff person in this whole process is the staff advisor who only advises the committee. Everyone else is a volunteer just like you. We truly are, a volunteer run organization. If you are a district operations chair, please attend CLT meeting and help move the Sioux Council forward.



HINTS ON RECRUITING LEADERS

The most successful method used to recruit den and pack leadership is to identify potential leaders before School Night and recruit prior to the School Night meeting! Before anyone will volunteer, they need several things:

INFORMATION

What is Scouting? How will it help my son, my family, and my community? Exactly what are the expectations and responsibilities of this job? What resources exist to help me understand my job and to do it the way it is supposed to be done?



These are all common questions a new leader might have. Be prepared to give the answers to all of these questions without being asked - and have job descriptions available for those who are considering positions.

INSPIRATION

An explanation of some of the benefits of Scouting can serve as the best inspiration to help many potential leaders volunteer for a Scouting job. Some ideas you may wish to point out are:

- Every Scout leader was new once, and with training, the use of Program Helps, and commitment, anyone can succeed. If you can read, and enjoy working with boys, you can be a GREAT leader! Just follow the book!
- Everyone is busy, but what kids need at this age is our time and interest in what they do. Scouting doesn't *take time* from your son, it *makes time*! What better way to give them both than in Scouting!
- Kids stay in and achieve more in Scouting when a parent or both parents are interested and involved right along side them.
- Kids choose value paths between ages 6 - 15.
- Scouting provides peers who share positive values.

INVITATION

Very few people take on a role in Scouting without being asked. Once potential leaders have been selected, say something like, "It's clear that you are the best person for the job. Can your son and the rest of the boys in this den count on your support as their leader?" Use your own words and be sincere. Not many people want to say "no" to their own son!

Be positive. Don't make this a long, uncomfortable, arm-twisting session. Explain that Scouting is a family program - it takes both boys and parents to make it happen. Benefits will come to boys and parents who get involved.



FALL TRAINING DATES SCHEDULED

Attention: New Leaders, Interested Parents, and Leaders who have not completed basic training. The following dates and locations have been arranged to help you get the training you need to succeed as a Scout Leader. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending one of these sessions.



Date	Time	Location	City	Training Type
Sept 15	7:00 PM	Wagner Community Church	Wagner	90 minute CS
Sept 20	10:00 AM	First Presbyterian	Aberdeen	90 minute CS
Sept 20	10:00 AM	Center for Scouting	Sioux Falls	90 minute CS
Sept 20	1:00 PM	Fun Day Sites	Brookings, Madison, Marshall, Huron, Mitchell, Pierre	90 minute CS
Sept 23	7:00 PM	TBD	Renner	90 minute CS
Sept 25	7:00 PM	Vermillion Public Library	Vermillion	90 minute CS
Sept 25	6:45 PM	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Worthington	90 minute CS
Sept 27	10:00 AM	Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer	Watertown	90 minute CS
Sept 27	10:00 AM	Presbyterian Church	Miller	90 minute CS
Sept 30	7:00 PM	TBD	Brandon	90 minute CS
Oct 4	10:00 AM	Cabela's	Mitchell	90 minute CS
Oct 6	7:00 PM	First United Methodist Church	Yankton	90 minute CS
Oct 6	7:00 PM	United Methodist Church	Pierre	90 minute CS
Oct 10	1:00 PM	BR—Fall Camporee	Madison	90 minute CS
Oct 10	6:30 PM	TBD	Winner	90 minute CS
Oct 11	10:00 AM	Our Savior's Lutheran Parish Hall	Viborg	90 minute CS
Oct 18	9:00 AM	Center for Scouting	Sioux Falls	90 minute CS
Nov 1	9:00 AM	First Baptist Church	Huron	90 minute CS
Nov 3	7:00 PM	United Methodist Church	Pierre	90 minute CS
Nov 8	9:00 AM	L&C Scout Camp	Yankton	BALOO, 90 min CS, SMS
Nov 8	8:00 AM	Elkton Community Center	Elkton	90 min. CS, SMS
Nov 10	7:00 PM	TBD	Harrisburg	90 minute CS
Dec 1	7:00 PM	United Methodist Church	Pierre	90 minute CS
Dec 6	9:00 AM	Girl Scout Camp	Huron	BALOO
Dec 6	9:00 AM	Southeast Tech.	Sioux Falls	90 min. CS, VS
Dec 13	8:00 AM	Marshall Scout Center	Marshall	90 min. CUS, SMS

CS = Cub Scout Leader Specifics / SMS = Scoutmaster Specifics / VS = Venture Leader Specifics/ BALOO = BALOO

NORTH STAR

SERVING NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

No Articles Submitted...

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

No calendar submitted.

PHEASANT

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

I'm excited for this fall. I think we have some of the best volunteers in Sioux Council here in our own District. Every day I talk to leaders and parents and get new ideas to help the kids around us.

At our last Roundtable we talked about ways to ask kids to join scouting. There were many ideas brought up. Ideas like inviting kids and parents to fun day to sign up, bringing new kids to movie night and having them sign up then, **HAVING OUR SCOUTS WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS TO SCHOOL** the day we have pack meetings and giving them prize for doing so, having prospective scouts and their parents come to meetings to see how much fun we have and ideas for our scouts to go out and invite more kids to join were all part of our meeting.

At this time we will be alternating our Roundtable meetings between Huron and Mitchell. We are trying to save time and gas for everyone. We are also working to get our meetings as a video conference every month with an actual get together every quarter to cover the most important info and to have time for face to face discussion between leaders. We will have more to come about this but look for it before next year.

Pheasant District has a nominating committee and they have been working to fill some of our open spots. We have some great people nominated to fill positions and the committee will be making asks this month to fill positions like District Chair, District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, Unit Commissioners, Roundtable Chair, Roundtable Cub Chair. For those of you who might be asked please think about helping, for those of you who might like to help these positions please let me know and I'm sure we can find a few things to help with.

Lisa Mauer and Brandon Vilhauer are our Popcorn chairs this year and they have some good ideas to help out with sales. Lets make this the best year for Pheasant District and let work with all the kids to have fun doing it.

Yours in Scouting

Jack

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

- 11 Roundtable and Order of the Arrow
Mitchell Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 7 PM
- 20 Scout Fun Day, contact your local cubmaster to find the one closest to you
- 20 Cub leader training, at fun day events in Miller and Huron
- 22 Popcorn pre orders due
- 27 Cub Scout Leader Training in Miller
- 27 CLT in Sioux Falls

October

- 4 Popcorn Blitz Day
- 4 Cub Scout Leader Training in Mitchell
- 7 District Eagle Board
- 9 Roundtable in Huron, Location to be announced, 7 PM
- 25 Scouting for food
- 30 Last day for Popcorn sales

November

- 4 Electronic Popcorn Orders Due, Prize Orders due online, Show & Deliver Returns due, and Unit Master record due.

LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL

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

WEBELOS CAMPOREE

The Webelos Camporee that we postponed this spring is back on the schedule! The camporee will now be on September 12th and 13th at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. Webelos scouts can expect to experience what it will be like when they go camping as Boy Scouts. This event promises to be lots of fun and provide some preparation for transition into a troop.

In addition, all scouts who camp out will earn their Outdoorsman activity badge. All 4th and 5th graders should mark your calendars for this great event!

FALL CAMPOREE

This year's Fall Camporee will be held September 19-21 at Ponca State Park in Nebraska. Each troop should plan on attending. More information will be available at Roundtable.

TRAINING!

As we recruit new leaders for our units, we want to make sure they understand their role. Even those leaders who have been in the unit for awhile may not have had the training for their current position. Our district has several opportunities coming up to help everyone catch up on or start their training!

September 15	90 minute Cub Scout Basic Wagner Community Church, 7:00 pm
September 25	90 minute Cub Scout Basic, Vermillion Public Library, 7:00 pm
October 6	90 minute Cub Scout Basic First United Methodist, Yankton, 7:00 pm
October 11	90 minute Cub Scout Basic Our Savior's Lutheran Parish Hall, Viborg, 10:00 pm
November 8	90 minute Cub Basic, Scoutmaster Specifics, BALOO, L&C Scout Camp, 9:00 am

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING THANK YOU!

As this edition of Sioux Trails goes to print, we have far exceeded our Friends of Scouting goal. We are at 104% of goal!

Without the extreme generosity of units and communities, this would not have been possible.

Thanks again for helping keep Scouting a vibrant and fun program!



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 11 Roundtable and Commissioners' Staff Meeting
- 12-13 Webelos Camporee @ Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
- 19-21 Fall Camporee @ Ponca
- 20 Cub Scout Fun Day

October

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 9 Roundtable and Commissioners' Staff Meeting
- 18 Tiger Fun Day

FIVE RIVERS

SERVING CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA FROM MISSION TO EUREKA

NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

The Sioux Council, BSA is happy to welcome Joseph Kress to the professional staff.



Joe is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse with a BS in Recreation Management and brief experience in the field of Special Education. While pursuing his degree he also served as a member of the Delta Sigma Phi men's social fraternity.

Joe is an Eagle Scout and most recently has served as the Brownsea Director at Camp Decorah with the Gateway Area Council. In addition, Joe has been involved in numerous volunteer roles such as Scouting, Special Olympics, Veteran Affairs, Care Center, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Aids Research Center of Wisconsin and this is just to name a few.

Joe joined the staff on August 11, 2008, as a District Executive. He will be serving in the Five Rivers District. Joe has been actively out trying to meet all of our unit leaders. If he has not met with you personally, please give him a call to arrange a meeting.

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".

We will offer the 90 minute Cub Scout Specific training at every Roundtable this fall. We did this so that you can load your cars up and all come at once. Send one of your trained leaders to the Roundtable meeting to collect the information and the others to the training course.

There will also be one at the Fall Fun Day in September. Drop the Scouts off at the Fun Day and attend training while you're there.

We will also host one in Winner and another to be announced up North. Watch our district web page at www.siouxbsa.org/districts/fiverivers for details. You may also see the announcement on page 7 of this publication for times and dates.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

- 3 District Committee Meeting, Commissioner's Meeting
- 8 Roundtable
- 12-13 Fall Camporee
- 21 Fall Fun Day, Steamboat Park Pavilion, Pierre

October

- 1 District Committee Meeting, Commissioner's Meeting
- 6 Roundtable

2008 POPCORN SALE

CONGRATULATIONS!

A drawing was held at each district's popcorn seminar in August for an iPod Shuffle and \$15 iTunes gift card. Congratulations to the following winners:

Lisa Von Wald	Five Rivers
Jeffrey Slocum	Five Rivers
Mary Ward	Buffalo Ridge
Wanda Sowden	Buffalo Ridge
Todd Muth	Lewis & Clark Trail
Judy Hunnicutt	Lewis & Clark Trail
Tyler Peoples	Pheasant
Greg Hildebrandt	Pheasant
Mary Chmela	Prairie Hills
Allen Huber	Prairie Hills
Mary Ellen Smith	Prairie Hills
Bob Weber	North Star
Dean Kirkeby	North Star

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 its year round quality program.

If you could not make it to the April program planning meeting or the August training seminar, please contact your district executive to find how you can still receive your 5% bonus commission.

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

2008 SALES DATES

September 22, 2008	Pre-Order Popcorn Due
October 3, 2008	Sale Starts
October 30, 2008	Sale Ends
November 4, 2008	Take Order and Product Returns Due
November 21-22, 2008	Popcorn Distribution

New item added to product line up....

A Trails Mix has been added to the product line up for the 2008 popcorn sales. This product will be packaged in a decorative tin .

2.5 Pound Popcorn Tin	\$10.00
9.5-oz Caramel Corn	\$10.00
15-Pack Butter Microwave	\$15.00
15-Pack Light Microwave	\$15.00
15-Pack Kettle Corn Microwave	\$18.00
26-oz Caramel Corn	\$18.00
24-oz Chocolate Caramel Crunch	\$18.00
<i>Trails Mix (New)</i>	\$20.00
Military Donation	\$25.00
Cheese Lovers Tin	\$30.00
3-Way Tin	\$40.00
5-Way Chocolate Lovers Tin	\$50.00



DO THE SCOUTS EARN ANYTHING?

Absolutely! Thousands of dollars in prizes are awarded by the council to participating Scouts. The more popcorn a Scout sells the better the prizes. It's that simple!!!

**TRAILS-END PRIZE PROGRAM**

The Trails-end Prize Program is used as an incentive to get boys excited to go out and sell popcorn by achieving the dollar goal established with each prize level. Scouts can choose one prize from the level matching their total sales, or they can combine prizes from lower levels to add up to their total sales amount. A "Patch or Pin" is not considered a prize selection but a boy does have to sell one container to receive a patch or pin.

\$1500 LEVEL TRAIL'S END PRIZE PROGRAM**TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM:**

- ⇒ You must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- ⇒ You must have sold a minimum of \$1,500 during one sale year.
- ⇒ Scouts can choose a \$50 Coleman Gift Card, \$50 Boy Scouts of America Gift Card or \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card.
- ⇒ The entry form can be found on page 4.

\$2500 LEVEL TRAIL'S END SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**TO QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM:**

- ⇒ You must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
- ⇒ You must have sold a minimum of \$2,500 during one sale year.
- ⇒ You must submit the scholarship form signed by the District Popcorn Staff Advisor and copies of completed take order forms to Trail's End on or by January 15th.
- ⇒ You must have a Social Security number.
- ⇒ The entry form can be found on page 5.

POPCORN "FILL THE SHEET" CHALLENGE

To qualify for the Grand Prize drawing of a Nintendo Wii System, Scouts must submit a copy of 1 (one) filled up order form (all 25 lines filled in) by November 4, 2008.

Every Scout is eligible to win and the more sheets you complete, the better your chances are of winning.

Other Prizes Include:**Apple iPod Shuffle****Supersonic 512MB MP3 Player****Tasco 50 x 50 mm Telescope / 900 x Microscope Combination****Top Sellers Prizes**

New!!! Sioux Council will give away the following prizes to the top 3 sellers in the Council.

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| Top Seller | Nintendo Wii |
| #2 | Nintendo DS Lite Game System |
| #3 | Apple iPod Shuffle |

PRAIRIE HILLS

SERVING MINNEHAHA, LINCOLN, TURNER, SD; ROCK & NOBLES, MN; LYON, IA COUNTIES

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR...

What an experience Nashville was; I can't say enough about the energy and excitement. At the beginning of August, for the first time in ten years, all of the Scouting Professionals gathered in one place. It was a great experience to meet old friends, make some new ones, and exchange ideas for best practices. In my opinion, it is the first time in awhile that the National Council has a clear direction to what needs to be done.

In his opening address Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive, stated that "We will no longer allow others to define us. We will take that back and define ourselves." We all have the opportunity of a lifetime, to do just that. A chance to "Celebrate the Adventure and Continue the Journey." This opportunity I am talking about is the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. We truly need to show America, and those right here within in our communities, that Scouting is as relevant to society today as it has ever been. It is not too early to start planning for your unit's involvement and celebration of this milestone. Start to ask yourselves, how can our Scouting unit show our community Scouting is relevant today.

Here are just some announcements that were made over the last few months:

- New Centennial Boy Scout Uniform is introduced
- "Advice from the top: Leaders need Scouts' qualities" – July 20 *USA Today* Article w/ Bob Mazzuca
- AT&T has donated \$3 Million to the National Council to support the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. This is the first major corporate sponsor for this event.

I know this is not a whole lot of information, but I only have so much space. I will provide you all more information as we as a district and council, build our Anniversary Committee and set plan.

With all this looking to the future, we can't forget about the present ... Leader don't forget To Do's:

- Hold successful year-round recruiting events.
- Hold a spectacular popcorn kickoff and sale.
- Take an inventory of which leaders need training, and encourage them to attend.
- Check the progress on your unit's Centennial Quality Unit Commitment.
- Troops – Plan to attend and sign up for the Fall Boy Scout Camporee.

Remember no matter what level of Scouting you are in or what position you hold; your responsibility as a leader really comes down to three basic things:

1. **Recruit youth into the program.** Remember anytime is a good time to recruit a youth into the program.
2. **Retain them in the program.** Provide a fun, active, educational and safe environment for the youth to grow and prosper.
3. **Move them onto the next level.** Whether that is from Tigers to Wolves, Webelos to Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts to Venturing, or Venturing to Adults.

FALL BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

This year's fall camporee will be a Search and Rescue Theme. It is being held at the Big Sioux Recreation Area in Brandon, SD; from Friday through Sunday, September 19 – 21, 2008.

Morning events will be demonstrations of different Search and Rescue tactics by the Emergency Management teams. The Afternoon will have the Scouts participating in mock emergency search and rescues.

Each Patrol will need a compass, first aid kit, items to make a litter, and firewood.

Check in will take place Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:30 PM, followed by a leaders meeting. The registration fee will be \$10.00 per person.

PRAIRIE HILLS

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CUB SCOUT FALL FUN DAY FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

We would like to help you with your fall recruitment, but since we can't make it to everyone's recruitment events, we thought we would plan an event for all new Cub Scouts for free. As long as the new Cub Scout has submitted their registration with registration fees by 5:00 PM of Friday, September 19, they will get in for free. **The event will be Saturday, September 20 at the Center for Scouting, located at 800 N. West Avenue in Sioux Falls, SD.** We will run events from 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM. Any boys not registered can show up between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM.

If you have any existing Cub Scouts, we would love to invite them as well, but there will be a cost of \$7.00 per boy.

We will also be running a 90 minute training course for any new or existing leaders from 10:00 AM through 11:30 AM. With parents being in training, we hope to get the help and support of your pack to help run some of the events and keep an eye on the boys.

SOCCER AND SCOUTING UPDATE

I am glad to welcome Juan Bonilla to the Soccer and Scouting Steering Committee. Juan is President of La Voz Hispana, a radio host for *La Silla Caliente* at Augustana College, and an active participant of the Spanish-speaking association through the Multicultural Center. Juan and his team of volunteers are a great addition of leadership to start the Scout soccer league. Play begins in September as teams compete weekly at Whittier Middle School Gymnasium and Park in Sioux Falls.

Soccer and Scouting – Join the Adventure! Volunteers are always needed.

Also, we are now accepting applications for program aides.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

- 4 District Commissioner Meeting
- 9 Roundtable/OA
- 11 Sioux Falls School Night for Scouting
- 18 District Committee Meeting
- 19-21 Boy Scout Fall Camporee
- 20 Cub Scout Fun Day
- 90 minute Cub Scout Leader Training
- 23 90 minute Cub Scout Leader Training
- 25 90 minute Cub Scout Leader Training
- 27 Council Leadership Team Meeting
- 30 90 minute Cub Scout Leader Training

October

- 2 District Commissioner Meeting
- 3 Popcorn Sale Starts
- 9 Roundtable/OA
- 13 Service Center Closed
- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 18 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 25 Scouting for Food
- 30 Popcorn Sale Ends

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

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DAY CAMP NUMBERS UP

A record number of 134 Tigers, Cubs and Webelos were treated to fun and adventure at Day Camps in Brookings, Madison and Marshall this past July. With a medieval theme, attendees created tunics, shields, banners, and catapults. They tested their skills at jousting, pummel sticks, archery, sling shots and BB guns. They made fudge-in-a-bag, mobiles and coin purses of Dragon skin. At Friday evening campfires they sang songs, performed skits and made s'mores. Many thanks go out to the many volunteers that made it all happen and the unit leaders and parents who took the time to see to it that the boys in their Packs could attend. It's only because of these volunteers that Cubs can experience the fun and excitement of the camping opportunities available to them each summer.



NEW YEAR – NEW EVENTS

Besides the standard Fall and Spring Camporees, Klondike and Scout-O-Rama, this years calendar of events sports two new activities – a Fishing Derby on January 10th and a Cub Scout Lock-In on March 20-21. Both should prove to be fun-filled additions. The Fishing Derby will be held at Lake Shetek Scout Camp, offering shelter from the cold if necessary. A hot meal and hot beverages will be provided and there will be prizes for the largest fish caught and many other categories.

The Cub Lock-In will be held at the YMCA in Marshall. Attendees will have use of the swimming area with its giant water slide, the gymnasium for a variety of sports, a game room, and an activity room for less physical endeavors such as board games and movies. Along with the fun comes pizza for a late evening snack on Friday and a continental breakfast on Friday. The festivities culminate with the District Pinewood Derby Saturday morning.

TRANSITION IS AROUND THE CORNER

Now is the time for Scout Troops and Webelos Dens to be thinking about the transitioning of the 2nd year Webelos into the Troop in February. Troops should be inviting those boys to visit a Troop meeting and participate in other Troop activities such as campouts. If you want those boys to become Boy Scouts they need to be shown just how much fun Scouting really is. A lot of other activities and organizations are vying for those boys' attention and membership. If you leave it to chance, there is a strong chance many of those boys will not make the move into the Troop.

DON'T LEAVE IT TO CHANCE!

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

- 2 District Commissioners Meeting, Elkton Community Center, 7:00 pm
- 9 Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting, Elkton Community Center, 7:00 pm
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting, American Legion, Brookings, 1:30 pm
- 20 Cub Fun Day, Brookings, Marshall, Madison, Sites TBA, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

October

- 7 District Committee Meeting, Elkton Community Center, 7:00 pm
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting, American Legion, Brookings, 1:30 pm
- 14 Roundtable/Commissioner Meeting, Elkton Community Center, 7:00 pm
- 10-12 Fall Camporee, Prairie Village, Madison

DAY CAMP FUN!



Roasting Marshmallow at Day Camp



Jousting



Nick Magic



Building a block tower

FREE FALL FUN DAY

FOR NEW CUB SCOUTS AND PARENTS

New Cub Scouts who join Scouting and have their registration form and fee into the Center for Scouting by **Friday, September 19, 2008**, are invited to a free Fall Fun Day!



Current Cub Scouts are eligible to attend one of these program features. For registration details and program fee amount, contact your local District Executive.

ABERDEEN:

When: Sunday, September 21st (1 PM - 4 PM)
Where: Melgaard Park

BROOKINGS:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1 PM - 4 PM)
Where: Old Landfill Fishing Pond

HURON:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1 PM - 5 PM)
Where: Memorial Park

MADISON:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1 PM - 4 PM)
Where: Lake County 4H Grounds

MARSHALL, MN:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1 PM - 4 PM)
Where: Liberty Park

MITCHELL:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1:30 PM - 4:30 PM)
Where: Patton—Young Park (located at W. Cedar Ave and Anderson St.)

PIERRE:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1 PM - 5 PM)
Where: Steamboat Park Pavilion (Dakota and Poplar in the Park)

SIOUX FALLS:

When: Saturday, September 20th (9 AM - 12 PM)
Where: Center for Scouting, 800 N. West Ave.

WATERTOWN:

When: Saturday, September 20th (1 PM - 4 PM)
Where: Memorial Park

YANKTON:

When: Sunday, September 21st (2 PM - 4 PM)
Where: Yankton Middle School



In the event of inclement weather, the Fun Day will be cancelled.

DO YOU HAVE A UNIT HOME PAGE?

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

Getting started is easy. The key to getting started lies with your unit's Primary Leader.

Here are the steps to follow...

1. The Council must have your Primary Unit leader's email address stored in our data base.

Check your unit's homepage or contact the Council Registrar to make sure we have it.

Once you are on your unit's home page, click the Leadership item on the menu. If the unit leader shown is not correct, or we don't have your unit leader's email address, please forward a note to the Council Registrar with the appropriate details.

2. The primary Unit Leader must have a MyCouncil membership on www.siouxbsa.org.

The unit leader's MyCouncil membership must use the same email address as the stored in our database. (Refer back to step 1)

3. Once steps 1 and 2 have been completed your unit leader may sign-in to the website and start managing your unit's home page features.

The Unit Leader may also delegate the management of your unit's home page to other members if that works better in your situation. To delegate management, steps 1 and 2 must still be completed and the primary Unit Leader must still sign-in to delegate management privileges.

WHO IS MY PRIMARY UNIT LEADER?

The Primary Unit Leader is the adult who is the official registered leader for your unit.

Unit	Primary Leader
Cub Scout Pack	Cubmaster
Boy Scout Troop	Scoutmaster
Varsity Team	Team Coach
Venturing Crew	Crew Advisor
Explorer Post	Post Advisor
Sea Scout Ship	Skipper

IS OUR UNIT HOME PAGE SECURE?

Yes - your unit's Home Page is secure to the extent that you use the built-in security features. The Primary Unit Leader (or a delegated member) enforces the security features on your unit's Home Page. By using the Unit Home Page features on this web site, you agree that your unit is responsible for managing its own security settings which control how people access your unit's information.



LEWIS & CLARK

SCOUT CAMP



Thanks to a special project at the University of South Dakota, Lewis and Clark Scout Camp should have a new promotional video for the 2009 camp season. You may have noticed a small film crew running around camp this summer and now you know why.

We are also underway with the 2009 Leaders Guide. You should have it in your hands at the November Roundtable. One noticeable change that you will see right off is the inclusion of the Missouri River High Adventure Base Leader Guide. The MRHAB guide will be printed in the back of the L&C Guide. This will make it easier for everyone and especially our out of council guests who often send their older Scouts to the MRHAB base.

NEW BOAT MOTORS

Thanks to the generous memorial gifts in memory of Pamela Anderson, Lewis & Clark Scout Camp is the proud owner of two new outboard boat motors. One of these boat motors is a long shaft prop, which is slated to be used on the Cynthia Anne sailboat. The Cynthia Anne is our largest boat, and is often used on over-night sailing trips. When we inherited the boat, it came with a bad motor. We have tried to use other motors that we currently own but have not had the results needed. Hopefully the long shaft will work as planned.

The other motor is a standard length shaft. It will be used on our fourteen foot boat that is used for Motor Boating Merit Badge, transportation, and rescue operations.

Camp Report

<u>Camp</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Akela	170	170	-
Day Camp	696	758	+62
Lewis & Clark	1009	988	-21
MrHAB	136	82	-54
Webelos	258	327	+69

2009 CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS

	Week 1 June 7-13	Week 2 June 14-20	Week 3 June 21-27	Week 4 July 5-11	Week 5 July 12-18	Week 6 July 19-25
Sitting Bull 24 Scouts 1 Troop	T173 Pierre	T731 Sioux Falls	T371 Sioux Falls	T129 Creston IA, MAC	T11 Beresford T164 Hooper NE	T155 Elm Creek NE Overland Trails
Spotted Tail 48 Scouts 2 Troops		T152 Sioux Falls T101 Vermillion	T13 Brookings	T17 Howard	T66 Vernillion	T60 Canton
Red Cloud 30 Scouts 1 Troop	T190 Rock Rapids T269 Gettysburg	T53 Dell Rapids	T692 Quiviria KS			
Big Foot 64 Scouts 3 Troops	T155 Sheldon	T112 Sioux Falls		T102 Yankton	T529 Brandon T218 Sioux Falls	
Black Buffalo 60 Scouts 2 Troop			T75 Mitchell		T8 Hartford	T11 Mission/ Rosebud
Red Dog 40 Scouts 2 Troops		T180 Yankton	T61 Viborg T100 Winner		T255 Madison	
Crazy Horse 60 Scouts 2 Troops	T133 Yankton	T346 Sioux Falls	T361 Sioux Falls	T84 Sioux Falls	T225 Sioux City T155 Albion NE	
Shannon 40 Scouts 2 Troops	T19 Clear Lake T249 Chamberlain	T48 Sioux Falls	T261 Wagner		T351 Owatonna MN Gamehaven	T359 Aberdeen
Pryor 40 Scouts 2 Troops	T25 Slayton					
Ordway 40 Scouts 2 Troops	T87 Elk Point		T16 Sioux Falls			
Gass 45 Scouts 2 Troops	T46 Sioux Falls		T8 Leroy IA T114 Adams MN			
York 48 Scouts 2 Troops	T23 Clark	T91 Waterloo NE			T251 Sioux Falls	
Floyd 32 Scouts 1 Troop	T12 Miller					
James E West 1 Troop						

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Women's Short-sleeve Supplex Nylon Shirt



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- Technology pocket
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