New District Executive for Pheasant District

Please join us in welcoming Matt Flikka as the new District Executive for Pheasant District!

Matt was born in Crookston, Minnesota and grew up on a farm just outside of town. He attended the Crookston Public School System and then moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota to attend the University of North Dakota. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. He is currently living in Wessington Springs, South Dakota with his wife and two dogs. His wife is originally from Arcadia, Iowa, where her family still resides. Matt and his wife moved here from Grand Forks for a position she accepted in the region with Horizon Health Care, Inc.

Outside of work, Matt enjoys spending time with his wife, dogs and friends. He enjoys playing video games and recreational volleyball, bowling, softball, and many other sports. In his down time while relaxing, he enjoys keeping up with politics and learning about all types of history. He is also a member of the Missouri-Synod Lutheran Church system, which he has been a member of since baptism, and enjoys attending services on Sunday. He and his wife are excited to be back in small-town life and look forward to becoming a part of the area and getting to know the people there.

SPOTS STILL OPEN IN THE PHILMONT TREK! The 2019 Philmont trek is from July 1, 2019 to July 13, 2019. The three treks will depart on or around June 30, 2019. The fees are $1,950 for the trip, which includes transportation, shirt, food, Philmont fees and the BSA insurance. There is also a non-refundable $100 deposit. To sign up, please go to www.siouxcouncil.org/philmont.
Camping in the Sioux Council

When it comes to camping, it is never too late to make it great! As we all know, the BSA JTE is not just a measuring tool, but also (and more importantly) a great road map to make units better. Do you want to keep your unit strong and the boys busy? Get them camping! Please see below for some tips from the BSA Journey to Excellence.

Cub Scouts - Work towards 50% of your youth going to Day Camp. Is that a big jump up? No worries, make 33% and an improvement over 2017 your goal.
Troops - Work towards 60% of the youth attending a long term camp (5 nights).

Want to swing for the fence, not only in JTE but also in youth retention, learning and fun? Let’s talk about the JTE road map to success and the gold level.

Cub Scouts - 90% of the boys attend Cub camp OR 60% and 2% increase over 2017
Boy Scouts - 80% or 67% and a 2% increase over 2017

Please keep in mind that even though we talk a lot about JTE scores and how it relates to camping as bronze, silver or gold, it really can help you recruit, retain and train both youth and leaders. The whole point is to support our great Scouting program and, of course, have a WOW experience. Camping is a far cry from numbers on a spreadsheet, but just like when orienteering in the wilds, it never hurts to have a map of where you are and where you are going!
The Sioux Council has created an Instagram account to connect with more Scouters, family members of Scouters, friends of Scouters and supporters of Scouting. Follow us at: @siouxcouncilbsa to see what we are up to!

We are on Instagram!

Training

Every youth deserves a trained leader! Now, more than ever, as we expand to welcome full families into Scouting, training is CRITICAL! Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, or IOLS, is for scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters and anyone else working with Boy Scouts. Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is for cubmasters and those working with Packs. Be sure to sign up for council training dates:

- **IOLS**: Sept 7-9, Miller-area, SD  
- **BALOO**: Sept 7-8, Miller-area, SD  
- **IOLS**: Oct 5-7, Newton Hills  
- **BALOO**: Oct 5-6, Newton Hills

AND! For those attending a high adventure base, Wilderness First Aid is being offered in November in Sioux Falls. Don’t put off your training!

CUB CAMPS

It isn’t too late to sign up for Day Camp and Akela Camp! You don’t want to miss out on the Flight Lab or the Passport to Adventure! And, coming soon—get ready for FALL DAY CAMP 2018! Watch the council website for details on the following dates:

- **Sept 15**: Aberdeen, Madison, Mitchell, Pierre, Yankton  
- **Sept 22**: Brookings, Sioux Falls, Watertown

Are you moving or planning to move?

Don’t forget to contact the Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America office with any address changes, so we can continue to keep in touch with you and make sure you are receiving the latest information!!

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Follow your District’s pages too!

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- **Lewis and Clark**: www.facebook.com/lewisandclarktrailbsa  
- **Pheasant**: www.facebook.com/pheasantdistrict  
- **Prairie Hills**: www.facebook.com/prairiehillsbsa

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YOUTH PROTECTION BEGINS WITH YOU!

BSA has introduced a new Youth Protection video, effective immediately. All volunteers must take the new training before October 1, 2018, regardless of when you last took the course. The updated training includes “insights from experts and survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse.” In addition, BSA is introducing an expanded “Scouts First Helpline” to aid in addressing potentially dangerous situations, counseling and training for youth beginning in 2019.

Included in the new policies is that, effective June 1, 2018, adults accompanying Scouting units, who are present for 72 hours or more, must be registered as an adult leader, including completion of a criminal background check and youth protection training. These 72 hours need not be consecutive. Example: a parent who attends Scout Camp Sunday evening through Tuesday morning, then returns Thursday evening will need to register as an adult leader!

Youth protection training is offered on-line at my.scouting.org. Training may take place as a group (for an entire unit, for example). A training report must be completed at the conclusion of the training. Questions may be directed to your district training chair, district executive or the council office.

Don’t forget, all new leader applications must be accompanied by a certificate of completion for Youth Protection Training. There cannot be, and will not be, any exceptions to this policy! Training can be completed through my.scouting.org with a guest account and then the accounts will be merged once the adult is registered.

Advancements

Don’t hold any Scouts back! That’s the new mantra of advancement. Don’t hold anyone back! When boys are ready to advance—advance them! How can you help?

After every den meeting, or at least once a month, send a note to parents, so they know what their Scout may have missed. After every campout, let parents know what was missed BEFORE events, let parents know what is coming up.

PLAN PLAN PLAN! If parents know when you hold Pack meetings or courts of honor, they will want to be there and make sure that their Scout is ready.

Order of the Arrow:

Good places are still available for the National Order of the Arrow conference, July 30 – Aug 4, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Cost is $800. This is the PINNACLE EVENT for the OA! Register at www.siouxcouncil.org.

Do you know someone who missed the spring conclave, but needs to complete their Ordeal or Brotherhood? Have them attend at Camp Iyataka, Aug 10-12, 2018! A great weekend of food, fun, fellowship and OA advancement is in store!

Make plans for the biggest OA event in this area: Section Conclave, Sept 7–9, at Camp Wilderness, 17 miles north of Park Rapids, MN. We expect to have registration information coming soon!
2018 Cub Scout Recruitment Incentive

Deadline for meeting all requirements is October 31st

It is the vision of the Sioux Council Membership Committee to make available to every youth in the Sioux Council, a Scouting experience that WOWS! As an incentive to grow your packs, the Membership Committee is offering this incentive in which every youth (not just new ones) can receive a free pinewood derby kit from the Council. For a Cub Scout Pack to qualify for this special incentive, the pack must earn a total of 60 points by meeting some combination of the requirements listed.

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<td>By the end of October 2018, have an increase in total youth membership over December 31, 2017 (prior to rechartering) OR enroll at least 20% of Total Available Youth in your zip code.</td>
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<td>Pack actively participates in “School Night for Scouting” on September 13th AND conducts one additional recruitment in the fall between August 1 and October 31st. The additional recruitment cannot happen between September 1-12 as these are “black out”</td>
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<td>Participate in a Back to School Night, Open House, National Night out or district pre-approved public event that promotes joining your pack in the fall.</td>
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Total Points need to qualify for Free Cars = 60   Total Points Earned by Pack ________
Incentive Criteria #1: Turned-in recruitment plan by July 1. *(required to get cars)* - Remember, creating a plan is only the first step. The next step is to turn all your good ideas into action. Packs that are successful at recruiting are successful because they have multiple people bringing their talents and time to the effort. Your District Membership Chair is committed to helping you succeed, but your pack is the most important part of the equation. Without your enthusiasm and participation, it cannot and will not happen. The plan needs to be developed with your district leadership.

Incentive Criteria #2: Growing Membership *(required to get cars)* - There are a couple of things to remember as your unit strives for membership growth. First, your membership will go down at recharter time as youth have left the program. Second, your membership will go down when boys bridge into Boy Scouts. Increasing total members in Scouting is significantly important because it means more youth are benefiting from Scouting. However, we realize in some situations, it is hard to maintain year after year growth, because the percentage of youth involved in Scouting could already be high and the number of youth of Scouting age is decreasing. Therefore, any pack that enrolls at least 20% of Total Available Youth for your market (zip code) will also qualify for achieving the requirement for doing a great job of serving youth.

Incentive Criteria #3: School Night for Scouting AND additional fall recruitment *(required to get cars)* - In every district and community, we hear parents of potential scouts say that they didn’t know they could join if they missed a single sign up night. Whether your unit invites new boys to a fun pack activity already planned, conducts a separate recruitment event or offers the flexibility to families to stop by a location between certain hours to sign up for scouting, the key truly is the opportunity to join.

Incentive Criteria #4: Back to school night/open house/district pre-approved public event - Your pack is part of the fiber of the school, and people need to know it. Being present at back-to-school nights and other school activities is an important way to increase awareness of what we have to offer youth and families. Set up a table with flyers, a sign-in sheet, stickers, picture board, and other visuals; and speak with all families attending. Be sure to have a supply of your Pack Information Sheet and pack “business cards.” Take names and contact information of interested families so you can personally call and remind them to attend the recruitment night. All pack leaders should be in uniform for this event.

Incentive Criteria #5: New Membership Coordinator - To deliver a WOW! experience, the Cubmaster must be free to guide the pack’s program. Therefore, the unit must identify a member of the pack committee to focus on orientation of new membership. This person’s role will be to help and guide new members and to familiarize them with the pack policies, activities, training for new leaders/parents and overall to help them feel welcome.

Incentive Criteria #6: Summertime pack award - It’s well-known statistically that the packs having at least one activity a month during the summer will retain more youth, which will help the pack grow. It is as simple as having a swimming party (maybe join with multiple packs), picnic or go to a baseball game or other sporting event just for example. Please look at the form before planning to make sure your pack has the best chance to meet the criteria.
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Check the Website for calendar information and updates
Texting in the Buffalo Ridge District!

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THANK YOU to everyone for all you do in Scouting. We are coming up to the summer time and that usually signals a slowdown in our activities. Did you know that Units that are active during the summer are stronger and retain more active youth? There is even an award for the Packs who are active during the summer (one activity per month). We just went over this during Program Planning, so let’s see how many of our units can get the summertime pack award!

Speaking of summer, camping season is right around the corner! Our Day Camp will be held in Steamboat Park in Pierre on Saturday June 16th. Akela Camp will be held at Oahe Downstream during the weekend of Friday July 13th - Sunday July 15th. Register now at www.siouxcouncil.org!

Next Year

With the program year end coming soon, it is time to start thinking about the future. Be sure to prepare all your plans for the coming program year. Also, begin to think about the fall and how recruitment will bring in new life to the units! Be sure to plan for things like service projects, popcorn sales and Klondike derbies! Your unit calendar and budget will need to be turned in at the August Roundtable for some increased popcorn commission, so be planning for that!

Has your Boy Scout Troop registered for L&C Summer Camp this summer? If not, it’s not too late! Go to www.siouxcouncil.org and register for camp now! Fees are listed below:

Early Bird (by May 1st)

$215 $100/wk or $20/day

Regular Fee

$235 $100/wk or $20/day

Second Week

$160 $60/wk

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/5rivers
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
Spring is here, or at least it should be. It’s time to start thinking about summer activities like camping, hiking and just enjoying the warm weather! So much to do and so little time means we will all be going a million different directions. We thank you for all you do and appreciate how critical your efforts are to today’s youth.

We are going a different route in this month’s LCT Sioux Trails. Rather than doubling up on information that is included elsewhere, we are instead sharing the article below (From Readers Digest). Our great volunteers in LCT District know better than anyone that the effects of their volunteer efforts are “Paying It Forward” at its finest and one person’s efforts to help others, most often multiplies tenfold.

*Am feeling both good and a little stupid*.” This is the comment Carolee Hazard posted on Facebook after a woman ahead of her in the grocery line said she’d lost her wallet. The woman was so upset that Hazard paid her $207 grocery bill “and just asked her to send me a check,” Hazard says. She figured now the money was as good as gone.

But a day later, a check arrived in the mail for $300, along with profound thanks from Jenni Ware, 45. Ware suggested that Hazard use the extra $93 for a nice massage.

Instead, Hazard went back online and asked her friends to recommend a better use for the money. Times are tough, one friend wrote back, and suggested a donation to Second Harvest, a Bay Area food bank.

Hazard agreed and then matched Ware’s original $93 with her own. Word spread. A little kid gave 93 cents. A single mother donated $9.30 from the last $25 in her monthly budget. By the end of its first year, the newly christened 93 Dollar Club had bequeathed $100,000 to Second Harvest.

But the story doesn’t end there. “We want to raise $200,000 this year,” says Hazard. And they just might. The 93 Dollar Club recently received a second donation of $9,300—its largest yet.

This is the power of all our LCT volunteers. Please remember, the effects of what you do today may not show up tomorrow, but ten or twenty years from now, a former Webelos or First Class Scout will likely stand in front of their child’s Pack/Troop and tell the story of a great volunteer who changed their life for the better!

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### District Calendar

**May:**

**June:**

- 2 Day Camp
- 8 L&C Scout Camp
- 8-10 Akela Camp

[http://www.siouxcouncil.org/lct](http://www.siouxcouncil.org/lct)

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http://www.siouxcouncil.org/north-star
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Texting in the North Star District!

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Say hello to Matt, the new District Executive for Pheasant District! You’ve seen the bio—now meet him in person! **Be sure to attend the May roundtable to introduce yourself and say hello!**

Summer is here! This is the PERFECT time for WOW! events in your Pack and Troop! What about…
--fishing?
--hiking?
--a pool party? (be sure to follow safe swim defense!)
--boating/a float trip (be sure to follow safety afloat!)

What about a service project? Summer is a great time for service. Community events? Sign up to help! What about senior citizens who want to have a garden? And don’t forget about merit badges! In short—don’t take a summer vacation! Make it a SCOUTING VACATION!

Before you know it, fall will be coming (I know…we just went through summer and are now in fall). Start thinking ahead! Be sure to recruit your school sign-up rep for September 13th, as well as your popcorn kernel. PLUS, meet with Matt to pick your 2nd sign up night. SPEND THE COUNCIL’S MONEY! LET’S GET EVERY PACK FREE PINewood DERBY CARS IN 2019! It’s easy—make a plan, stick to the plan and GROW!

CALLING ALL “RETIRED” SCOUTERS! Your district needs you! Old Scouters don’t die—they become district volunteers! Let’s build Pheasant to a GOLD district! Contact Matt today!

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### District Calendar

#### May:
- 2 District Committee/Commissioners
- 10 Roundtable, Woonsocket
- 18-20 Order of the Arrow Conclave, L&C

#### June:
- 9 Day Camp, Mitchell

[http://www.siouxcouncil.org/pheasant](http://www.siouxcouncil.org/pheasant)  
(Check the Website for calendar information and Updates)
Spring has sprung! Or has it? We are dreaming of warm weather here in the Prairie Hills District. We have many exciting things happening that we want YOU to be a part of. Camping is a huge part of why youth want to be in Scouting. We offer some great camp opportunities over the summer. Cub Scouts should plan to attend Day Camp, Akela Camp or Webelos Camp. Boy Scouts should plan to attend a week out at Lewis & Clark Summer Camp (there will be ATVs!). For dates, locations and more information, go to siouxcouncil.org and look at our camping opportunities.

In March, we had a great Cub Olympics! The youth had a blast and we donated 411 pounds of nonperishable food items to Feeding South Dakota. Great job! This is an event you don’t want to miss next year. Here are a couple of pictures to showcase the fun!

We have had many volunteers, parents and unit leaders express that they would love to see us do more with disability awareness in the district. Well, we have had a volunteer step up that will be leading a Disability Awareness Challenge Day on August 4th.

They are going to start out small, with only having it open to Scouts, but hope to have it expand in the upcoming years. Keep a look out for more information and how to register. This is going to be an educational and fun event that is sure to WOW! your Scouts.

Come one, come all! We are always looking to expand our district level volunteers and leadership in the Prairie Hills District. Contact your district executives if you are interested in helping out in any way. We want to thank all of our current volunteers, leaders and parents for all you do to make the Prairie Hills District a successful one. We couldn’t do it without you.

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District Calendar

May:
3 District Committee/Commissioner
4-6 Spring Camporee
10 Roundtable/OA

June:
7 District Committee/Commissioner
14 Roundtable/OA
22-24 Akela Camp at Newton Hills

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/prairie-hills
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
Tips on Eagle Applications

Glenda Kautz, Sioux Council registrar, attended a Prairie Hills roundtable at one point and shared some tips and hints about completing Eagle applications. Most issues arise from the back of the application. Here are a couple of the highlights:

--make sure that the position of responsibility starts after the Life board of review date;
--please take note of the approved positions list! Assistant patrol leader does not count as a leadership position toward Eagle Scout;
--the Scout himself must sign the application, certifying that everything is accurate and completed before his 18th birthday;
--both the unit leader and the unit committee chair need to sign the application.

Also, we have some tips on preparing for Eagle projects from the Guide to Advancement:

--there is no set number of hours for an Eagle Scout project;
--candidates cannot share projects;
--there is no requirement that the project have “lasting value.”

Please also take note that the Sioux Council advancement committee has determined that District boards of review are the only approved method for conducting Eagle Scout boards of review. Parents should take note that once the application is signed and all paperwork turned in, it may be several weeks before a board is able to be convened. Please plan accordingly! Additionally, once the Eagle Board is concluded, it may take 3-6 weeks for the National Office to return everything. Please do not plan an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for earlier than 6 weeks after the Board is completed.
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