Meet Chris Houlette
New Five Rivers District Executive

I am the new Executive for the Five Rivers District of the Sioux Council. I am originally from Norfolk, Nebraska. I graduated from Black Hills State University with a degree in Political Science and from the University of South Dakota with a Juris Doctor. My wife, Denice, and I have been married for 22 years and have lived in Pierre for 20 years. We have two sons, Justin age 16, and Brayden age 12. Both of our sons play baseball and basketball and were in cub scouts. I previously served as a Cubmaster with Pack 391 in Pierre from 2013 to 2015 and took part in several scouting activities from 2008-2015. I have coached my sons in youth baseball, football, and basketball. I served as President of the Home and School Association for St. Joseph School in Pierre and belong to the Elks and Knights of Columbus. In my spare time I like to fish, bicycle, hike, travel, read, and spend time watching our sons’ activities. I am a fan of the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. I am excited to be a part of the Sioux Council team!
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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We are on Instagram!

The Sioux Council has created an Instagram account to connect with more Scouters, family members of Scouters, and others interested in Scouting.

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!!

“LIKE” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/siouxbsa.

Follow your District’s page too!

Five Rivers: www.facebook.com/fiveriversdistrict
Lewis and Clark: www.facebook.com/lewisandclarktrailbsa
Pheasant: www.facebook.com/pheasandistrict
Order of the Arrow:

Make your plans, mark your calendars, you don’t want to miss the winter banquet, January 4, 2019, in Sioux Falls. Training, fun and games, dinner—what more do you need? Watch the website for details.

Has your troop signed up for OA elections yet? Now is the time! Elections run from Jan 1 – March 31. Eligibility requirements include being a 1st class scout, 15 nights of camping (including 1 long term camp) and permission from the scoutmaster. Please contact your OA adviser to set up an election night. What does it mean for your troop to have Arrowmen? It means instant leaders, instant servant leaders who learn from their peers in the Order how to put the troop ahead of themselves. Is there any troop that DOESN’T need this?

Lewis and Clark Scout Camp and MRHAB

NEW ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING!!: The Sioux Council Camping Committee is excited to announce a new pricing structure that will make it easier for signing up for camp as you won’t have to worry about the cost of each extra activity or program. The only thing our new pricing won’t cover is the cost of our pebble patches as this will still be an optional choice for units to purchase in the trading post.

The cost of camp this year will be $275 if paid by May 1 and $300 after that. This fee increase is intended to allow us to better serve your scouts and to give us the ability to increase compensation opportunities for our staff. The fee for MRHAB for adults and scouts will be $275 each.

Here are some other Program changes meant to better serve you:

- We will be doing a block schedule to cut down on trips between program areas – look for the leader guide with the details online in December
- The cardiac bypass will be revamped to allow leaders to get around easier at camp.
- To allow us to focus on the canoe trek of MRHAB we are discontinuing our sailing program
- New Kitchen Management with more home style scratch cooking
- One new program feature we’re hoping to introduce is an optional merit badge program in the evening. This plan is the preliminary stages – and we will share more info to troops when we get closer to camp.
- Camp will be 5 weeks; Week 1: June 9 – 15, Week 2: June 16 – 22, Week 3: June 23 – 29, Week 4: July 7 – 13, Week 5: July 14 – 20
- MORE and NEW items in our trading post this summer
Popcorn

Thanks to all that sold popcorn this year! We are awaiting the final numbers, but I see you at store fronts and in neighborhoods as I traverse the District. Thanks again for the fantastic effort--now go spend it on the boys for some WOW! Programming.

Day Camp and Fun Days!

About 30 kids, including 8 girls, enjoyed our Day Camp/Fun Days. It was great to see smiling faces shooting BB guns, launching arrows, and plinking dog food from their slingshots--plus sending rockets flying, roasting marshmallows and hotdogs, playing giant marbles, and more. Thanks to Amberlie and her crew of volunteers for making it SO FUN!

It’s that time of the year – Recharter is here!

The online system to recharter units will open by November 1st. They are due December 14th. Recharter is the process where a Scout unit renews its charter as an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. Recharter packets will be available soon, but you don’t have to wait to get started! You can start by:

- verifying your roster (be sure to get applications for new youth and adults)
- check and update records for Youth Protection Training to be sure registered Adults have the new YPT—This includes Scouter Reserve and College Scouter Reserve
- With these steps done, recharter will be a breeze. Remember they are due December 14th.

Is your Troop Looking for More Scouts?

Don’t forget Webelos to Scout Transition (WTS)

From the Troop perspective…

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Five Rivers is on the move!

We are hearing and seeing great things in Five Rivers District! Fall Cub Camp and Fun Day was a hit. Thanks to Tony Neyhert and Rebecca Pope for making those things happen. Recruitments were a little different this year with Full Family Scouting and the ability to do Scout Chats in all public schools. We shared the good news of Scouting with all the classrooms at Buchanan, Jefferson and Kennedy Schools in Pierre and unit leaders are telling me they had a great turnout for their sign-up nights from both boys and girls. We also are hearing of a large turnout in Mobridge where they not only signed up new youth but three new leaders! New parents stepping into leadership roles are much like striking gold, we all know many hands make light work. Thanks to our new volunteers and those who have been serving for a while. It really does make a difference in your community.

In this issue of Sioux Trails you will see a submission from the new Five River District Executive, Chris Houlette. We are beyond excited about Chris coming on board. He is a long-time member of the community, passionate about Scouting and is already proving to be customer service driven. On his second day he was making a northern loop through Mobridge, Selby and Eureka! Please help us welcome Chris to the team.

Chris is already showing the characteristics of a good Scout. The below are taken from Odyssey Online and share the merits of Scouting. As we start a “New Chapter” in Five Rivers they seem a good reminder of what we are trying to instill in our youth.

Time management

Five merit badges each month sounds easy right? Having to work with a merit badge counselor, Scoutmaster, whoever manages the merit badges, and not to mention getting all the requirements done can get a little complicated. It takes time and planning to make sure you can get everything done on time. Group projects are a breeze if you can get your work done, schedule around your group members' times, and get it turned in on time. The same goes for multiple homework assignments from different classes. Manage your time and set goals. They will be easily completed without a rush.

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| District Calendar |
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| November: |
| 5 DCM |
| 12 Roundtable |
| 22 Thanksgiving – Scout Shop and Council Office Closed |
| 23 Council Office Closed |
| December: |
| 3 DCM |
| 24 Scout Shop & Council Office Closed |
| 25 Christmas—Scout Shop and Council Office Closed |

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/5rivers
A whirlwind has blown through L&C Trail District. Back to school, sports, Scouting and so much more seemed to hit us all at once. As you read this you will have been through recruitment and popcorn sales. We are hearing good things about everything from sales to recruitment and program.

Full family Scouting is also in full swing and almost all of our Cub units have had girls join. We are getting good feedback on the program changes from families and unit leaders. There are many questions that go with it but that is normal with any change. If anyone needs clarity, please let us know. One of the expected perks of serving full families was the ability for parents to keep their sons & daughters in one place for programs and volunteer in that program themselves. We are seeing quite a bit of this already. One unit had three girls join, only one of which had a sibling in the program. Due to the switch in program that Scouts mother volunteered to be a leader as did the parents of the other two young ladies. Three new leaders in one unit is a great thing!

I occasionally get news updates on items related to Scouting. In looking at these I stumbled across this list by Mr. Zach Wahl. After our whirlwind start to the Scouting season it seemed appropriate to share and remind us all of how very important the program is. While this isn’t the entire list, they are a few of my favorites. Take care and good Scouting.

**How to give a speech** — In order to advance through the ranks, you have to hold leadership positions in your troop. How do you get elected to those positions? By giving a speech to your fellow Scouts and trying to convince them that you’re the (young) man for the job. This meant convincing my peers of something, which meant that they had to come first. Any good speech puts the audience before the speaker. Context, context, context.

**How to step up** — While serving in a leadership role as a youth in the Boy Scouts, you have to attend committee meetings, plan events, run troop gatherings, oversee other youth when you’re out camping, and plenty more. I learned quickly that the adults in our troop meant it when they said that they expected our troop to be a “boy-run” unit. If we wanted to make peach cobbler on our camping trip, then by God someone was going to have to bottom line that obligation and it wasn’t going to be an adult. (The smart adults usually brought their own desserts.)

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**November:**

- 6  DCM; Commissioner Meeting
- 8  Roundtable
- 22  Thanksgiving—Scout Shop and Council Office Closed
- 23  Council Office Closed

**December:**

- 4  DCM; Commissioner Meeting
- 24  Scout Shop and Council Office Closed
- 25  Christmas—Scout Shop and Council Office Closed

[http://www.siouxcouncil.org/lct](http://www.siouxcouncil.org/lct)  
*(Check the Website for calendar)*
Recharter Time-
Recharter commissioners were assigned to Units in October. This will be given to Units at the beginning of November
This year the online system will be open by November 1st and will be due on the 14th of December. Recharter is the process where a Scout unit renews its charter as an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. Recharter packets will be available soon, but you don’t have to wait to get started! You can start by:
1. verifying your roster (be sure to get applications for new youth and adults)
2. check and update records for Youth Protection Training to be sure registered Adults have the new YPT—This includes Scouter Reserve and College Scouter Reserve

With these steps done, recharter will be a breeze. Remember they are due December 14th.

Popcorn-
We had a great Popcorn Season again this year. Thank you to the many volunteers and Kernels who helped with the process.

Blue and Gold Banquets-
In nearly all packs, the annual blue and gold banquet, which is often the pack meeting for February, is the highlight of the year. It brings families together for an evening of fun and inspiration. The purpose of the blue and gold banquet is to celebrate, recognize, and inspire. Recognize Cub Scouts, pack leaders, and other adults involved in Scouting at this event by presenting advancement awards, honors, certificates—or with just a hearty round of applause for service to the pack.

Planning the Program: Early planning is necessary if the program is to be successful. The pack committee should recruit a banquet chair, who in turn selects others to carry out the responsibilities of the program. The committee reserves

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(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
ROUNDTABLE
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Don’t miss our upcoming Roundtables! Get all the latest on how to complete your recharter, turning in your charter, district events (including Klondike Derby) and MORE! 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, at the Woodsocket community center (corner of 7th Ave and 7th st). For more information, contact District Commissioner Gordon Foss.

HELP WANTED!

Don’t let your experience go by the wayside: SHARE IT! Pheasant district is in need of folks who will share their experiences with others on an occasional basis, as a member of the district committee. The pay is the same as a unit leader and the time is just a little bit more. But the rewards! You can affect the lives of youth and adults beyond your current unit. Contact Craig or Gordon for details.

It's the end of the year—do you know where your Journey to Excellence is? Now is the time to check out where your unit stands: are your bronze? Silver? GOLD?! How well do you match up against last year? See what your unit SHOULD be doing (if it isn’t already) to meet the GOLD STANDARD of Scouting programs. Google “bsa journey to excellence” and check it out! Do you have a budget? Did you unit grow? Do you regularly advance? Do you have outdoor activities, including day camp attendance? Are you TRAINED?

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District Calendar

November

  8  Roundtable
  16 Popcorn Pick-up (planned)
  22 Thanksgiving—Scout Shop and Council Office Closed
  23 Council Office Closed

December

  7  All Popcorn Money Due
  13 Roundtable
  14 Recharters Due
  24 Christmas Eve—Scout Shop and Council Office Closed
  25 Christmas—Scout Shop and Council Office Closed

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/pheasant (Check the Website for calendar information and Updates)
Prairie Hills
Serving Minnehaha, SD; Lincoln, SD; Turner, SD; Rock & Nobles, MN; Lyon, IA Counties

Prairie Hills Friend of Scouting Campaign will begin Soon! Please contact us if you have not informed us of your FOS dates.

Recharter opens on November 1st. Please start this process early, to ensure that it will be completed by 12/14. We will hold a Recharter turn in Party at the Center for Scouting on December 13th, at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend!

Please mark your calendars for the OA Lock-in on December 7-8.

Cub Olympics will be held on February 23, 2019, at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. More details to follow!

Although the District Pinewood Derby is not on the Current HLS calendar, we have GREAT news! The event WILL happen! The PWD will be held at Liberty Elementary in Harrisburg on April 6th, 2019. More details to follow!

As a Reminder, Shaina Smykle will be out of the office until the end of January.

If you need any assistance while Shaina is on leave, please contact Jason Cruse at (605)323-0713 or Char Faulstich at (605) 323-0740.

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/prairie-hills
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
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The transition from Webelos to Boy Scouts is an important stage in a Cub Scout’s journey. It is crucial that leaders in Scouting do everything they can to make the process as seamless and inviting as possible for Webelos and their parents.
To make sure Scouts make the move from Webelos to Boy Scouts, follow these eight steps for a successful transition.

1. Select Scouts who represent your troop well to serve as den chiefs for Webelos Scout dens, while also arranging for den chief training.
2. Serve as a resource for overnight activities. The Troop can be of service to provide equipment, leadership, and logistics for Webelos parent-son campouts to show how troops operate in the outdoors.
3. Invite dens and parents to a troop meeting to show and explain the differences between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting and to see the Methods of Scouting and its aims. Provide each Webelos Scout a copy of the Troop’s calendar for the upcoming year.
4. Conduct an orientation for parents and Webelos led by youth leaders using the New Scout Parent orientation resource on Scouting.org.
5. Work with Webelos den leaders to encourage them to plan to move into the troop with their Webelos Scouts and to serve as either committee members or assistant Scoutmasters.
6. Conduct a Scoutmaster conference under the guidance of the Scoutmaster covering the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law, the advancement program, troop camping, the patrol method, summer camp, and personal equipment.
7. Work with the Cubmasters to implement a meaningful Webelos to Scouts crossover ceremony at the pack’s Blue and Gold Banquet. Arrange for each Webelos Scout to receive a unique form of recognition like a Troop t-shirt or neckerchief and Boy Scout Handbook, along with the Arrow of Light Award.
8. Make sure to highlight the benefits of the Boy Scout program and emphasize why it is so important for Webelos to join a troop.

Do you have any Webelos to Boy Scouts transition tips that have worked in your council? Share with us!

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Want more info, Google Webelos to Scout Transition or Check out these links:
https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/improved-webelos-transition/
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/Webelos_to_Scout.pdf

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Leadership
Leadership is a core value in the Boy Scouts. Scouting offers a variety of leadership roles such as quartermaster, historian, patrol leader, troop guide and more. The most important form of leadership I learned was servant leadership. The team does not work for you, you work WITH the team. I have found this form of leadership to be most applicable to those in leadership positions of clubs. The best way to improve a club is to lead the way, not tell the members which way to go and watch them wander.

Community Service
Giving back to your community is something I firmly believe in. Whether it is a merit badge or an Eagle project, scouting requires community service to be performed in some way. There are a multitude of ways you can serve your community. When you help out your community, you build a bond with the people you work with. It is an excellent way to get you out of your room too.

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Stepping up and into leadership meant taking responsibility and following through — or no peach cobbler

How to compete without being a jerk about it — Scouting places a huge emphasis on teamwork, leadership, and cooperation. The Scout Law calls on Scouts to be cheerful and courteous and kind and friendly. Further, a buddy and I once won a competition at a winter camporee to see which team could build a fire and boil an egg the fastest. The catch is that the only way you could tell if the egg was boiled or not was by breaking it on your head. I was really, really glad that it was boiled. Fortune, it seems, does favor the bold. Americans tend to think of competition as a solitary pursuit — Scouting taught me that competition and cooperation can go hand in hand.
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reserves the location, makes the arrangements for the banquet, sends out special invitations, decides on the theme, and takes care of the housekeeping. The committee should try to include as many people as possible in the planning. The committee should also keep in touch with the pack committee by attending the monthly pack committee meetings. Good communication is essential for a successful blue and gold banquet.

How Will the Pack Pay for the Banquet?
Some packs pay for the entire Banquet costs by budgeting it in at the beginning of the Scouting year and earning sufficient funds through popcorn sales or other fund raisers throughout the year. Other packs charge those attending (if the meal is catered). A good idea is to add $1 per person to cover the cost of decorations and guest dinners unless your pack can afford the extra cost.

Suggested Timetable
4 months before banquet -- Select Blue & Gold Committee; Set/reserve date, time, place; Select theme, Schedule the Family Friends of Scouting Presentation
3 months before banquet -- Dens work on decorations; Plan the program; Committee meeting report
2 months before banquet -- Make guest list; Committee meeting report
1 month before banquet -- Mail invitations; Re-check facilities; Print program; Committee meeting report.
2 weeks before banquet -- Turn in award orders; complete decorations; Verify RSVP counts; Check on food preparation.
Banquet day -- Set up room; Enjoy Banquet; Clean-up facilities

BANQUET CLOSING IDEA
Baden Powell Closing
This Closing can be done by having boy recite one line each, or one person can read the entire poem. Baden Powell had a vision which he made come true, so that we enjoy Scouting and have fun while we do.

Recharters
Due December 14th
Looking to get started on your recharter? Go to siouxcouncil.org and click on the Recharter Box.
Recent Eagle Scouts

Elijah David Baldwin  Troop 209  Watertown SD  Holy Name Catholic Church
Luke Michael Gulseth  Troop 48  Sioux Falls SD  Sertoma Club of Sioux Falls
Jacob Wayne Schmidt  Troop 152  Sioux Falls SD  Zion Lutheran Church
Logan Louis VanderPlaats  Troop 220  Pipestone MN  Peace United Methodist Church
Adam John Young  Troop 14  Brookings SD  First Presbyterian Mens Bros.
Samuel James Cheadle  Troop 483  Worthington MN  Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Worthington
Zachary F Pelley  Troop 112  Sioux Falls SD  Morrell Club
Brandon Emmett Kreber  Troop 188  Aberdeen SD  Good Shepherd Lutheran Church h
Gage Albert James Stavig  Troop 209  Watertown SD  Holy Name Catholic Church
Benjamin Kevin Olson  Troop 152  Sioux Falls SD  Zion Lutheran Church
Knute Leon Johnson  Troop 48  Sioux Falls SD  Sertoma Club of Sioux Falls

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.
2019 Scout Anniversary Week Award
February 3rd (Scout Sunday) - 10th (Scout Sabbath)

Requirements:
(Unit leader, please initial)

_____ 1. Attend Scout Sunday or Sabbath in uniform, preferably with your Unit at your
place of worship. Cubmaster/Scoutmaster should verify attendance at services.

2. Do two of the following:
   _____ A. Help promote Scouting through setting up a window display or making a poster
   and displaying it at a local business, school or chartering organization.
   _____ B. Wear your uniform to school on your meeting day during Scout Week.
   _____ C. Participate in a service project for a minimum of one hour during Scout Week.
   _____ D. Bring a friend to a Pack, Den, Troop or Crew meeting (you can get a recruiter patch
   when they join).
   _____ E. Write an article for the newspaper or a letter to the
   editor promoting Scouting.

2019 Scout Week Patch Order Form

Pack, Troop, Team, Post or Crew #: _____________

Number of patches requested _______ @ $1.50 = _______

( ) Check Enclosed
( ) Charge Unit Account

Ship to: Name _________________________________________
        Address _________________________________________
        City, State Zip _____________________________________
        Telephone _________________________________________

Please submit orders by one of the following:
1. **Mail to:** Sioux Council, BSA
   800 N West Ave.
   Sioux Falls, SD 57104
2. **Fax:** 605-361-2381
3. **Email:** Sioux.Council@scouting.org
   (Please do not mail original if you have faxed or emailed your order)

300 patches
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