Sioux Council—Climb With Us!
Capital Campaign Underway

Sioux Council Boy Scouts has embarked on a two-year capital improvement campaign with a goal of nearly $5,500,000. This “Climb with Us” campaign will include educational, health & safety and cultural improvements to its four camping properties and the Center for Scouting.

Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Community Appeals Campaign

Urban Adventure Center Project-$1,570,000

Upgrades to the Center for Scouting located at 800 N. West Avenue in Sioux Falls will be anchored by the construction of 60’X70’, 3-story Urban Adventure Center to allow for state-of-the-art indoor Rock Climbing, classroom space and shower facilities. Also included in the project will be: Roof Replacement, Parking Lot Restoration. Replacing the original building’s heating and cooling systems and warehouse improvements.

The addition of the indoor climbing and classroom facilities to the Center for Scouting will provide local Scouts, residents and businesses the opportunity to participate in year-round programming designed to build individual self-confidence, social skills, leadership skills, and team building exercises.

But the most exciting benefit of all...the renovations will allow for the hundreds of Cub Scout Packs and Scouts BSA Troops, as well as other organization from outside Sioux Falls to have a safe, affordable place for overnight programming allowing them a base of operation to participate in weekend trips to Sioux Falls. These trips will afford the visitors the opportunity to take advantage of the multitude of cultural, educational and recreational activities available to Sioux Empire residents.

Camp Improvement Campaign-$3,874,660

Improvements to the Council’s four camping properties will include among other items much needed: Severe weather shelters, shower houses, swimming pool, dining hall, nature lodge and museum, and a myriad of program area renovations. Improvements resulting from our Camp Improvement Campaign have already started to be seen at Camp Iyataka and Newton Hills Scout camp. Thee improvements include a new roof on the lodge at camp Iyataka and latrine renovations at Newton Hills.

At Lewis and Clark Scout Camp full-funding has been pledged for the Davey Jones Nature Education Center and Museum of Paleontology, a Wetlands/Fishing/Nature Study, and improvements to the Eagle Trail Area.
Story Addition—Urban Adventure Center

Indoor Rock Climb—Zip Line—Classroom
Urban Adventure Center

Storm Shelter / Shower House

Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
Wetland / Fishing / Nature Study

David Jones Nature Education Center & Museum of Paleontology
Please welcome Ashley Munk to Prairie Hills!

Ashley was born in Dell Rapids, South Dakota and grew up on a farm just outside of town. She attended the Dell Rapids Public School System and attended college at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis in ELED/SPED. She is currently living in Sioux Falls with her significant other Alex, two dogs, and one cat. Alex is originally from Vermillion, South Dakota, where his family still resides. He has graduated from Dakota Wesleyan with a Bachelor’s degree in Wildlife Management and is a proud Eagle Scout from Troop 66.

Outside of work, Ashley enjoys spending time with Alex, her dogs and friends. She enjoys playing recreational volleyball, attending local hockey games, and spending time with family. In her down time, she enjoys reading and watching documentaries cuddled up on the couch. She is also a member of the Grace Lutheran Church and enjoys attending services on Sunday. Ashley and her significant other are excited to refurbish their first ever home and see what the future must bring.
Please welcome Kelly Ford to Five Rivers!

Kelly Ford was born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After graduating high school, she moved to Winona, Minnesota where she received a bachelor’s degree in Recreation, Tourism, and Therapeutic Recreation from Winona State University. Prior to this job she worked as a crew leader and as a naturalist for various state recreation areas and was working at a pheasant hunting lodge this fall. She is currently living in Pierre, South Dakota with her dog Dakota.

In her free time, she likes to spend time outside with her friends and family doing activities such as hiking, camping, kayaking, and slacklining. She has also recently taken up archery, fishing, and shed hunting. Kelly has a big passion for the outdoors and is excited to be able to help others develop a similar passion through the Boy Scouts.
We are on Instagram!
The Sioux Council has created an Instagram account to connect with more Scouters, family members, friends and supporters of Scouting. Follow us at: @siouxcouncilbsa to see what we are up to!

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

Follow your District’s pages too!

Lewis and Clark: www.facebook.com/lewisandclarktrailbsa
Prairie Hills: www.facebook.com/prairiehillsbsa
Buffalo Ridge www.facebook.com/BuffaloRidgeBSA

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New Facilities/Properties Reservation System

The Sioux Council has implemented a new facility reservation system for all camp properties. This reservation system is completely different than the one currently in use and does involve fee changes. The fee changes also mean no more per person charges. Our new system is similar to online hotel or AirBnB reservations. The reservation system will go live June 1st and will allow for reservations through August 2020 to coincide with our existing policy.

Sioux Council is very fortunate to have large, beautiful camp properties and with this new system, we hope to encourage more units to use those properties. As you will see, multiple units can reserve buildings and campsites at the same property at the same time. Units can no longer assume that they will have the whole camp property to themselves because they have rented a lodge or a campsite. Several of our properties could have up to 20 units enjoying a camping experience on the same weekend.

WHY THE CHANGE?

- It has been years since the price of using BSA facilities has increased and in order to maintain our properties an increase was needed.
- In the past, budgeting has been hard for units as they have to budget for camp plus participants, which is harder to know until the actual time of the camp.
- Timing is right to move away from per person and flat fees to solely a flat rental fee.
- Utilization of the camps were tracked manually by staff and very costly vs. new system.
- With the current system, we were not able to provide an easy way for multiple units to rent sites and facilities the same weekend. This will give more units the opportunity to use our camps and experience what they have to offer.
- Units from all over the council will have the exact same opportunity to secure rentals,. No more filling out paperwork and mailing it to the office to be put on a waiting list. Truly is a first come, first serve basis.
- Unit will be able to reserve exactly what they want to rent, make the payment and receive confirmation of their rental.
- One set price and can tailor what you need and not have to pay for buildings that they will not use.
- Online system will allow units to see if space is available from June 1st through August 31st of the following year. This will allow for outdoor experiences that may be planned outside of normal program planning.
- Will allow for easier use of camps and getting proper keys to units.

Visit the Sioux Council Website for full details and pricing.
Scouts BSA Female Troop Reminders

As female troops begin to register with the Sioux Council, the council membership committee has asked that a meeting be held between the district executive, the chartered partner and the new troop committee prior to paperwork being completed and the troop becoming official. The purpose of the meeting is to review the main points of chartering a female troop. Below are the talking points of this meeting. Many questions have been answered already, just by having this thirty-sixty minute discussion!

Names
- CANNOT use “girl” in front of “scouts”
- CAN use “troop for girls”, “girl troop”, etc
- CANNOT compare BSA to Girl Scouts
- CANNOT create your own recruiting materials. You must use materials from the BSA Brand Center

Partners/Programs
- CAN use a current chartered partner for male or female troops
- CAN use a completely different partner for troops
- CAN use the current troop number for female troops, if a “partner” program (at a location with a male troop)

Organization/Structure
- CAN have a male scoutmaster
- MUST have at least one over 21, registered, female for any activity involving female youth
- MUST have at least 2 registered adults, both over 21, at every activity
- CANNOT be scoutmaster of male and female troop.
- CAN share troop committee and other roles

Activities/Meetings/Events
- CAN share meeting time and place
- CAN share meeting opening and closing
- CANNOT share other meeting components
- CAN plan events together (must ensure Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection requirements are met)
- CANNOT combine patrols

For questions, contact your district executive.
New, Simplified Pinewood Derby Car Incentive for Cub Scout Packs in 2019!

The Sioux Council’s long-standing incentive for Cub Scout pack growth—free pinewood derby cars—returns for another year in 2019. Along with it, you will find simplified rules for earning free cars.

To earn free pinewood derby cars, a pack must do the following:

- Participate in one of these school night for scouting dates in Fall 2019
  - August 29th
  - September 10th
  - September 16th

- Conduct a 2nd recruitment at your October Pack meeting

- Have at least one more youth on October 31, 2019 than it did on December 31, 2018.

That’s it! Nothing else to do. For questions, contact your district executive or your district membership chair. More information about sign-up nights will be distributed this spring by your district membership team.
### Cub Summer Events

**Adventure Day** (Formally Day Camp): The dates for this event are listed below. For more information and pricing, go to [www.siouxcouncil.org](http://www.siouxcouncil.org). Earning advancement will still be a key feature at this event.

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**Cub Family Weekend** (Formally Akela Camp): We want our Scouting families to know what this event is all about. As we move forward with program development we are looking at bringing more family centered programming to get Cubs in the outdoors and ready for Scouts, BSA. For more information and pricing, go to [www.siouxcouncil.org](http://www.siouxcouncil.org). This price includes a t-shirt if registered and paid by May 15th. Below are the dates and locations.

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**Webelos Camp:** We are going to be adding more options for advancement and other dynamic programming. For more information and pricing, go to [www.siouxcouncil.org](http://www.siouxcouncil.org). Please note the dates for sessions 2 and 3 are a week earlier this year, below are the dates.

**Session 1:** June 30 – July 3  
**Session 2:** July 21 – 24  
**Session 3:** July 24 – 27
Buffalo Ridge
Serving Lyon, MN; Lincoln, MN; Pipestone, MN; Brookings, SD; Kingsbury, SD; Lake, SD Counties

District Facebook Page
The Buffalo Ridge District has a Facebook page! It is https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloRidgeBSA. Check it out, post photos, make announcements, and when appropriate share postings to help spread the Scouting movement! After you post, a District representative will approve and then it will appear, shazam! https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloRidgeBSA

Popcorn
It is time to start thinking POPCORN! - It may seem too early to think about popcorn, but popcorn season is just around the corner. You asked for some new things, and we heard you! A new smartphone app, credit card processing with no cost to the unit, quicker and more flexible prizes. You’ll get all the details at the August Roundtable.

Here is a challenge for your unit—think big! Buffalo Ridge has a Troop that goes to Hawaii, a Pack that goes to the Omaha Zoo and camps inside the Zoo. What would your kids like? Horseback riding in the Rocky Mountains, a professional football game with an overnighter? How about a trip to the Grand Canyon or the Nation’s Capitol? Think big, set a goal and watch the kids get motivated. One of the great lessons in Scouting is if you want something and you work for it, you can earn it! Send Carl Clayton your big idea! carl.clayton@scouting.org

Al Lambert, our Assistant Chief Scout Executive, National Director Outdoor Adventures, said it well, “A well planned program, delivered by a trained leader, with a strong outdoor program, supported by a good commissioner, attracts and retains youth!”

We will be contacting you to see who your popcorn chair is and where you would like to have the popcorn delivered. Popcorn is essential to WOW! unit programming and it is important to be at this fall’s kickoff at the August Roundtable on Tuesday, August 6th in Elkton. Don’t forget, you will need to have at least two representatives at that meeting, one for recruitment and one for popcorn. And remember to think big!

Cub Scout Adventure Days and the Cub Family Weekend are All New this Year!
Cub Scout Adventure days in Brookings and Pipestone and the Cub Family Weekend will offer a wide range of learning opportunities and fun. Join us as we learn about Animals, Cast Iron Cooking, Theater, and much more. Registration is online at https://www.siouxcouncil.org/camping

Adventure Loops and Pins to be earned this year:
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Webelos 2 (currently Webelos): Into the Wild

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District Calendar:

May:
16—DCM & Annual Election, ZOOM
27—Memorial Day
31-June 2—Cub Family Weekend

June:
8—Adventure Day, Pipestone
9-15—L&C Scout Camp, Week 1
16-22—L&C Scout Camp Week 2
22—Adventure Day, Brookings
23-29—L&C Scout Camp, Week 3
30-July 3—Webelos Camp, Session 1

July:
21-24—Webelos Camp, Session 2
24-27—Webelos Camp, Session 3

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/buffalo-ridge
(Check the Website for calendar information and Updates)
Spring is finally here, and the sun is starting to come out. Do you know what that means? It’s time to start planning summer activities for your unit! Lucky for you the Five Rivers District is here to help!

On June 1st just outside of Pierre at Oahe Downstream we will be hosting a Cub Adventure Day. This one-day camp will run from 9 A.M. to 3:15 P.M. Bring your scout to this camp so they can earn advancements by participating in some fun outdoor activities!

Can’t make Cub Adventure Day? No need to worry because on the weekend of July 12-14 is the Pierre area Cub Family Weekend. This three-day camp will also be held at Oahe Downstream just outside of Pierre. Sign your scout up so they can earn advancement and participate in awesome outdoor activities such as archery and bb guns.

Not a Cub Scout? Be sure to check out our Lewis and Clark Scouts BSA Summer Camp. The Lewis and Clark Scout Camp has been in operation since 1957 and hosts over 2,000 individuals over the summer. Sign your scout up today and they will get to spend a week doing some high adventure outdoor activities all while earning merit badges. There are over 40 badges that can be earned at this camp!

Register for the camps listed above now at www.siouxcouncil.org

Can’t make a camp? Don’t let that stop you from enjoying some fun in the sun this summer. There are still plenty of activities your unit can participate in such as:
- Going for a hike
- Taking a group bike ride
- Fishing
- Bird watching
- Geocaching
- Playing yard games
- Star gazing
- Having a Bonfire

As a first reminder our popcorn and membership roundtable will be held on August 5th. Attendees will increase their unit popcorn commission and learn about some great resources available.

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### District Calendar

**May:**

**June:**
1—Cub Adventure Day, Oahe Downstream
3—District Committee Meeting

**July:**
12 –14—Cub Family Weekend, Oahe Downstream

[http://www.siouxcouncil.org/5rivers](http://www.siouxcouncil.org/5rivers)

(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
After a long winter and the start of a very wet spring we are on track for a great summer. Great changes at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp right in our backyard are underway, Scouts BSA and Girls joining are upon us and as always we have great leadership.

Scouts are helpful. This was certainly true when our local United Way office was hit hard by the flooding of Marne Creek. Scouts were some of the first on hand to help make things ready for the flood restoration efforts. This is just one of the great stories we have heard about Scout helping in this time of need. Please keep all those who have been effected by flooding in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward.

We have some great upcoming events in Lewis & Clark Trail. Cub Adventure Day is June 1st at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. We have a great program on tap, volunteers are getting on board and registration is open. Those who have attended before are sharing some great reviews of our program and it is a GREAT way to spend a Saturday. We also have room for a few more volunteers to run stations. A little secret not everyone knows, the adult volunteers tend to have just as much fun as the Scouts!

Follow up your Cub Adventure day with Family Fun Weekend June 7-9. This is for siblings as well as Scouts. Camping, smores, great program, great friends at a GREAT facility. Oh and BB Guns, Archery…. This is a great chance for sister to attend a Scout event and possibly join full time. Again, we have some spots for volunteers to lead sessions or even on the kitchen crew. Contact Kynan Trail for more info.

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**District Calendar**

**May:**

1—Cub Adventure Day, L&C Scout Camp
4—District Committee Mtg, Yankton (Avera Medical)

**June:**

7-9—Cub Family Fun Weekend, L&C Scout Camp

**July:**

6—District Committee Meeting
8—Popcorn & Membership Kickoff

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/let

*(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)*
Cub Scout Adventure Days and Cub Family Weekend
Cub Scout Adventure days in Watertown and Aberdeen and Cub Family Weekend will offer a wide range of learning opportunities and fun. Join us as we learn from local officials about Animals, Cast Iron Cooking, Theater, and much more. Registration is online at https://www.siouxcouncil.org/camping

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Webelos 2 (currently Webelos 1): Castaway and Game Design

Reminders
All Units please tell the district Camping Chair, Kirk Baldwin or Angie where you will be camping this summer and how many people will be in the group.
Units please let the Popcorn Chair Dan Levasseur or Angie know who your popcorn chair will be ASAP. Early planning will ensure a successful popcorn season for everyone.

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District Calendar

May:

June:
1—Cub Adventure Day, Watertown
8-10—Cub Family Weekend
22—Cub Adventure Day, Aberdeen

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/north-star
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
Pheasant
Serving Hand, Beadle, Buffalo, Jerauld, Sandborn, Hanson, Davison, Brule, Aurora, Hutchinson, McCook SD Counties

Notice of District Annual Meeting and Election

Are you familiar with the annual meeting and election process? Well, we want you to participate!

The Pheasant district will hold its annual election on May 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Registered members of the district committee, chartered organization representatives, and registered council members-at-large are invited to vote. The meeting will be conducted by the district nominating chair. The slate of proposed officers and members at large will be presented at the April district committee meeting.

Additional nominations for election may be submitted but must be received at least two weeks prior to the election date. Nominations from the floor cannot be accepted.

For questions, contact your District Executive Matt Flikka at 218-280-9290.

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/pheasant
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
Spring Opportunities:

Spring has Sprung! Or has it?? We are dreaming of warm weather in the Prairie Hills District. We have MANY exciting opportunities that we would like our families to be a part of! Camping is a huge part of why our youth would like to be in Scouting. We offer some amazing camp opportunities throughout the Spring/Summer. Please go to siouxcouncil.org for further details.

Please register soon for our Adventure Day, as well as Cub Family weekend! Adventure Day will be held June 1st in Sioux Falls, as well as June 8th in Newton Hills. Cub Family Weekend will be held June 21-23rd, at Newton Hills. Our website provides all of the details that you will need for registration. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers:

Thank you to all of our awesome volunteers that have been such a great part of making the Prairie Hills successful! We would especially like to thank Doug VanBeek, Danny Tank, and all of Pack 171 for making the HLS Pinewood Derby a HUGE success!

We would also like to thank Mark Gregg, and all of the additional volunteers at Joe Foss Squadron for providing the two recent sessions of the Aviation Merit Badge.

Additionally, a big thank you to our volunteers for May Spring Camporee: Sandy Omodt, Rick Damian, Dennis Medd, Arnie Dwire, Michelle & Eric Bierstadt and the OA!

We are always in need of more volunteers. Please contact either Char or Ashley at the Center for Scouting, if you are able to participate as a volunteer, and we can certainly find a role that would fit your talents.

Popcorn!

Popcorn season will be right around the corner! We have some very exciting store, which in-smart phone ap, processing, and a prizes! These are changes, which in further detail!
Popcorn in the Sioux Council!

Popcorn in May?!! You bet! Council Popcorn Kernel Holly Hawkinson is leading the 2019 charge again and we have some great ideas to help out the districts and units. We listened to the feedback from last year and are going to focus on the nuts and bolts of being a unit chair, best practices for inventory control, timelines, etc. In addition to the procedural items we will share success stories, ways to get units pumped up, etc. We also will work on passing on information about the “behind the scenes” happenings with popcorn. When does the big order actually get placed? How does it ship? Who sorts it all? What CAN the council return? So what CAN a Scout do for programming after a great sale? How do we get families to understand a months worth of selling make for a years worth of not having to write another check for great programs? If you are interested in being a district or unit kernel, just have questions about what the program is all about, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the Sioux Council professional in your district. If you are someone who loves the thrill of sales, seeing Scouts learn the value of hard work and reap the benefits, we’d love to hear from you!

Aviation Merit Badge

The final night of the Joe Foss Squadron's BSA Aviation Merit Badge class of 2019 has come and gone. The Scouts learned about careers in aviation and the principles of flight. They built and flew in competition FPG-9 gliders, with the longest flight winning a model Marine Corsair.

Cockpit instruments were reviewed and then aircraft with glass cockpits and 'steam" gauges were toured. Posters of the "six pack" flight instruments were constructed. Airport ops were studied: runway names, lights and signage rules, tower and ATC use, and charts were reviewed for navigation and safety.

The classes are a collaboration with the Civil Air Patrol, EAA, Avera Care flight, Women in Aviation, and the SD Air Guard.

This was the third year they’ve offered this opportunity. Approximately 120 Scouts have completed the courses.

Please join me in thanking our team of instructors:
Bruce Beecroft  EAA
Duncan Keirnes  CAP
Scott Grein  Careflight
Patrick Hicks  JFS
Rick Tupper  JFS
Erica Tupper  JFS
Randi Pederson  Women in Aviation
Todd Epp  JFS/CAP
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