Fees Announcement

For more than 100 years, Scouting has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun and adventure in the outdoors. At Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America, we are dedicated to developing leaders of character by preparing young men and women for life by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The timeless ideals of the Scout Law, such as being trustworthy, helpful, kind and brave, make up the foundation young people need to address and overcome challenges in their lives and the issues facing their generation.

Here in Sioux Council, Scouting serves more than 10,000 participants in 61 counties. As we continue the Scouting mission, it is important that we keep pace with an ever-changing world. While costs to the organization have increased every year, the Boy Scouts of America has worked to keep the annual membership fee as low as possible by subsidizing core costs, including the liability insurance we must carry to cover all official Scouting activities. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to subsidize at the level we have in the past, especially as the cost of insurance has increased dramatically. Our National Council kept the cost low to make Scouting available to as many young people as possible but keeping the cost artificially low for many years now magnifies the impact of changes.

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting despite increasing operating costs, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America has made the difficult, but necessary, decision to increase the annual membership fee effective January 1, 2020 to:

- $60 for youth members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing
- $36 for youth members in Exploring, and
- $36 for adult members

This is a national membership fee increase and every dollar goes to the national office for essential services, including liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, program resources, safety standards, youth protection and personal safety training, and services to councils nationwide to sustain Scouting. The National organization will also continue to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members such as online registration, Member Care, and Scoutbook, which now includes the Den Leader experience to ensure the safe and consistent delivery of Cub Scouting; as well as improvements aimed at simplifying the annual renewal process.

Sioux Council will continue to fundraise locally to support our program and provide assistance when needed. If any families feel these increased fees are a barrier to joining, or remaining in Scouting, please visit with your unit leader and local field executive to apply for financial assistance.

Across the country and in our own community, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make to support young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. From once-in-a-lifetime adventures to merit badges that spark interests and future careers; from campouts under the stars to service projects that leave a lasting impact on our communities; Scouting’s year-round program expands horizons and provides young people with a safe and welcoming place to learn, grow, and thrive.

That is why we are committed to ensuring that all youth can experience the character-building benefits of Scouting regardless of their financial situation. In addition to our existing council and unit membership assistance, the National Service Center has established a national Growing Future Leaders Fund, which is funded entirely through donations, to provide additional financial support to those who need it.

Thank you for your continued role in empowering a generation of future leaders of character through Scouting programs.
Welcome Erick Mendez to Prairie Hills!

I was born and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico. At 11 years old, my family and I moved to Spearfish, South Dakota, where I graduated from Spearfish High School. In high school, I played soccer for four years and football my senior year. Throughout high school, I worked at my family’s Mexican restaurant, Guadalajara’s. I was a waiter and I was active in sponsoring church events with food during this time.

After high school, I attended Black Hills State University to further my education. I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, specializing in hospitality management. After graduating I continued to work at Guadalajara’s, and began with Allied Construction as a Project Sales manager. I have recently moved to Sioux Falls to pursue new opportunities and was blessed with the opportunity to work for Boy Scouts of America. I am looking forward to living here for many years and to do great things with the Sioux Council.

Dates for 2020 Summer Cub Events

**Cub Family Weekend**
- May 29-31 – Madison Area
- June 5-7 – Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation
- June 12-4 – Newton Hills Scout Camp
- June 19-21 - Pierre Area

**Adventure Day**
- Saturday May 30 – Lewis and Clark Scout Camp
- Saturday June 6 - Pierre Area
- Saturday June 6 – Watertown Area
- Saturday June 6 – Sioux Falls
- Saturday June 13 – Mitchell Area
- Saturday June 13 – Pipestone Area
- Monday June 15 – Huron Area
- Saturday June 20 – Newton Hills Scout Camp
- Saturday June 20 – Milbank Area
- Monday June 22 – Brookings Area
Council Office/Scout Shop Closed
Thursday November 28th, 2019
Friday, November 29th, 2019
(Scout Shop open Nov 29th)
Tuesday, December 24th, 2019
Wednesday, December 25th, 2019

Scout Shop Hours:
Mon-Fri 10am—5:30pm
Sat 10am—2pm

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
Buffalo Ridge: www.facebook.com/BuffaloRidgeBSA

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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2019 Scouting for Food
Patches & Service Hours

Please remember to turn in the cut off below to order patches. If patches aren’t ordered, please report the amount of food collected (# or lbs.), number of volunteers (youth/adults) and hours worked to the Center for Scouting no later than Monday, November 25th, 2019.

These service hours qualify for “Good Turn for America”.
Please log onto http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx and record your service hours.

Scouting for Food - Patch Order Form and Collection Information

Unit #__________________________
(Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Post)

# of pounds collected ____________

# of youth involved ________ # of adults involved________

Total hours worked ________________

__________________ Youth  ________________ Adult

Number of patches ____________ @ $2.00 = $__________

☐ Check Enclosed  ☐ Charge Unit Account

We entered our hours for Journey to Excellence? (__) Yes  (__) No

Ship patches to: Name__________________________ Phone________________

Address__________________________

City, State, Zip__________________________

Mail to Sioux Council BSA, 800 N. West Ave., Sioux Falls SD 57104

*No phone orders will be accepted.

Patches available on a first come first serve basis. Limited quantity. ORDER SOON!
Summer Camp Jobs Exposed
Working in the Camp Environment Cultivates…

- **ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
  You will be required to communicate effectively with people at every level of the organization – campers, fellow staff, camp directors and parents

- **CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING**
  You will be challenged to think on your feet to resolve issues from the health and safety of children to how to get campers to get their projects completed

- **INTERPERSONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS**
  You will model professionalism and compassion by managing a group of campers, while contributing to the growth and development of each individual participant.

- **COLLABORATIVE SKILLS**
  You will receive on-the-ground, practical, real life training in how to work with a team and help build the culture of your camp community

- **CREATIVITY**
  You will develop innovative and fun ways to engage an audience

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Apply To Be On Our Camp Staff Today!

https://www.siouxcouncil.org/Camp-Staff
Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation
2020 Program Highlights

Wednesday Night is Steak Night (NEW)
♦ Campers and leaders will get to enjoy a steak meal while the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster also have steak with our Scout Executive to let us know how we’re doing.

Schedule Update - “OPEN DAY” (NEW)
♦ Enjoy the local activities our area has to offer, Camp Troop Activities will also be offered. See the weekly schedule for the times of everything what your Troop could do in the area. A sack lunch is provided to take with you. Note that activities outside of camp offered programs are NOT covered with your fee.

“Open Day” Merit Badge (NEW)
♦ 10 Scouts each week will be able to earn the Metal Working and Welding Merit Badges on Wednesday. This will take the entire “Open Day” schedule.

Added Program to Personal Water Craft Class (NEW)
♦ We are adding spots to this class so more scouts can take it while adding the paddle boarding award for scouts to earn

Canoeing & Kayaking Merit Badge (NEW)
♦ Earn both at the same time

NEW Merit Badges this year
♦ Insect Study, Fish and Wildlife Management, Pulp & Paper, Sculpture and Wood Working

Sailing Troop Activity (NEW)
♦ Limited to 16 ppl per session

Climbing Merit Badge (Change)
♦ Scouts taking this merit badge will do ground work and practicing on our small climbing wall by the gagaball pit. They will take a field trip to a local College to complete their climbs - Drivers Needed

All Inclusive Reg. Fee Continues!
♦ Your registration includes ALL program and Merit Badges costs

ATV Program to continue for 2020
♦ New trail will be added

2020 Registration

Camp Dates:
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

Scout Fees:
Early Bird $275
Regular $300

Adult Fees:
$125/Week or
What is Wood Badge?

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was created by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then, Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and draws from a wide range of courses within and, beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

By attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalize the 5 themes of Wood Badge: Living the Values, Growing, Connecting, Guiding, Empowering.

Register for the Sioux Council Wood Badge Course in 2020

July 24-26 & Aug 8-9

https://www.siouxcouncil.org/wood-badge-registrat

Sioux Training Academy
- April 25th Mitchell Tech
- Leader Guide will be online Nov. 1st.
- Adult/Youth Fee $35
PAUL CHRISTEN ° GARY OLSON ° FRANK FARRAR
DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please go to the Advancement section of the Sioux Council Website to get the Application. All applications must be received by March 1st for consideration. All applicants will be informed by April 21st if they will be receiving the Scholarship.

Applications will only be considered if received by 5:00 p.m. on March 1st, of every year. The application must be addressed to: the Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee, Sioux Council Center for Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, 800 N. West Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

The Eagle Scout applicant must complete this application personally.

Grants of at least $500 (one-time grant, nonrenewable) are made available by the Sioux Distinguished Council Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund through gifts by individuals, foundations, and corporations.

The applicant must:

1. Be currently registered in the Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America.

2. Have been granted the Eagle Scout Award. Applicants must ensure that they have been certified by the National Office as an Eagle Scout prior to submission of the application. Attach a copy of the Eagle project if desired.

3. Be a graduating high school senior and an entering post-secondary school freshman in the year he or she is applying for a scholarship. Example: 2015 grants are awarded only to high school seniors graduating in 2015 and entering a post-secondary school in the fall of 2015. Any requests for exceptions (e.g., military training) must be submitted in writing with the applications.

4. Submit photocopy of SAT score and/or ACT score. (Applicants must have taken the SAT or ACT in time to submit the results with this application. Scores may be secondary to Scouting/community involvement in the selection process.)

5. Have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting.

6. Possess some financial need (secondary to achievement in the selection process).

7. Have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who knows the applicant personally.

8. Attach a brief statement of 50 to 100 words entitled, "What receiving this Eagle Scout Scholarship would mean to me.”
2019-2020 Sioux Council Trainings

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**What is it?**

**BALOO:** *Every pack that does an overnight campout is **required** to have at least one “Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation” trained person. This training gives them basic camping skills, planning knowledge and cool ideas of things to do. There is an online portion that you have to take before you attend.*

**IOLS:** To be considered trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster this is a **required** training. *“Introductive Outdoor Leader Skills” will take you through Scout to First class outdoor skills that you will be teaching your scouts. It also focuses on youth led programing – the keystone of the scouting program.*

**Wilderness First Aid:** Any unit going to a high adventure base or does their own outdoor high adventure is **required** to take this. For national high adventure bases it is required. You must be First Aid and CPR certified to attend this training.

**Outdoor Ethics:** The outdoor ethics guide is a troop position of responsibility that counts for the leadership requirement for Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. Includes how to be successful in the role of Outdoor Ethics Guide ,and time to practice leading games, and discussions related to BSA Outdoor Ethics. We will also discuss the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Awards and others.

**Trainers Edge:** Formerly known as Train the Trainer, this course provides the knowledge and skills to leaders who wish to help train additional leaders. Whether you're interested in leading a IOLS course, teaching outdoor leadership skills, helping new den leaders, or other training, this course is for you!

**Sioux Training Academy:** All Pack and Troop Leaders are invited to come for training opportunities like Rangemaster (BB guns/Arcery), CPR First Aid, Outdoor skills, outdoor cooking, STEM Focused, cub leader trainings, youth tot lot (10 and younger) and working with scouts with extra needs. Full list of trainings will be published by October.

**Wood Badge:** Wood Badge is a Scouting leadership program and the related award for adult leaders in the program of Scout associations throughout the world. Wood Badge courses aim to make Scouters better leaders by teaching advanced leadership skills, and by creating a bond and commitment to the Scout movement.
2020 Scout Anniversary Week Award
February 9th (Scout Sunday) - 8th (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.

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2020 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: SiouxCouncil@scouting.org
   (Please do not mail original if you have faxed or emailed)

300 patches are available on a first come, first serve basis. Patches will be mailed to the address listed above.
2020 Badlands Conservation & Stewardship Trek

June 4-8, 2020
$350 per Scout & Adult

LIMITED SPOTS
Scouts: Age 13 & older or completed 7th Grade. Min. of 2 adults—more are welcome

Schedule
May 30, 2020: Pre-trip gathering
June 4, 2020: Depart

While in the park
Hike trails, Conservation project, Night Sky Program, Visit the Minuteman Missile Site and Wall Drug, and Scout Ranger Program

*More information on Sioux Council Website

Complete the online registration form and include your $100 non-refundable deposit. All fees must be paid by March 1, 2020.

2020 Philmont STEM Provisional Trek

July 8-20, 2020
$2050 per scout for STEM TREK
$1350 per adult leader attending conference training.

UNLIMITED SPOTS

Scouts: The STEM Trek is an exciting program for Scouts and Ventures who have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Get an up-close and personal look at Philmont’s most popular programs with specially chosen Rangers, Backcountry, and Conservation Staff as your guides throughout this 12-day co-ed trek.

Special Note
Be in excellent physical condition, able to hike 10 or more miles per day with a 40-50 lb. backpack.

*More information on Sioux Council Website

Complete the online registration form and include your $200 non-refundable deposit. All fees must be paid by March 15, 2020.

2020 Summit New River Rafting Trek

June 26 - July 2, 2020
Scout: $1925  Adult $1525
Limit of 7 Scouts and 2 Adults
Youth Age 14 or older by June 25

Schedule
Aug 2019: Pre-trip gathering
May 2020: Pre-trip gathering
June 26, 2020: Depart for Summit
July 2, 2020: Return to Sioux Falls

What You Will do
This is a 50-mile paddle trek on the New River. You will navigate the upper portion of the river in inflatable kayaks called “duckies”. The final whitewater day in the Lower Canyon is a rafting experience. Crews camp along the river through the New River Gorge

*More information on Sioux Council Website

Complete the online registration form and include your $200 non-refundable deposit. All fees must be paid by March 15, 2020.

2021 National Jamboree

Late July of 2021 (TBA)
Scout: $3250  Adult: $1500
Limit 36 Youth and 4 Adults
Youth must be 12 years old and completed First Class

What is the Jamboree?
The Summit is home of achievement, adventure, and innovation in Scouting. With world-class facilities and a focus on outdoor action sports, the Summit in the summer of 2021. This is the crown jewel event of a Scouts journey in Scouting. Everything that the BSA has to offer all in one spot!

What will happen?
Council contingent will meet about 4 times to get ready for this event. It is important to sign up early and for families to make monthly payments so they don’t fall behind.

We are waiting on National BSA for more information on events
Go to Sioux Council Website online registration to reserve spot and make $350 non-refundable deposit. Fees must be paid by 3/30/21
Buffalo Ridge
Serving Lyon, MN; Lincoln, MN; Pipestone, MN; Brookings, SD; Kingsbury, SD; Lake, SD Counties

Popcorn
Thanks to all that sold popcorn this year! And congratulations and thanks to Doug Bauer on a job well done as Buffalo Ridge District Popcorn Kernel. We are awaiting the final numbers, but I saw you at store fronts and in neighborhoods as I travel across the District. Thanks again for the fantastic effort—now go spend it on the boys for some WOW! programming. Initial response to the new app is a thumbs up. A little more work up front for a huge, time saving dividend throughout the sales! Plus, no credit card fees to the units. Awesome.

It’s that time of the year – Recharter is here!
By now, units have received their recharter codes and instructions by mail. The online system to recharter units opens November 1st. They are due December 13th. Recharter is the process where a scout unit renews it’s charter as an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. Here are some steps to make recharter smooth:
- Assemble your roster
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- Check and update records for Youth Protection Training to be sure registered Adults have YPT—This includes Scouter Reserve and College Scouter Reserve
- Then enter the online system and process

With these steps done, recharter will be a breeze. Remember they are due December 13th.

New Leadership
Buffalo Ridge District welcomes Mike Dunn as its new District Chair. Mike and his wife have served Pack 238 in Marshall, MN, where their son is a Webelos.

Becki Johnson has agreed to chair the Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) for the 2020 Buffalo Ridge Campaign. She will be reaching out to all locations. Behind the scenes she will be coordinating presenters, training, and tracking of the Buffalo Ridge Family FOS effort. Thanks Becki.
As a volunteer run organization it is impossible to overstate how important the service of our volunteers is in the success of Scouting.

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Snow!! Already! Yes, it came early but we survived. Popcorn sales were still a success! Great Job to all of you who took part and made the sales. Everyone’s sales counted, no matter the size. Of course, a bigger thanks to all the volunteers and parents that made this fundraising event possible and successful. It can’t happen without the help of those behind the scenes, THANK YOU!!

Although, registration for the most part is over, we aren’t finished yet. There are a few packs that will be holding recruitment and parent nights in late October and early November. Remember, youth can join anytime of the year so consider an “Invite a Friend to Scouts” night. You would be amazed at how many more youth join after attending a meeting or activity.

November and December are around the corner so is Pack and Troop Re-Chartering. Get a jump on this early, especially with the holidays sneaking in right behind. Don’t forget to take a look at your calendar and pick a date for Friends of Scouting.

It has been a fast first couple months for me in Five Rivers. It is great to get to know those that have the enthusiasm for Scouts. To those of you I have met I look forward to the moment. I come from a small pack and troop and have been in your shoes. I am aware of the challenges that small organizations face and I am here to help. Together we can overcome these obstacles and make Five Rivers a success!

## Contacts

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## District Calendar

**November:**
9—Star presentation at Discovery Center, Pierre
18—Roundtable

**December:**
6—Final Popcorn Payments Due
13—Re-charters Due

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

Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
What a whirlwind it has been. Back to school, recruitment, popcorn and all that goes with it. LCT volunteers stepped up big this fall with recruitment. This year we put our veteran leadership at the forefront in an effort to mentor new leaders. With so many new leaders in the Cub area there was a lot of unknown territory that no one could explain like a veteran who already had “boots on the ground”. Dr. Trail, Sean Cordell, Jamie Tjeerdsma all logged some miles in an effort to work the new plan where we not only get the youth on board but immediately get parents involved as well. As with any new process it took some getting used to. However, this process paid off big! New leaders, new Scouts, a whole new batch of volunteers. Thanks again to all who helped, especially Jamie T, our fearless membership director.

The next big step will be recharter. There may be a few minor changes to the process but overall it should be similar to years past. We plan to go through that process at the November Roundtable. National has also informed us there will be an increase in membership fees going forward. We don’t have that exact number but will let you know as soon as we know. No one is a big fan of change or higher fees but the BSA seems to be very, very competitive price point.

We are currently accepting nominations for district awards. If you know someone who has went above and beyond, please let us know. Eric Ambroson, our District Advancement Chair is collecting these nominations and can be reached at spaldo89@hotmail.com.

Thanks to everyone for the good work in 2019 and we look forward to a strong finish. Membership will take us down to the wire so please make sure we invite EACH AND EVERY youth to join Scouts. It can get to seem repetitive but every family who joins can have their lives changed by the outstanding program that Scouts offers.
Popcorn

A big shout out to all the Scouts who sold popcorn this year. There were many changes with popcorn this year and everyone did a great job adjusting and learning how to use the new app. A huge THANK YOU to North Star’s District Popcorn Kernel, Dan LeVasseur and his wife. They were available to answer everyone’s questions with the app and help Units with all their popcorn needs.

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Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting campaign starts in December. What is Friends of Scouting? Friends of Scouting is a campaign to help keep Scouting strong in North Star. Friends of Scouting supports many programs in Sioux Council.

The Iceberg Analogy

Why should I give money to my local council?

Scouts and volunteers see only 20 percent of what councils provide to members. This is the top of the iceberg. Below the service is the 80 percent that is unseen. Continued on page 19

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14—Roundtable  
28—Thanksgiving (Council Office/Scout Shop Closed)  
29—Council Office Closed |
| **December:**  
5—District Committee Meeting  
12—Roundtable/District Holiday Party  
24-25—Christmas (Council Office/Scout Shop Closed) |

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/north-star
(Chcek the Website for calendar information and updates)
Pheasant is Growing!

It’s been a great year for recruiting in Pheasant, with a new pack in De Smet and lots of double-digit growth throughout the district. Scouting makes a difference in the lives of youth and families. Don’t stop and think “I don’t know if we can handle one more scout.” Think “how can we NOT handle 10 more scouts? Or 15?” Scouting provides youth and families with advantages they can’t get ANYWHERE else. We should want EVERY youth to join a pack or troop!

Re-charter Coming Soon

It’s almost re-charter time. The system is expected to be completely new this year; we hope to have training available at the November roundtable. Everyone will want to plan to be in attendance, to get the latest and greatest on the re-charter system. Let’s have ALL re-charters turned in by December 13!

Friends of Scouting

Most of our units haven’t yet scheduled their Family Friends of Scouting presentation (FOS). FOS is vital to the future of the council! No one wants to “balance the books” on events—we want to have as many youth and leaders attend district events as possible. But we can’t do this without the generosity of the families and businesses of the Pheasant district. Schedule your family presentation TODAY!

Fall Fishing Day at Cabela’s

What a great fall Cub event at Cabela’s! A little over 20 new and returning Cub Scouts attended the first Fall Fishing Day, and boy did they catch the fish! Thank you to Terry Sabers for putting this event together. Look at the smiles!

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District Calendar

November:
12—Roundtable

December:
12—Roundtable

***Roundtables will still be held at the Woonsocket Community Center. Remember, Roundtables are our best and easiest way to communicate and share our ideas and to keep everyone on the same page as we start the New Year! Your thoughts and ideas are all valuable and appreciated!

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/peasant
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
Recharter Time Is Upon Us!

Another year has come and almost gone—it’s time to recharter! This year, the process will look a little bit different; expect to see revisions to the website. We hope to have some training on the process at the November roundtable. Remember that recharters are DUE December 13!

What a great fall membership campaign!

Unbelievable! Just...unbelievable! We’ve had packs grow by double-digits...double in size, even TRIPLE in size! What a great problem to have! Scouting helps improve the lives of youth and the entire family. Growth in scouting means that YOU are doing a GREAT JOB with activities and events and with making a difference!

Get Ready for Winter Events!

Klondike Derby is coming in February, followed by pinewood derby in the spring. Make sure these dates are on your calendars and get your scouts OUTSIDE!

Friends of Scouting Season

It is time again for Family Friends of Scouting. Friends of Scouting helps ensure the financial security of the scouting program, without raising the fees on events. If your pack or troop hasn’t scheduled their date, contact Erick today!

Order of the Arrow Elections

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s National Honor Society. It is a privilege to be eligible and even more of a privilege to be elected. Elections are coming soon to troops in the Prairie Hills district. Representatives from the OA will be talking at upcoming Roundtables and contacting troops directly. Every troop should have an election visit!

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District Calendar

November:
2—Cub STEM Day
7—District Committee/Commissioners Meeting
14—Roundtable
15—Popcorn Pick-up

December:
5—District Committee/Commissioners Meeting
6-7—OA Lock-In
12—Roundtable
13—Re-Charters Due

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/prairie-hills
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
But it is not just these two. Heartfelt thanks are due to the District Committee, the Commissioner Corp, and unit volunteers!

Friends of Scouting, What and Why?

It’s that time of the year when you’ll start hearing the phrase “Friends of Scouting” at unit meetings and district roundtables. What is Friends of Scouting? What does it mean to be a Friend of Scouting? And why should you consider becoming one?

First, the basics: Friends of Scouting is your council’s annual giving campaign. In our Council, Friends of Scouting (FOS) and popcorn represent well over half of all the Council’s revenue. The Friends of Scouting campaign begins in November and ends in March. During the campaign, a volunteer will visit your Pack meeting or Troop Court of Honor to explain the campaign and make an appeal for your support. You’ll be asked to make a tax-deductible pledge to your local council.

The Iceberg Analogy

The natural next question is: Why should I give money to my local council? Here just some of the reasons Scouts and volunteers see only 20 percent of what councils provide to members. There’s a whole lot more beneath the surface. I know this well. When we first become Scouts, we have no idea that there were council professionals working behind the scenes to make the Scouting magic happen. I just assumed those silver-looped Scouters were other volunteers.

As we volunteer in Scouting, we start to understand how much is involved in supporting our Scouts and units. Council operations support you, the volunteer, so you have more time to enjoy the life-changing fun of Scouting.

What do councils provide? In other words: What’s beneath the surface?

- Volunteer and staff training
- Insurance coverage
- Support staff for registration, publications and other program support
- Camp promotion for Cub Scout day camps, Scouts BSA summer camps, high-adventure bases and more
- Camp rangers to keep the council camps up-to-date and ready for Scouts and families
- Camp equipment, like tents, cooking equipment, camp vehicles, building repairs, canoes, equipment replacement and repair, and general upkeep of council camps
- Recognitions for leaders who complete training, volunteer for special projects and help in many Scouting roles
- Professional staff to work with volunteers to organize new units, manage fundraising programs, conduct training, assist membership recruitment, provide counsel and direct support for district, camps and programs
- Administrative needs, including postage, computers and links to the National BSA computer system, copy machines, folding machines and a printing shop
- Service centers to provide additional support to volunteers
- Audio-visual supplies used in training, at camps and in volunteer meetings
- Postage to mail materials to leaders, parents and youth members
- A council website to keep you informed
- Reference publications and resources, including program planning kits and to camping cookbooks
- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for disadvantaged young people
- Flyers, marketing materials, social media advertising
- And More…

As you can see, there’s more happening at your council than the average volunteer sees. And it can’t happen without the support of volunteers like you.

And did you know?

Employee Matching Programs. Some companies, possibly including the one for which you work, will match their employees’ charitable contributions. Be sure to see whether your workplace has such a program. If so, you’ll double your impact. Some companies have Employer Volunteerism Programs whereby they will donate to the BSA based on employee hours volunteered. For example, through Walmart’s Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) program, after Walmart employees volunteer 25 hours with an organization, Walmart provides a volunteer grant of $250 to that organization.

Support Friends of Scouting

So, when a Buffalo Ridge volunteer asks for your support, please consider how you can be a Friend of Scouting. Thanks for making a difference. Let’s change some kid’s lives together!
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**What does Council Provide: What is Beneath the surface?**

- Local programs and activities throughout the Council territory; Cub Family Weekend, Adventrue Day, and many other activities.
- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youth who could otherwise not participate.
- Accident and liability insurance to protect youth and adult members.
- Professional staff, guide and develop volunteer leadership.
- Camps and facilities for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events.
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events.
- Advancement programs that recognize Scouts meeting the learning and achievement goals they set.
- Development and distribution literature and training materials.
- Leadership training for youth who will become future community leaders.

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**Apply To Be On Our Camp CIT Staff Today!**

Visit [https://www.siouxcouncil.org/Camp-Staff](https://www.siouxcouncil.org/Camp-Staff)

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**Sioux Council NYLT And Camp “Counselor In Training” (CIT)**

Program Continues For 2020! The Sioux Council will reimburse your NYLT registration fee. If you register, pay and successfully complete the NYLT training on May 29-June 6 and then pick two weeks of camp to be a CIT and successfully complete it.
Scout Shop Holiday Giving Tree Begins November 17th

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

Hello Leader, the Sioux Premier Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through The Holiday Giving Tree program starting November 16th through December 16th, 2019. The Holiday Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. A Holiday Giving tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at the Scout Shop with Holiday Giving cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout’s name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

We need your assistance to make this project a success. Please fill out the information below and return to the store by November 15, 2019 for every Scout who would benefit from donations.

If you have concerns or questions, please contact the store staff by email: siouxpremierscoutshop@scouting.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance. With leaders like you, this program will greatly benefit our Scouting community.

Scout Information:
Youth’s Name _____________________________ Code/Number: ________________
(For Scout Shop Only)
Leaders Name _____________________________ Phone # ______________________
Troop or Pack # _____________________________ Rank ______________________

Items that would benefit the Scout:
Shirt: Size ___________ Neckerchief: ___________ Pant: Size ___________
Slide: ___________ Cap: Size ___________ Socks: Size ___________
Belt: Size ___________ Insignia: ___________ Belt Buckle: ___________
Other Items: __________________________________ Book: ___________

Thank you, Sioux Premier Scout Shop Staff!
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