Please Welcome Michael O’Connor as the new Field Director for Prairie Hills and Pheasant Districts!

Mike has been involved with Scouting much of his life. From 2nd grade through 10th grade Mike was an active Cub Scout and Boy Scout. As a Boy Scout he attained the rank of Life Scout. He got back involved as an adult volunteer with underprivileged youth in Lawrence Kansas in 1995. For 10 years Mike was a Scoutmaster of an Outreach Boy Scout Troop. At that time he became a Scouting Professional in 2006. Mike moved his family to Cedar Rapids, IA to be a part of the Hawkeye Area Council, BSA. While in Cedar Rapids Mike was recognized as one of the Top 50 Scouting Professionals in the Central Region. The Mid-Iowa Council, in Des Moines, IA., hired him away from Cedar Rapids 9 years ago and he has been serving youth in the Mid-Iowa Council until he came to Sioux Falls. Mike has been married 29 years to his beautiful wife Christine. They have 3 children: Patrick-19, Sean-16, and Madelyn-11. Mike is a strong supporter of outreach programs for youth and disabled adults in Scouting. In 2018 he was recognized by the National Boy Scouts of America with the Special Needs Scouting Service Medal. Mike has been a Rotarian for 15 years and he is a recipient of the prestigious Cliff Dochterman award from the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Mike has a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from the University of Kansas.
Popcorn Disney Trip Winner

You just sold popcorn to support your Scouting adventures, what are you going to do now!??

Go to Disney World!

Congratulations to Blaze, from Sioux Falls who will be taking his family on the trip of a lifetime. Blaze and his family took full advantage of the Sioux Council Popcorn Sale to be sure they and their unit could enjoy a WOW Scouting experience. Congratulations and thank you to Blaze, his family and all those who helped earn their way in Scouting via the popcorn sale.
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
North Star: https://www.facebook.com/North-Star-District-Boy-Scouts-of-America

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New Annual Medical Record Form for 2020

“A. Over the last five years we have compiled and reviewed your comments, as well as those of camp health officers, council health supervisors, and the medical community. Updates to the AHMR form include a new user-friendly format and minor changes to the medical questions.”

The good news, if a scout or adult has the old form, it’s good until it expires (12 months from the date of their physical). Once it expires, they must use the new that can be found via our website or nationals. Here is the link to the national website that we use: https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/. You will also find at this link good information for the do’s, don’t, how’s and why’s of health forms.

Dates for 2020 Summer Cub Events and Camping

Cub Family Weekend (Formerly Akela Camp): 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. The price this year will be $80 per scout/sibling and $60 for adults. The price includes a t-shirt if you sign up before May 1st. After May 1 the price goes up to $90 for Scouts and $70 for Adults. Below are the dates and locations. The leader guide is online for more information.

May 29-31 – Prairie Village
June 5-7 - Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation
June 12-14 – Newton Hills Scout Camp
June 19-21 – OaHe Downstream

Adventure Day (Formerly Day Camp): The cost of Adventure Day will be $25 per scout!!! Those who register after May 1 the cost will be $35. The dates for this summer are below. Look for the leader guide online in January, and more information in the next issue of the Sioux Trails. Earning advancement will still be a key feature at camp.

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 – Camp Iyataka
Monday June 22 – Brookings Gun Club

Webelos Camp: Webelos camp will be $120 per scout and $80 per adult. The fee includes all program, food and the camp shirt (if paid by May 1st). The cost goes up to $130 per scout and $90 per adult if you sign up after May 1. The leader guide is online for all program information and pins that are being offered. The dates are: Session 1 – June 28 to July 1  Session 2 – July 19 to 22  Session 3 – July 22-25
This is the 3rd consecutive year that the Sioux Council has hosted STA in its current form. This year we continue to partner with Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell and several local and state-wide groups.

Our goal is to provide all Scouts and leaders with more training and expanded learning opportunities. In 2019 we had over 300 scouts attend 21 different merit badge courses. For Scouts this year, we are offering 30 merit badges and two awards: Scuba BSA and Outdoor Ethics Awareness.

We will be providing a youth program for ages 6 to 10 for leaders that want to attend training but need something for their young scouts to do. Our youth program will be tailored to the registered participants and oversight of your youth will not be a problem.

Lunch will be served by the Order of the Arrow Tetonwana Lodge. Lunch and a t-shirt are included with your registration fee if registered prior to April 1, 2020. If your troop wants to camp the night before you can contact the local camp ground areas to set that up.

**National Youth Leadership Training**

**WHO:** Current/future youth leaders in your unit

**WHERE:** Newton Hills Scout Camp 28629 482nd Ave Canton, SD 57013

**WHEN:** May 31 through June 5, 2020

**WHY:** Worthwhile leadership training experience, great opportunities, and to HAVE FUN!!!!!!

*** Any Scout that attends, pays and completes NYLT and then successfully completes a minimum of two weeks as a CIT at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp will have their registration fee reimbursed.

CIT application can be found on our website. There is no limit every Scout that attends NYLT is eligible!

Course Registration Details $300 — If registered before May 2nd $300 if registered after May 1st , you will not receive a shirt, hat, mug or other specialty items.

Deadline for registration is May 15, 2020

www.siouxcouncil.org/current-events

Home units are encouraged to provide Scouts assistance in paying the fees.

**Lewis and Clark Scout Camp and MRHAB**

**ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING Continues!!:** The Sioux Council Camping Committee is excited to announce the continued 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 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 April 15 and $300 after that. The fee for MRHAB for adults and scouts will be $275 each if paid by April 15 and $300 after that.
Here are some other Program updates:
1. We will continue doing a block schedule that cut down on trips between program areas.
2. Steak for all on Wednesday Night at camp!
3. Program enhancements and opportunities for MRAHB.
4. GREAT FOOD!
5. Metal Working and Welding Merit Badge.
6. A NEW Open day schedule on Wednesday to allow exploring around Town and at Camp
7. Troop sailing on Wednesday!
8. Cowboy Action Shooting for 14years and older scouts.
9. See the leader guide online for complete details.

Lewis and Clark Camp Staff and CIT Staff Application is up and available online only. We are looking for individuals that want to make a difference our scouts lives as they grow as individuals. Gene Fuller will be our Camp Director this year and he is excited for the year to come. Please go to https://www.siouxcouncil.org/scout-camp-high-adve for the application and let us know what you are interested in doing.

CIT Incentive: any scout that successfully attends NYLT and serves at least two weeks as a CIT at Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation will have their NYLT fee reimbursed by camp. Go to the website above to apply and start your adventure as a staff member at camp.

Wood Badge 2020
WHERE: Newton Hills Scout Camp 28629 482nd Ave Canton, SD 57013
WHEN: July 24-26 & August 8-9, 2020
COST: $300
Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, District, and Council leadership. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You will learn what makes leadership work in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences will teach the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a “Ticket”. The “Ticket” consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.
Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

Wood Badge Banquet
When: March 28, 2020 5:00 PM Social – 6:00 PM Dinner and live Auction
Where: Best Western Plus Ramkota - 3200 W Maple St, Sioux Falls, SD 57107
Cost: Early Registration (includes a door prize) ends on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Regular Registration (No door prize included) ends on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Wood Badger and Guest fee is $40 each
Hotel rooms have been blocked for anyone wanting to stay overnight: use code Wood Badge when contact the hotel for reservation @ (605) 336-0650 for $129.99
Help raise money for the scholarship fund and to support our Wood Badge program! This year you will have a choice of stuffed pork chop or chicken cordon bleu plate served to you at your table. For dessert we will be served a double layered chocolate cake. Along with a cash bar and some fun Wood Badge updates during the evening – this will be a highlight event for anyone that has been Wood Badge trained OR thinks they would like to take Wood Badge in the future. Be with old friends and make some new – The 2020 Wood Badge course needs you!
Sioux Council High Adventure Opportunities

2020 Badlands Conservation and Stewardship Trek

When: June 4-8, 2020
Sign up as a Troop or Family
Cost: $350 per Adult or Scout Scouts: Age 13 or older or completed the 7th grade
Extra Bonus! Scouts will earn the Scout Ranger patch by participating in a Conservation Project with the Badlands National Park Service. Schedule May 30, 2020: Pre-trip gathering June 4, 2020: Depart While in the park… *Hike trails *Conservation project *Night Sky Program * Pass Group Campsite Visit the Minuteman Missile Site and Wall Drug are all on the agenda for this great summer adventure!

Summit New River – Whitewater and kayaking High Adventure

Cost: $1925 per scout
$1525 for adult leader
Scouts: Age 14 or older by June 25: must be able to pass swimmers test and meet High Adventure BMI limits. See High Adventure Physical Form for more details
June 26-July 2, 2020 We invite you to come enjoy a river voyage through the historically, culturally, ecologically significant New River Gorge. Paddle, camp, fish, and enjoy all that it has to offer to the next generation of rugged individuals willing to match their mettle against one of the world’s rugged natural wonders. This is a 50-mile paddle trek on the New River. You will navigate the upper portion of the river in inflatable kayaks (one or two-man) called “duckies”. This portion of the river includes Class I to III rapids. The final whitewater day in the Lower Canyon is a rafting experience and includes Class III to V rapids. Crews camp along the river through the New River Gorge. A gear boat (raft) accompanies the group to transport gear and food.
Sioux Council Program Planning ZOOM WEBINARS

The Sioux Council will be hosting Zoom Program Planning webinars on the below dates in April. These webinars will take the place of our traditional monthly Roundtable – you only need to attend one session. The planning guides will be mailed to every Committee Chair, Cubmaster and Scoutmaster. This meeting will be online only – you can attend this webinar from your home via phone or your computer. If you would like to attend in person, as in the past, please coordinate that with your District Executive or Commissioner. A representative from your Pack or Troop will need to be on the webinar to qualify for the bonus popcorn sale commission. So we strongly encouraged that your unit have someone attend to insure you get the maximum funds from the Popcorn Sale.

One of the single most important things a unit can do, along with having trained leaders, is to develop an annual program calendar. This helps every parent in the unit know what will be happening in the next year and when. This is especially important to be able to give to new families when they join. Along with developing the calendar comes the development of the budget to support your great programming. Budgeting and planning allow families to know what their responsibility is and why involvement in fundraisers is so important. Don’t forget, that your one-page budget and one-page calendar are due at the August Popcorn and Membership Kickoffs.

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Quick Action Required!
The Cub Lock-In and District PWD Race is at the Madison Community Center this year on March 6th and 7th. John Bame has put together a great program including swimming, BB guns, gaga ball, games, pizza, our District Pinewood Derby race, a movie, and much more. Below is a rough schedule:

6:30 p.m.  Lock In & Derby Registration
6:30 – 8:00 pm  Swimming
7:00 - 10:00 pm  BB gun range/open gym/ Gaga Ball/ Games
10:00 – 10:30 pm  Pizza
10:30 pm  Pinewood Derby
12:00am  Games, Movies, sleep
7:00 a.m.  Wake up/clean up/ pack up
8:00am  Depart for home with breakfast to go

Last Chance to Recognize Your Leaders!
Each adult volunteer who serves enjoys — and deserves — a heartfelt "Thank You" for a job well done. Please help us recognize those Buffalo Ridge leaders who help make the pack go, the troop work, or district the function. When it comes to motivating factors, we want to feed our self-worth, self-confidence and we want to feel good. When we are recognized and appreciated, those needs are met. When it happens in public and in front of our peers, those needs are exceeded. Robert Baden-Powell created the Scout Movement with the idea that all participants would be actively engaged in the program. So, let’s recognize the people you know who deserve it. Nominate them today! The nomination forms can be found on the Buffalo Ridge page of the Sioux Council website. A list of District Awards follow:

1. Spark Plug Award-entry level award for registered Volunteers
2. Extra Miler Award-Scouter or parent that gives 110% to Scouting
3. Tooth of Time Award-Should have 10+ years of scouting and active in current position
4. District Award of Merit-see nomination form for qualifications

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District Calendar:

March:
3—District Committee Meeting
6-7—Cub Lock In/, Madison
10— Roundtable, Elkton (Zoom available)
15—District award nominations due
20-21—Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills, L&C
20-21—Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, L&C
28—Wood Badge Banquet, Sioux Falls

April:
3-5—Spring Camporee
6—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #1
7—District Committee Meeting
14—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #2
14—Roundtable/District Awards
16—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #3
17—IOLS/BALOO Training, Watertown
25—Sioux Training Academy, Mitchell
25-26—Wilderness First Aid, Mitchell

May:
5—District Committee Meeting
15-17—OA Spring Conclave, L&C
25—Memorial Day: Council/Scout Shop Closed
29-June 6—Lewis & Clark Staff Development Week

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/buffalo-ridge
(Check the Website for calendar information and Updates)
Nominations are due by March 15th. The nominations will be reviewed by the Awards committee. Winners will be recognized at the April Roundtable. Let this be the year all your deserving volunteers are nominated!

**More Fun and Important than Ever!**
April 14th is the Buffalo Ridge Annual District Awards Presentation. A Webinar Planning Kickoff (see Page 8) will be available at this event. So take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to provide a WOW program to every Scout!! Come and enjoy fellowship and FUN! Save the date flyers critical to unit planning and budgeting will be available. The latest info regarding Summer Camp, summer Adventure Days, training opportunities, and more will be available. Come and win door prizes, play games, and enjoy yummy food!

**BR District Annual Meeting and the District Election**
Did you know that the Buffalo Ridge District has an Annual Meeting? During that meeting, on May 5, we will hold our Annual Election of Officers and District Committee Members-at-Large. At this meeting current District Committee Members-at-Large, Charter Organization Representatives, and Council Board Members who live in the District will vote on a slate of committee members. Suggestions may be made in writing to the nominating committee for inclusion in its report providing the nominees are received by the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the district annual meeting. If accepted by the nominating committee, the candidate will be contacted and permission received from the person to stand for election and to serve. To provide a fair and orderly nominating process, nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the time of election. This procedure also permits sufficient time to consider in advance all aspects of a nominee’s suitability to serve. Also, recommendations for District Chair and District Commissioner are presented subject to Council approval.

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**Akela, Make Me an Eagle**

*by Harlan G. Metcalf, adapted by Merl Whitebook*

Give me the strength to stand for right
When other folks have left the fight,
Give me the courage of the eagle
Who knows that if he will, he can.
Teach me to see in every face
The good, the kind, and not the base.
Make me sincere in word and deed,
Blot out from me all shame and greed,
Help me to guard my troubled soul
By constant, active, self-control.
Clean up my thoughts, my speech, my play,
And keep me pure from day to day.
The chaos of the holiday season has come and gone and we are all back to our “normal” daily lives.

Five Rivers held its annual Klondike Derby January 11, in Pierre. As you might know, most often, this is an outdoor event, but the Scouts took a “nontraditional” approach with the event this year holding it indoors at the Oahe YMCA. This “nontraditional” style gave the youth a few advantages, warmth, since it was -7 degrees at registration, and the use of the pool, gym and everything else the YMCA has to offer. Throughout the morning the Troops worked on the “Citizenship in the Community” and the “Physical Fitness” merit badges. The WEBELOS worked on the activity pins “Building a Better World” and “Scouting Adventure”. After lunch some Scouts took advantage of free time at the “Y” (swimming, basketball, racquetball, etc.) while a few Scouts worked on the requirements for “Swimming” merit badge and “Aquanaut” activity pin. A great day for all who attended to work on requirements for their next advancement. Of course, a great success because of the help of all the volunteer leaders who attended and help make the activities happen—Thanks for your help!

As a reminder, the Five Rivers has canceled the District Pinewood Derby Races that were scheduled for April.

Don’t miss out on the Program Planning kickoff Webinars (see page 8); mark your calendar now! One Person from each Unit must attend one of the dates.

Remember to keep an eye on the Council website and don’t miss the registration dates for the upcoming Council events in June like Cub Adventure Day and the Cub Family Weekend. And Troops, make sure you are all signed up for your adventurous week at summer camp!

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District Calendar

March:
2—District Committee Meeting

April:
6—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #1
7—District Committee Meeting
14—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #2
16—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #3
18—District PWD-CANCELLED

May:
4—District Committee Meeting

June:
6—Cub Adventure Day
19-21—Cub Family Weekend

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/5rivers
Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
The dust has settled on 2019 and the results are in. Thanks to our top-notch volunteers we finished the year with over 9% growth in traditional youth and were recognized as one of the top districts in our division based on end of November growth. We are very grateful to each of you who put on great Scouting programs, helped with recruitments or any of the other things that made Lewis & Clark Trail great in 2019. Jamie Tjeerdsma, our District Membership chair deserves a huge round of applause for spear heading this effort. Due to the district success we were given the opportunity to attend a Membership Conference in Grapevine Texas where best practices regarding recruitment, retention and program will be shared. Look for new ideas and methods in the future!

Membership was only one of our district’s achievements in 2019. The final Journey to Excellence information has cycled and LCT was rated gold! JTE is a great metric that gives us a road map to success in Scouting. Whether its training, camping advancement or recruitment, this road map keeps us striving for success and improvement.

Our past was outstanding, and the future looks bright. As this article is written we just finished our District Committee Planning session. Program was item #1 and there were some great ideas on how to make Scouting even more fun in our district. Be on the look out for new Cub programs, outstanding Scouts BSA opportunities and some new ideas regarding the district Pinewood Derby.

Popcorn
Dan LeVasseur has signed on as the 2020 Sioux Council Popcorn Chair. We are very excited for the experience and passion that Dan will bring to the fundraiser. Dan is a long-time unit and District popcorn kernel in North Star District. We would also like to thank Holly Hawkinson, outgoing Council Chair for her great work the past few years.

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/lct
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
Happy Spring!!

What a couple of active months we have had in North Star. On December 7th the Scouts BSA Troops had the opportunity to attend a Merit badge day. The Scouts worked on Law and Composite Materials merit badges. The started the day learning about how a court room works. Judge Spears guided the kids in a mock trial. In the end everyone was found Guilty of having Scout Sprit. The second half of the day was all about Composite Materials. Dakota land Materials showed the Scouts how Metal is fabricated into various parts using lasers, mills, and other equipment. The day ended at Custom Image Corvettes. Josh showed the Scouts how fiberglass is made and its use in building awesome cars.

Cub scouts had the opportunity to attend Cub Fun Day in Watertown on February 1st and February 29th in Aberdeen. Cub scouts worked on some of the requirements for the Individual Emergency Preparedness Award. The Fire Department and Police Departments came out to help teach first aid, how to summon for help during an emergency, and how to stay safe on the internet. Cub scouts also participated in Turtle races and Fowling (a fun combination of Bowling and Football).

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District Calendar

March:
5—District Committee Meeting
12—Roundtable

April:
2—District Committee Meeting
6—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #1
10—Council Office Closed
14—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #2
16—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #3

May:
1–3—Spring Rendezvous & Cuboree
7—District Committee Meeting
14—Roundtable

http://www.siouxcouncil.org/north-star
(Check the Website for calendar information and updates)
“Friends of Scouting: A Key Piece in our Districts Annual Puzzle”

The annual Friends of Scouting or “FOS” campaign is well underway. As many of you know; this is a critical component of the Pheasant Districts Scouting Progress each year. No one like to have to talk about money and finance in Scouting, or that there are costs involved with what we do in all parts of Scouting, but there are. Funding from FOS helps pay for camp properties, recruiting materials, training for leaders, and much more.

The FOS campaign has 2 components; Community and Family Campaigns. In the Community Campaign businesses and individuals in various cities and towns are asked to donate each year. The community of Huron for example; they are one of Pheasant Districts leading communities in this part of our campaign each year, and they are again leading our district thanks to volunteers like John Halbkat who help us in Huron. They are over halfway done with their campaign this year.

The second area is the Family Campaign. Volunteers from the district and various Scouting units visit the Packs and Troops to update the families about programs and opportunities, and more importantly answer questions for our families. During the visit the families are given the chance to donate as well if they would like to. Its pretty much that simple. WE hope that your unit has scheduled a visit; even if it is just to ask questions—that is important. The Pheasant District team stands ready to assist and we look forward to coming to see you and your families.


**Prairie Hills**

*Serving Minnehaha, SD; Lincoln, SD; Turner, SD; Rock & Nobles, MN; Lyon, IA Counties*

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**Pinewood Derby**
The Prairie Hills Pinewood Derby will take place on April 4th! We are still in need of additional volunteers to help fill event positions available. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Steve Leslie at 805-267-6785.

**Spring Camporee**
The Prairie Hills Spring Camporee will be held this year on May 8th and 9th! Our theme has been selected and will focus on Orienteering!!! Our event chair will be Kristen Gerlach (605) 359-2644. She is looking for several additional volunteers to fill out her event team. If you would like to assist or have questions please give her a call.

**Volunteers**
The Sioux Council would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped scouting happen over the last year. Without the help of our volunteers, none of this would be possible and it is thanks to your hard efforts that we are able to celebrate the success of scouting year after year. We would like to give a special thanks to Sandy Omodt and Mark Poppe. Their efforts in Scout activities, and camping, have had a huge impact in Scouting, but they have also stepped up and helped us succeed in other areas of Prairie Hills District whenever asked. Thank you so much for everything you all continue to do as we get ready to have another great year of scouting.

**Program Planning**
Prairie Hills program planning this year will be available in a Webinar format (see page 8). They are scheduled for April 6th, 14th, and the 16th. It is expected that all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Committee Chairs will choose to attend one Webinar. ALL parents and leaders are welcome to attend any Roundtable or Webinar as well. This Webinar will help our unit leaders prepare to develop their unit goals and calendars for 2020-2021.

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**Blue and Gold Banquets & Courts of Honor Events**
We would like to thank all the packs and troops who have updated us with their Blue and Gold date as well as their Court of Honor dates. If you have not done that, please make sure to email Dan Johnson or Erick Mendez at erick.mendez@scouting.org with the information as soon as it is available.

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**District Calendar**

**March:**
- 5—District Committee/Commissioners Meeting
- 12—Roundtable
- 14—Adult Appreciation Dinner

**April:**
- 2—District Committee/Commissioners Meeting
- 4—Pinewood Derby
- 6—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #1
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- 16—Program Planning Kickoff Webinar #3

**May:**
- 7—District Committee/Commissioners Meeting
- 8-9—Spring Camporee
- 14—Roundtable

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