

# Sioux



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Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America  
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## It's Program Planning Time!!

Program Planning is a critical part of your Pack or Troop's success. Development of an annual program plan will provide direction for your unit and give your Scouts and Adult leaders a sense of accomplishment at the end of the year. Program planning does not have to be complicated but it should be recognized as an important step that must be done each year. A quality program will help your Unit to retain Scouts and encourage youth in your area to join. What kid doesn't want to experience a High Adventure on the Missouri River or look for Bigfoot at Cub Family Weekend? This year the Council will offer two opportunities to attend a Program Planning Webinar. This Webinar is critical to learning the steps it takes to have a quality program. In 2023 it will be required to have one person from each unit attend one of the Program Planning Webinars and turn in a Calendar and Budget by August 31st to receive 3% Popcorn Commission. An email will be sent out with log in information after you register.

**There will be breakout sessions at each Webinar for Packs and Troops.**

Program Planning Webinar #1

When: Apr 11, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Program Planning

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-x6S-0ZTTgu3TIuMea6ZRA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-x6S-0ZTTgu3TIuMea6ZRA)

Program Planning Webinar #2

When: Apr 13, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Program Planning

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_wT3S5wLsSpKQGLjRHoLa-w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wT3S5wLsSpKQGLjRHoLa-w)





BOY SCOUTS  
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SIOUX COUNCIL

**You're Invited!**

## 2023 LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST FOR SCOUTING

Friday, April 14, 2023

Sioux Falls Best Western Ramkota Hotel

3200 W Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

6:30 A.M. CHECK-IN / 7:00 A.M. \*BREAKFAST & PROGRAM BEGINS / 8:00 A.M. PROGRAM ADJOURNS

THERE'S NO COST TO ATTEND, BUT WE ASK EACH GUEST TO RSVP SO WE'LL BE PREPARED FOR SEATING AND FOOD



**Keynote Speaker**

**Terry Fossum**

Distinguished Eagle Scout, Winner of the Fox Reality Show: Kicking & Screaming & Canton, SD Family Connections

This is a fundraising event for Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the keynote speaker. Terry Fossum, has a story you DON'T want to miss!

Can't attend but want to support Scouting? Donate online

[HERE](#)

Questions? Please contact: Sioux Council | 605.361.2697 | [Sioux.Council@Scouting.org](mailto:Sioux.Council@Scouting.org)

*There is no charge to attend this event: sponsorships cover the cost of breakfast. Sponsors are invited to leverage their gifts by filling a table of eight with colleagues and patrons who will make a personal gift during the program. Tickets will NOT be mailed.*



**WOW!!**

## **Join Us in for this Year's Spring Rendezvous Highland Games At Camp Iyatoka**

Scouts BSA April 28th - 30th Check in beginning at 7pm on the 28th

Cub Scouts April 29th Check in at 10:00am

Cost : \$25 Scouts BSA Saturday Dinner Included

\$25 Cub Scouts Saturday Lunch and Dinner Included (Saturday Cub Program)

\$20 Adult Scouter Saturday Dinner Included

\$ 10 Saturday Dinner Only

*Late Fees of an additional \$5 will be applied after April 21st*

Scouts BSA Youth, Adults, and Cub Scouts will want to make or buy a Kilts. They can be found to purchase on Amazon, or you can earn the Sewing Merit Badge and make you own.



All Scout BSA will be working on parts of the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge and the Fingerprinting Merit Badge on the morning of the 29th.

Questions Call Bryan Rau at 605-380-0279

## Cub Shooting Sports Leader Guide

**Time:** 9:00am-3:00pm

**Dates:** (site location TBD)

### June 2023

3—Pierre

17—Slayton

24—Sioux Falls

### July 2023

15—Watertown

29—Mitchell



### COST:

By May 8<sup>th</sup>

\$25 per youth

After May 8<sup>th</sup>

\$35 per youth

***NOTE: Adults are FREE but registration is still required! Adult assistance is required for the Youth at the BB Gun range.***

This summer's Cub Scout event is focused on every Cub's favorite—Shooting Sports! These events are designed for Cub Scouts CURRENTLY in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Throughout the day every scout will learn how to:

- handle a BB gun, bow and arrow, and sling shot
- learn, and be able to explain, all commands used on a BSA shooting range
- Tally the score of the target after shooting properly and safely

By the end of the day every participant should have successfully earned the Shooting Sports Award for his/her Rank.

Scouts will break into age-appropriate Dens before Shooting Sports activities begin. Parents/volunteers are expected to stay with their Scout throughout the event.

Every Scout and adult needs to present their Health Form at check-in.

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# CUB FAMILY WEEKEND

CAMP IYATAKA JUNE 9-11  
LEWIS AND CLARK AUG 4-6



GAMES | BIG FOOT | FUN | ADVENTURE

**Sign Up Today!!!**

For Cost and More info go to  
<http://www.siouxcouncil.org/cfw>



### Notice of 2023 Council Annual Meeting

The Sioux Council Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023, via in-person or Zoom Video Conference. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. During the annual meeting, current Executive Board Members, Members-at-Large, and Chartered Organization Representatives will gather for the Council's annual business meeting which will include the election of Council Board Members and Officers. A Zoom invitation will be emailed to eligible participants the week prior to the meeting. Nominations to serve on the Council Executive Board, as a Council Officer or a Member-at-Large must be submitted in writing to the Council Nominating Committee. Please address nominations to Sioux Council Nominating Committee, 800 N. West Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Nominations will not be taken from the floor and must be submitted at least 30-days prior to the Annual Meeting.

### 72-Hour Rule Update

#### **EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

Effective September 1, 2023, the "72-hour rule" will be eliminated. All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity **must** be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant.

**Cub-Scout Programs:** Overnight exceptions: Cub scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight cub scout program with their own child or legal ward are NOT required to register as leaders. All adults must review the "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parents Guide" that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook.

In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

### Lewis and Clark Camp Clean-up day:

Sioux Council Properties Committee would like to invite you to help prepare Lewis & Clark Scout Reservation for the upcoming Summer Camp season. We will have projects for all skill levels from fixing the benches at the council ring to trail work and much more. Join us for a day of work and fellowship followed by a late afternoon lunch. Those with Skilled Trades or Heavy equipment please contact [paul.brenneman@scouting.org](mailto:paul.brenneman@scouting.org) to coordinate project supplies. Anyone Scouts BSA aged 15 and over are welcome to attend and work.

<https://www.sioux council.org/content/109338/Lewis--Clark-Work-Day>

Date: May 13 - Lewis & Clark Work Day.

Time: Breakfast/Registration – 7:30am

Work projects – 9am-3pm

Lunch – 3:30pm

Overnight Camping available Friday and Saturday.

### Camp Iyatoka Clean-Up Day:

We would like to invite you up to Iyatoka April 1<sup>st</sup> to help prepare it for the upcoming season. The projects that we need done require very little previous skill or experience and supplies will be provided for you when you show up. If you are interested in helping the campground will be open and available for camping.

Date: April 1<sup>st</sup>

Time: 9:00 am

- Please Bring:
  - Water
  - Snacks
  - A donation to the potluck lunch
  - Work gloves and any handhold tools you may have (rakes, shovels etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Hall: 605-881-9228

\*\*Alternate date if weather becomes a problem will be April 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*



**2023  
Merit Badge Academy  
Mitchell Technical College  
Saturday, March 11, 2023**

**Registration starts at 7:45am**

**(Pre-registration online is required. Registration closes on  
March 9th)**

**Classes start at 9:00am**

**Scouts BSA \$20.00**

**Adults \$5.00**

**Patch, Pen, and Notebook included.**

**Lunch is NOT provided. Units will be on their own for lunch. Please plan accordingly and bring sack lunches or transport scouts off site for lunch.**

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**Council Office & Scout Shop Closed:**

Friday, April 7, 2023

Monday, May 29, 2023



**Scout Shop Hours**

Mon-Wed: 10am—5:30pm

Thurs: CLOSED

Fri: 10am—5:30pm

Sat: 10am—2pm

Closed daily 1:30-2:00pm for lunch

“LIKE” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/siouxbsa](http://www.facebook.com/siouxbsa).

**Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation**

[Lewis and Clark Scout Reservation | Facebook](#)

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**Arrowhead District**

<https://www.facebook.com/North-District-Boy-Scouts-of-America-105587877624980/>

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# **Arrowhead District**

## **Spring Rendezvous**

The Spring Rendezvous is just around the corner, it is on April 28-30<sup>th</sup> at Iyatoka. This years theme is Highland Games and let me tell you there is a list of amazing Highland Games that will be played. So, if you are looking for a fun time please plan on attending. You will want to make sure you wear a kilt. The kilts can be homemade or purchased. Two sites you can find these on are Amazon and Ali Express. On Saturday afternoon a Crossing Over ceremony will be held for all Webelos who crossed over into a Troop this Spring. This is a fun tradition that leads to some amazing pictures and memories. Registration is up now with a Leader Guide. You will not want to miss out on the fun!

## **The Benefits of Sending a Scout to Summer Camping**

Scouts jumping into a cool lake on a hot day, an archery bow stretched tight and aimed at a bullseye, roasting marshmallows over an open campfire are some things a Scout can do at Summer Camp. However, Summer camp provides much more than just outdoor adventure and a week away from home. Hidden within the adventure lies the true benefits of a Scout's week at camp. The true benefits are developing the leaders of tomorrow through hands on experiences.

If you have attended Lewis and Clark Summer Camp you have had the opportunity, to see some great staff and fun programs. However, if you have never attended camp, you may not know just how good of an experience camp is at Lewis and Clark can be.

Baden Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement said "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room". The Scouting program is based on hands on learning. Troop meetings offer information and lecture time. Scouts learn outdoor skills best by working on tasks themselves. This is all done at Summer Camp.

So now you know that Summer Camp and Lewis and Clark can help develop our Scouts to become leaders and better students take this opportunity to log on and register your Troop for a Fun week and Lewis and Clark.

## **Friends of Scouting**

This time of year, you may be hearing about giving to Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign. You may have had someone come to your Pack's Blue and Gold Ceremony or you had a Community worker call your business. Some questions that arise are "Why should I give to the Friends of Scouting Campaign" or "What is the Friends of Scouting Campaign"? The Friends of Scouting Campaign is the Councils annual giving campaign and funds multiple needs at the District level. The areas that the Campaign helps are training, insurance, Scholarships, and Camperships. We have seen an increase of people needing Scholarships this year in Arrowhead and we never want finances to be a barrier to the Scouting Programs. So, please consider giving this year and supporting Scouting in our area.

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### **District Calendar:**

#### **March:**

- 7—District Committee/Commissioner's Meeting
- 11—Sioux Merit Badge Academy
- 12—Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 14—Roundtable
- 17—St. Patrick's Day

#### **April:**

- 2—Palm Sunday
- 3—Lewis & Clark Early Bird Rates End
- 4—District Committee/Commissioner's Meeting
- 6—Maundy Thursday
- 7—Good Friday: Council Office/SS Closed
- 9—Easter Sunday
- 11—Program Planning Session #1
- 13—Program Planning Session #2
- 28-30—Council Spring Rendezvous

# Missouri Valley District

With Spring around the corner, it is shaping up to be an exciting year for the Sioux Council and for the Missouri Valley District! With Friends of Scouting in full swing and summer camp right around the corner there is a lot for our scouts to look forward to as we get closer to summer.

With Friends of Scouting in mind, our community and family campaigns are progressing well. If you have not yet set a date for your unit's FOS presentation, please reach out to your District Executive or District Friends of Scouting Chair and they will assist you with this. Friends of Scouting is so instrumental in allowing to providing quality program to our youth and will help continue to do just that into the future. We have also the Sioux Council Leadership Breakfast on April 14<sup>th</sup>. For any questions about the breakfast, please contact your District Executive.

We have some exciting program coming up in March and April. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the Sioux Merit Badge Academy at Mitchell Technical College. There is still time to get registered for this event, where we are offering 16 different merit badges, including several Eagle required merit badges. Continuing into April, we have Spring Rendezvous at Camp Iyatoka on April 28-30<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see everyone in attendance at both Mitchell Tech and Iyatoka this year!

As for the Missouri Valley Roundtable, we have an excellent topic for March. Our District Eagle Chair Dave Brown will be sharing his knowledge and experience on how to help scouts make the transition from Life Scout to Eagle, and what they can expect. Please keep an eye out for this as well the April Roundtable.



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## District Calendar

### March:

2—District Committee/Commissioner's Meeting

9—Roundtable

11—Sioux Merit Badge Academy

17—St. Patrick's Day

### April:

6—District Committee/Commissioner's Meeting

7—Good Friday: Council Office / SS Closed

9—Easter Sunday

13—Roundtable

14—Leadership Breakfast

28-30—Council Spring Rendezvous

# Red Rock District



Special Thanks to Cindy Gregg and her staff at the Prehistoric Indian Village along with Mike Marshall for helping make our Council Winter Extravaganza a huge success!! Thanks to all that attended! Because of slushy ice

conditions everyone probably went home a little wet. Hopefully, everyone had fun and has finished up the Indian Lore Merit Badge! Remember, you had one requirement left to finish...



## Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to Red Rocks recipients of this year's District Award of Merit, Brian Scott Harvill and Kristen Gerlach for all

you have done and continue to do to help make Red Rock a successful District!

Also, congratulations to all units that achieve the JTE Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards and to all Packs that earned their National Summertime Pack Award! Let's not forget all our volunteers that earned their leader and training awards. Without great volunteers Red Rock wouldn't have great Packs and Troops! Great Job!

## What's Around the Corner?

Although it may not feel like it, but Spring and Summer are right around the corner. With that said don't miss out on all the upcoming opportunities. Sioux Merit Badge Academy is coming in March—get signed up and register for Merit Badges before they fill up!

April brings the District Pinewood Derby Races, Council Spring Rendezvous, and most importantly, EARLY BIRD DEADLINES for all camps including all Cub Summer Camps and Lewis and Clark Scout Camp! Don't be late! Who doesn't like camping? What a great opportunity to spend time with friends, meet new friends, work on your advancement, and most of all, have a whole lot of FUN!!

## PROGRAMM PLANNING

The program planning webinars have been added back into the calendar and a requirement for your popcorn incentive. There are two opportunities, but you only need to attend one. Pick the date that works best for you and get registered ASAP!

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### District Calendar

#### March:

- 2—District Committee/Commissioner's Meeting
- 4—District Training—CANCELLED
- 9—Roundtable
- 12—Daylight Savings (Spring Ahead)
- 17—St. Patrick's Day

#### April:

- 1—Pinewood Derby
- 2—Palm Sunday
- 3—Summer Camp Early Bird Rates End
- 6—Maundy Thursday
- 7—Good Friday
- 9—Easter Sunday
- 11—Program Planning Session #1
- 13—Program Planning Session #2
- 28-30—Council Spring Rendezvous

# Exploring/Diversion District

Exploring in the Sioux Council has begun to pick up and we are very excited about the direction in which it is heading.

We currently have begun a program for students interested in Architecture with a firm downtown called JLG. The kids in the program will learn all about architecture, design, layout interior design and everything in between!

We also have had a program with the Sioux Falls Stampede that has taught our Explorers how to run their very own gameday. The game the youth will be running is coming up March 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 so if you are interested in supporting our Explorers you can use the link attached to get your tickets. For every ticket that is purchased five dollars will go back into the Exploring Program!

<https://fevo.me/explorerprogram>

Our Tea fire program and Law Explorers program are also up and running and continuing to grow which is amazing. If you are interested in having your youth participate in the Law Exploring program we are looking for a few additional youth to train and participate in a mock trial this summer with the teen court association.



We are interested in continuing to grow Exploring and career development throughout the council and I would be more than happy to meet with any companies or individuals who are interested in learning more about what exploring is and how we can get your Scouts or company involved with this opportunity

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## District Calendar

### March:

7—Stampede Exploring Meeting  
11—Stampede Game Night  
14—Teen Court  
27—JLG Architecture Exploring Meeting  
28—Teen Court

### April:

11—Teen Court  
25—Teen Court

## Recent Eagle Scouts

Alex McCoy	Troop 711	Sioux Falls SD	Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
Carter Thomas Hanson	Troop 731	Sioux Falls SD	Holy Spirit Catholic Church— Sioux Falls
Colton James Ventura	Troop 60	Canton SD	Canton Rotary Club
Parker Raymond Sisson	Troop 171	Harrisburg SD	Shalom Lutheran Church
Craig Emanuel Jones Jr.	Troop 357	Eureka SD	American Legion #186 Eureka
Johnathan James Stowe	Troop 133	Yankton SD	Riverview Park Reformed Church—Yankton
Owen Nicholas Elsen	Troop 320	Marshall MN	Concerned Citizen's of 320





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