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## **Gateway District e-Newsletter** **2008 Centennial Quality District**

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### **Info for All Scouters**

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#### **District Recognition Dinner**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Gateway District's annual recognition dinner. We invite all Scouters in the district to come take part. Included will be a silent auction, District Award of Merit presentations and volunteer recognition. It will be a fun evening to celebrate our successes and to recognize those who do so much for Scouting in our area. Each unit is asked to provide an item for the silent auction. Please contact Patrice Broding at [pbroding@veitusa.com](mailto:pbroding@veitusa.com) if you have an item to contribute to the silent auction.

The dinner registration forms can be found at <http://www.bsacmc.org/gateway.htm>. Please mail or fax this form to the council office with payment by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to ensure an adequate amount of food for those attending.

### **Centennial Unit Commitment Forms**

Don't forget to complete and send in your goal forms for the 2009 Centennial Quality District Award.

### **100 Years of Scouting**

Dr. James E. West was a lawyer and an advocate of children's rights, who became the first professional Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, serving from 1911–1943. One of his first tasks was the first edition of *The Official Handbook for Boys*. West was instrumental in expanding the third part of the Scout Oath: *To help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight*. He also pushed to add three parts to the Scout Law: brave, clean, and reverent.

In Dr. West's first year as Chief Scout Executive, sixty local councils were organized across the country. Today, the BSA consists of more three hundred councils.

Each local council's endowment fund is named for Dr. West.

### **Sportsmans Warehouse Scout Sale**

The St. Cloud Sportsmans Warehouse store will again hold a "Scouts Only" sale on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. It is open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Girl Scouts. Special discounts and prizes are being offered so plan to attend and get ready for outdoor adventures. To gain entrance to the store, you must either be in uniform or present your membership card at the door.

## **Cub Scouters**

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### **Wolf Howl**

Wolf Howl is open to all Wolf Scouts in the Gateway and Scenic Districts. It will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Foley High School. Wolf Howl is a fun day filled with games, swimming and a Wolf program put on by the Wildlife Science Center. Registration forms and more detailed information are available by clicking on the link below and are due at the Council Office by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

[http://www.bsacmc.org/2009\\_Wolf\\_Howl\\_Info\\_Registration.pdf](http://www.bsacmc.org/2009_Wolf_Howl_Info_Registration.pdf)

### **Bear Hibernation**

Bear Hibernation is an overnight lock-in at the fieldhouse at St. Cloud State University. It will take place on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bear Scouts will take part in a number of games and sports, watch movies, go swimming, skate at the National Hockey Center and try to stay up all night. A registration form is available by clicking on the link below.

[http://www.bsacmc.org/2009\\_Bear\\_Hibe\\_Info\\_Registration.pdf](http://www.bsacmc.org/2009_Bear_Hibe_Info_Registration.pdf)

## **Webelos Leader Training & BALOO Training**

Mark your Calendars! Webelos Leader Training will be taking place on May 2 – 3, 2009 at Parker Scout Reservation near Brainerd. BALOO will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be at Parker as well. Look for registration forms to come out in early March.

Webelos Leader Training course topics include planning outdoor activities, Webelos skills, knots, fire building, outdoor cooking, Webelos to Scout transition, parental involvement, advancements, uniforming, activity badges and more. Participants are expected to camp overnight.

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It is necessary to have at least one person from your Pack be BALOO trained in order for a Cub Scout Pack to go on overnight camping trips. It will give you an overview of outdoor skills and BSA policies. This training is open to any Cub Scout Leader.

## **District Pinewood Derby**

The District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Evangelical Free Church in Zimmerman. The event will get started at 9:00 am. Steve Hill is organizing this activity and is running it with the help of Pack 96. If you have questions, please contact him at [stevehill@usfamily.net](mailto:stevehill@usfamily.net) or [shill@minntech.com](mailto:shill@minntech.com). Rules and Registration forms are available on the Gateway district's page of the council's website: <http://www.bsacmc.org/gateway.htm>.

## **Boy Scouters**

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### **Ripley Rendezvous Help Needed**

Do you have unique knowledge of an outdoor or Scout skill that you would like to share with younger Boy Scouts? The Ripley Rendezvous staff is looking for help in running a station at the Scout program on the Saturday at Ripley Rendezvous. If you have an interest and would like to know where the needs are, please contact Nathan France at [kisernathan@yahoo.com](mailto:kisernathan@yahoo.com).

### **Boy Scout Leader Training**

Boy Scout Leader Training will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> at Parker Scout Reservation. This training is open to any adult Boy Scout Leader and will go through the basics of the Patrol Method, Patrol Leaders' Council, outdoor cooking, program planning and more. Registration forms are available on the Council's website.

### **Philmont 2009**

Currently there are two openings with the group going to Philmont this summer. If you have boys interested in joining the crew, contact Bob Rueter for more information at [bob@bsacmc.org](mailto:bob@bsacmc.org).

### **Rock Climbing Program**

The Council's rock climbing committee has put together several opportunities to try your hand at this fun and challenging activity. They will be offering two sessions this summer at Quarry Park in Waite Park. One of these sessions will focus on earning the Rock Climbing Merit Badge. No

experience with rock climbing is necessary and all the climbing gear is included with the activity fee.

The Climbing program also offers an Instructor Course at Blue Mound State Park in May.

The Council does own climbing gear and may be rented by any Troop or Crew with a certified Climbing Instructor. Visit the Rock Climbing page of the Council's website to learn more about all these opportunities. [http://www.bsacmc.org/rock\\_climbing.htm](http://www.bsacmc.org/rock_climbing.htm)

## **Venturing**

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### **Venturing Program**

Please see the Rock Climbing and Philmont items above.