

June 2009 - SCENIC District E-Newsletter

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NEW FORMAT

2008 Centennial Quality District

NEW FORMAT – I believe everyone should read this entire edition to realize the many great youth and adult opportunities we have – Bob

FORWARD THIS ON TO OTHERS ON YOUR EMAIL LIST – I have very few on my email list from any one unit

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FALL ROUND UP AUGUST 10TH UNIT BRIEFING

Let me (bob@bsacmc.org) know now who will be your unit mentor (not unit leader or committee chair) in attendance at this briefing from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Sartell office. I have some key information for that person now in preparation for that evening and want to email it to them. The briefing will include planning for fall round up (sign up night) plus how to insure new parents understand your unit operations and new leaders are supported. For all traditional units: packs, troops, crews and teams. CENTENNIAL YEAR 2010.

PARKER CASTLE DEDICATION SATURDAY JULY 18TH

Invitations are being sent out and check out the information on the council website.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2009 AND PREP 2010 CENTENNIAL

We are approaching our goal of \$54,000 in CASH, with just over \$50,000 in pledges in to date. Please consider a contribution today if you have not yet made your contribution. You can collect your patch or print at our office or let me know if I can deliver at your next unit meeting. What a great time to donate in this our Centennial year (2010) of Scouting!

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING (June-August 2009)

Your unit packet was mailed out to the unit leader of record in May 2009. The Cub Leader book has a section on annual program planning and the Scoutmaster's handbook covers this as well. Venturing and Varsity programs also cover that item. The Cub Fast Tracks program has calendar templates and newsletter templates also – find this under Cub Scouts on www.scouting.org for lots of resources. Let me know when you are doing yours and let's discuss with your unit committee from June to August 2009. Get this out in August or before so parents get the full year plan (September 2009 to August 2010).

CHARTER ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION for May 2010

Write up a short bio on your charter organization – you should know them well enough to do this or a great way to meet and discuss this with them plus THANK them for their sponsorship. Get them a unit calendar for the coming year. Give them an FOS print for their sponsorship along with the charter certificate. Turn in your bio to me.

RIVER BATS BASEBALL JULY SCOUT NIGHT

July 31 is the 3rd annual scout overnighter at Joe Faber Field. More information is on the website and get your tickets at the River Bats offices in St Cloud. You have the option to stay over night in a tent in the outfield!

TRAINING UPDATES

Please check out **THE NEW** www.scouting.org then click on MY SCOUTING for lots of sessions for summer outings and program information. Remember to do Hazardous Weather training which is required for all outings and must be noted on the tour permits. New Leader Essentials has been changed to **THIS IS SCOUTING**.

HEALTH FORM UPDATES

RECOMMENDED ANNUAL MEDICAL EVALUATION as determined by your doctor. This does not mean an automatic physical. Check out the www.scouting.org/scoutingsafely link for more information and see the Frequently Asked Questions section. Use the form you have for now but you must change by January 1, 2010 and keep this information CONFIDENTIAL and only share it with your camp health officer.

NEW PARENT INITIATIVE

Remember to get new parents involved in your unit. The BSA has set up a website www.scoutparents.org with lots of information on involving new parents. Check out the resources link or the parenting book on the site.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 2

Join us at the Scout office from 4 until 7 pm for a fun event and information on our upcoming Centennial! There is a rib dinner option available also besides the snacks and goodies. See some great displays will be on hand plus door prizes. We need your unit to help out with an interactive Scout booth or set up or take down or clean up or registration booth for information and collecting activity passports.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE/COMMISSIONERS/EVENT STAFF (August retreat/CCPM)

There are great options for anyone wishing to stay involved and have a flexible schedule in doing so. Serve on our district committee or serve as a commissioner or serve on staff for any event. A commissioner retreat is planned for August 29th at the Scout office. We will be having on council coordinated program meeting (CCPM) will occur during the retreat. Our district committee meets monthly from September through April and offers another opportunity. One event a year or however it fits your schedule. We are here to help support units in quality programming. COME JOIN US NOW.

SUMMER CAMP

There are opportunities to participate so sign up now at the council office and check out the information on our website www.bsacmc.org for resident camp or day camp dates. JOIN IN YOUR THEME ADVENTURES! Day Camp is JULY 6 AND 7 at Millstream Park in St Joseph. EARN THE SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD with monthly activities like this!

ROCK CLIMBING and BOULDERING FOR ALL AGES

The climbing merit badge is Saturday June 20th (rain day June 27th) – participation is limited to 20 youth (Boy Scout age) so sign up now. A climbing day August 29th at Quarry Park is also scheduled for youth Boy Scout age 6th grade and up. Check out our flyers on the ROCK CLIMBING page on the council website. If you are using the bouldering wall (for any age), you must have a trained facilitator from the council in attendance. See the website for more information. The council has climbing gear to rent, once you have a certified instructor or pick from the list on the website. Earn your climbing patch or merit badge this year!

We are received our climbing program accreditation in May from national!

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LIST

The list is almost updated. Help us get you in touch with boys that need merit badges for their advancement. Thanks to those that responded to our postcard!

VENTURER COED PROGRAM

Youth aged 14 and through 8th grade can participate through age 20 as a youth in high adventure activities of your choosing on a schedule of your choosing. You can utilize the troop committee for assistance in the program.

EXPLORER PROGRAM

This is a great opportunity to check out various careers with minimal costs to you. There is currently a post for law enforcement (St Cloud), fire/rescue (St Cloud), health careers (Sauk Centre and St Cloud) and soon one in Zoology in Freeport. Other potential options are aviation in the St Cloud area and a general business option also. You determine your schedule and some have a preset schedule for you to check out. Check it out at www.learningforlife.org/exploring today!

VARSIITY – JUST WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources and scroll down then click on VARSITY TEAM for more information on this great program to keep older youth in the program and offer options unique to them.

NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVES

There are new faces in our office. Please welcome Nate Peterfeso as the Gateway District Executive and Nate Phillipps as the Pine Tree District Executive!