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For Our Community Supporters

Scouting is an opportunity that has a much farther reach than the singular activities in which the youth participate. Studies by Harris Interactive show that a youth who has been in Scouting for five years or more is more likely to be a leader in high school, college, and his career; more likely to be a success in his family life and career; more likely to put the needs of others before themselves; and more likely to make the most honest, not the easiest, decisions.

Our Community Supporters play a tremendous role in ensuring that Scouting is an option for over 5,200 youth throughout our 12-county council area. Your volunteered time, in-kind donations, and financial support make it possible to hold Pack and Troop meetings, let Scouts learn strong moral values from excellent role models, and provide experiences a Scout may not have in any other part of his life. Your support builds these citizens of tomorrow...today, right in our very communities. You make the difference...THANK YOU!



Day Camp 2011 - Sea Adventures

Hoist anchor, find the secret treasure map, practice your best pirate "Aarg matey"...we had Sea Adventures galore this summer! 428 Council youth and nearly 100 adult volunteers participated in Cub Scout day camps throughout the Council this summer. With 5 camps held in communities around the Council, many kids were able to attend the two-day events.

In addition to theme events like drawing a treasure map and making rubber band powered boats, Scouts were able to shoot bb guns, play games, and take a try on the climbing wall.

Rain or shine (and there was some of both) a scallywag good time was had by all!



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Miller Medieval Castle & Parker Summer Camp are a Huge Success!

Resident camp was a huge success this summer! More than 1,200 Cub Scouts, Webelos, and their parents attended the five theme camps (Medieval Times, Nature Camp, Native American Village, Flintlock Settlement and Wilderness Adventures) at the Parker Scout Reservation. Many of our Scouts come back year after year, and with all five themes, no two camp experiences will ever be the same!

Each Scout will have his personal treasure of memories, but here are some of the favorites, direct from our Scouts: Fishing, jousting, engineering/bridge building, campfires, nature hikes, water rockets, candle making, shooting bb guns, archery basics, tomahawk throwing, earning merit badges, morning swims, tenting, and even hunting for Sasquatch after he appears at the evening campfire.

Some of our parent campers shared these comments: "the upgrades to camp each year has been great", "Been coming here 3 years and the programs are improving every year", and "You have an amazing staff - the whole weekend was incredible. One of our Scouts was dropping out for sports, but after this experience he wants to stay in!"

We hope to see everyone back next year for another great summer camp experience!



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What's Next...

SAVE THE DATE: March 22, 2012
The 8th Annual St. Cloud Friends of Scouting Leadership Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE: April 29, 2012
Central Minnesota Council, BSA Volunteer Recognition Celebration

SAVE THE DATE: July 12, 2012
The 36th Annual BSA Lawn Social



A Letter from the Scout Executive

It takes many people and many man-hours to provide a quality Scouting experience for our 5,200 Scouts. The Central Minnesota Council, BSA is proud of our 1,600 adult mentors who have registered (fee and background check) with the Boy Scouts of America and the several hundred others who volunteer for one time activities. Another 2,500 individuals and businesses contribute over \$430,000 each year to support those volunteers. This is impressive!

As a full-time Scouter, I get the opportunity to meet many of these people who care deeply about their community and understand the value of helping young men become responsible adults. I also get the opportunity to meet many of the recipients of this volunteer effort...our Scouts. These are great kids!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and financial supporters. You truly make a difference in the lives of young men.

- Dave Trehey, Scout Executive



Scoutreach

Every year, our Scoutreach program continues to reach more youth. For those new to the term, Scoutreach is a Scouting program that has been developed to reach out to youth who may not be able to participate in traditional Scouting due to: financial hardship, family issues, or other uncontrollable circumstances. Language and cultural barriers can also dissuade potential Scouts and adult leaders.

With supportive program underwriting from the United Way and ING Direct, the Central Minnesota Council, BSA is successfully working through these barriers. Scoutreach Coordinator Jane Holmberg, with assistant Mohamed Moalim, is working with upwards of 300 youth at multiple community sites in the St. Cloud area. A valued partner to Scoutreach is the Boys and Girls Club, where several of the weekly meetings take place.

By providing weekly programming, youth can attend Scout activities, work on rank advancement, go to day camp, and incorporate the values of Scouting as they grow. This past year, 12 Scoutreach Scouts attended day camp in St. Joseph. One of the goals for the coming year is to get Scoutreach Scouts to summer camp at Parker Scout Reservation and Miller Medieval Castle.

A signature event, now in its 3rd year, is to coordinate an overnight trip to Parker Scout Reservation for Scoutreach youth (and their Moms) staying at Anna Marie's Women's Shelter during the summer. Each year this event has continued to grow in popularity and attendance.

With the help of committed volunteers and financial support, Scoutreach is making a difference!



Thank You to The Bernick Family Foundation

The Boy Scouts of America is many things to many people. However, the BSA could not offer the Scouting programs, training, facilities, or even exist without the financial support from our community leaders. One such leader deserving a big THANK YOU is The Bernick Family Foundation.

The Bernick Family Foundation has been a supporter of Scouting for many years. I recently sat down with Jason Bernick, Director of Corporate Affairs, to learn more about their support of Scouting. Jason explained the Bernick family's tradition of community support, going back through their 95 year history, when his great-grandparents began their soft-drink business. Now, four generations later, that support of valuable community organizations such as the Boy Scouts endures as a family value.

With BSA's focus on youth, education, health, and wellness, providing support to Scouting is one vehicle for all of these areas. Jason explained that these important areas reflect his family's values.

We also spoke about the long-term tradition of Bernick's sponsorship of the BSA Lawn Social. He mentioned that it is an event they are proud to support and be a part of.

As to the "ideal fit" created with The Bernick Family Foundation in support of Scouting, Jason said: "They (Scouting youth) are the future of our community."

- Wendi Clark, Development Director



The 35th Annual BSA Lawn Social

This past July, the 35th Annual BSA Lawn Social was held at the home of Jim & Tami Unger, on Pine Point, with hosts Gary & Wendy Verkinnes. Many local businesses were event sponsors. Thank you all!



While it appeared that we may be rained out, the drops dwindled by evening. With good food, a lovely setting, and over 450 people in attendance, a great time was had by all.

For many years, the Lawn Social has been "The Place" to see people: friends, clients, community leaders, and this year did not disappoint. Funds raised will go to local Scouting programs, including leader training, equipment maintenance, and camp improvements.



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