

# Scenic District Newsletter

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*You get the best efforts  
from others not by  
lighting a fire beneath  
them, but by building a  
fire within*

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## Journey to Excellence

Scenic district meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm to discuss progress and turn in your unit calendar, roster, and budget that night. All information is at the following website: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/journeytoexcellence.aspx> .

Unit annual planning should be done in July and August so you are prepared for quality program for the school year. Let me know your planning meeting date/time/location at [bob@bsacmc.org](mailto:bob@bsacmc.org) as soon as you set your session.

Internet Advancement is a key element to JTE.

## Message from the District

Thursday September 22 will be the Fall Round Up night in the council and we are doing media promotions to encourage every family to visit their school that night for a one hour meeting to sign up for scouting. Allow time in your planning for September for boy talks in schools and/or flyer distribution. We will have flyers and posters available in August for open houses and September sign ups.

Boy Scout troops should encourage each of their youth members to bring a friend to event or hold an open house with hands on activities to show recruits how great this program is.

Venture flyers are available for crews to use.

## Scouter (adult) News

REMEMBER TO GET TRAINED at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) and use your membership ID card you got from your unit leader for 2011.

Your advancement chair has access to your membership ID through the unit roster.

Internet advancement is a critical element for JTE so be sure to enter data online and update for the council. This will help prepare you for timely recharter November 22 or before.

Leadership... They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care!

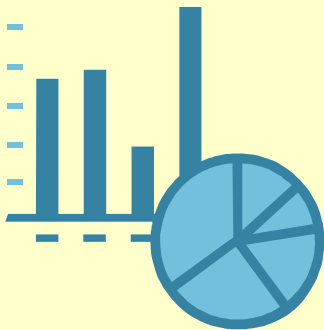
## District Committee

The council calendar is available online at [www.bsacmc.org](http://www.bsacmc.org) so check it out!

Units need to set up their calendar now for the fall. Contact your unit commissioner or a district committee member for assistance.

Email your unit calendar, budget, and roster to [bob@bsacmc.org](mailto:bob@bsacmc.org) as soon as you can.

Membership is open for serving on the district committee, contact [bob@bsacmc.org](mailto:bob@bsacmc.org) for more information.



*The Journey to Excellence replaces the Centennial Quality Unit*

## National Update

The [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](http://www.nationalcenterformissingandexploitedchildren.org) is making available its Internet safety program, [NetSmartz](http://www.net-smartz.com), to the BSA to teach Scouts and their families how to make responsible decisions both online and in real life. The BSA is asking all Scout leaders to incorporate the NetSmartz materials into their programs and to distribute information directly to parents.

There is a new GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING available online or at the trading post. A key update on lightning safety has been included. Remember you should have this key guide available for all outings and for reference on safety activity and outing planning.

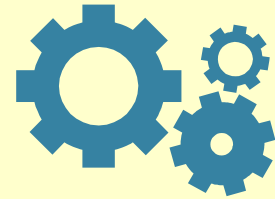
## SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

Each new year presents a new opportunity to get trained to volunteer at a district or council event. This could be at Parker for an adventure (resident) camp weekend or at a day camp or other event.

Please consider signing up for one of the training opportunities in 2012.

January 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Elk River and March 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the St Cloud metro area are the upcoming trainings.

Contact Chris Van Hofwegen at [bastian.vanhofwegen@us.army.mil](mailto:bastian.vanhofwegen@us.army.mil) to get your name on a list for next year.



*Every cog has to meet the other for the engine to work. Is your unit engine aligned?*

## EAGLE PROJECTS

Be sure to use the council checklist for your preparation when you finish your project and paperwork. The form is on the council website.

Various projects exist:

Stearns County Park projects Peter Theismann  
320- 654-4726

Operation MN Nice with monthly care packages  
[www.operationminnesotanic.com](http://www.operationminnesotanic.com)  
Scott or Mary Sehnert 320-252-7494

Any local church or school will probably have needs that fit Eagle project criteria.

## Upcoming DISTRICT EVENTS

Scenic Day Camp Millstream Park St Joe July 11/12  
Sea Adventures

Journey to Excellence meeting BSA Sartell August 2  
7 to 8:30 pm

River Bats Scout Night August 12

Mississippi River County Park Event August 13  
10 am to 5 pm – NEED HELP

Popcorn kickoff Scenic at BSA Sartell August 16

Roundtable 7 to 8:30 pm at BSA Sartell September 6

School Night sign up for new Scouts September 22

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## Upcoming COUNCIL Events

Order of the Arrow fall conclave Parker August 19-21

Council Coordinated Program Meeting August 20

Council Golf Outing Fundraiser Eagle Trace August 30

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