

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*

Good Turn Service Projects Website

This is the new program for units to use for recording their service hours. The website can be accessed at www.scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence and in the lower right corner, go to SERVICE PROJECTS. Click SERVICE HOURS and then log in with your unit code (same as internet advancement code) and set up your password then enter 296 for Local Council Number. Your unit number is 3000 number for packs (3013) or 4 digit for troop 0014 or crews 2115.

Wadena's spring tree planting project would be a great one to participate on April 30. Contact Wade Bastian at our office to participate wade@bsacmc.org

Message from the District Director

On February 12, the council hosted the Optimist Club of St Cloud for their annual speech contest. They had only 4 participants. In 2012, each troop should consider having a Scout participate. The Communications merit badge requires a 5 minute speech in front of a group. This is a great chance to fulfill the requirement. Please consider this option in 2012, usually around the same time.

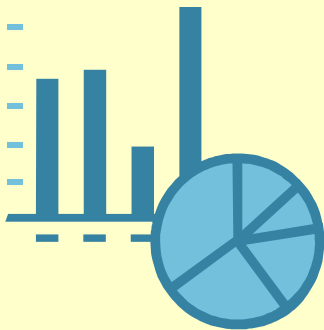
The Avon Merit Badge Clinic filled quickly in 2011. Hopefully in 2012, there will be more notice and it will get to the website.

Updated merit badge counselor list will be on the Scenic page soon. Counselors must have youth protection training within 2 years to stay current.

Bob Rueter – District Director – bob@bsacmc.org

320-251-3930 ext 112

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



The Journey to Excellence replaces the Centennial Quality Unit

Scouter (adult) News

National Volunteer week is April 10-16th. Use the nomination forms on the council website at www.bsacmc.org and nominate key volunteers in your unit or the district for April 5th recognition.

National updates are available at www.scouting.org and is the official website.

Ripley Rendezvous for troops and crews has the website www.ripleyrendezvous.org and ONLINE registration is open for units and staff registration. Sign up now as the deadline is April 30th.

District Committee

The council calendar will be available at the program kickoff May 10th.

Scenic Day Camp 2011 will be July 11 and 12th at Millstream Park St Joseph. Information is available on the council website and the scenic page.

Elizabeth Steckelberg is the Scenic District Chair and the top volunteer in the district. She supported by George Reisdorf, as District Commissioner, and the district committee to provide support for units in our district. We meet every 1st Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

National Update

Centennial merit badges that were to be completed by December 31, 2010 will be available at the trading post until March 31st if posted before that date.

Internet advancement should be used by each unit using the access code available from the council office. This will insure consistency in records between units and the council. Be sure to carefully enter data as this is the live file.

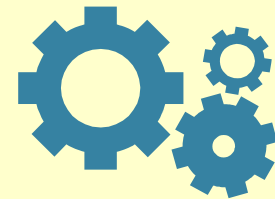
www.scouting.org is the only approved website by the BSA. Be careful when using other websites to be sure the information matches the national information.

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. The best opportunity is Saturday April 9th, 2011 at the Elk River Gun Club from 8 am to 4 pm. If there are not at least 6 participants by April 5th, it will be cancelled. This is the full course.

Another opportunity is an evening for bb gun and archery training. March 10th or 24th or April 14th, 2011 from 6:30 to 9 pm at the scout office. At least 6 participants are required at least 1 week ahead or any session will be cancelled. Contact Chris Van Hofwegen today if you can make any one session at bastian.vanhofwegen@us.army.mil



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
Scott or Mary Sehnert 320-252-7494

CentraCare Health Plaza garden sign. Contact Diane Buschena Brenna at buschena-brennad@centracare.com

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

Upcoming DISTRICT EVENTS

Roundtables (any adult) 7-8:30 pm Sartell office	March 1
Avon Merit Badge Clinic (Boy Scouts)	March 5
Wolf Howl (2 nd graders) at Foley High School	March 12
Welcome Home Event for Soldiers St Cloud Civic Ctr 9 am to 1 pm	March 19
Fort Snelling Base Camp Overnight (Boy Scouts)	March 19
District Derby at Sartell Office	March 26
Roundtables (any adult) 7-8:30 pm Sartell office District Recognition	April 5
BALOO training at Sartell Scout Office	April 16
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Upcoming COUNCIL Events

Castle Event for top popcorn sellers	March 4 or 5
Annual Friends of Scouting Community Breakfast	March 17
Council Annual Recognition	April 17
Webelos Leader Training at Parker	April 29 – May 1
Boy Scout Leader Training at Parker	April 29 – May 1

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