

Scenic District Newsletter

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*You get the best efforts
from others not by
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fire within*

Journey to Excellence

This is the new program for units to use for monitoring their progress to quality. This replaces the Centennial Quality Unit program that has been used for the past 5 years. The form can be accessed at the national website at <http://scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Commissioners/Journey.aspx>

Message from the District Director

Youth protection training is now required for every **registered** adult in our program. In 2010, we tried to get everyone trained that we could for rechartering (annual renewal). As a parent, I feel everyone should take this training so you know the rules of our program in preventing youth abuse of any kind.

You can take this training in 24 minutes by logging in to www.myscouting.org and setting up your account. Next you go to E-learning and select youth protection. PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING THIS FOR THE YOUTH IN YOUR UNIT and FOR OTHER PARENT'S ASSURANCE!

If you are a registered leader with a membership ID, update your profile with this information.

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

Scouter (adult) News

Stay current on developments by checking out the council website at www.bsacmc.org and check out our NEW BANNER.

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.

District Committee

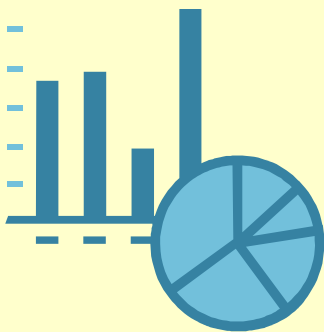
.Elizabeth Steckelberg is the Scenic District Chair and the top volunteer in the district. She supported by George Reisdorf, as District Commissioner, and the district committee to provide support for units in our district. We meet every 1st Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

The district committee is currently working on the visioning plan for the next 5 years for our district. The district Journey to Excellence program helps us focus on helping our council and units achieve the Journey to Excellence award at the Gold level. Bronze and silver levels exist but everyone should go for the gold!

National Update

The online tour permit system is changing effective March 1, 2011, what are currently known as local and national tour permits will be superseded by what will be called the tour plan. ***The online tour permit system will be suspended.** This update is the accumulation of work by a cross-functional team of volunteers and staff including the Health and Safety Support Committee, Council Solutions, Outdoor Program Group, and Risk Management Advisory Panels.

The council is updating the process of the tour plan approval. Units complete this form when planning for local, national, or international adventure. The plan helps ensure the unit is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure."



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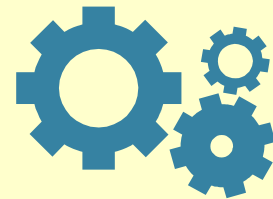
New Year – New Opportunity

Each new year presents a new opportunity to improve over the prior year. What are your plans for 2011?

Every unit needs help from every parent to succeed. Check with your unit leader or unit committee chair to find out opportunities to help or check out the information at

<http://www.scouting.org/Parent/Volunteer/HowCanYouHelp.aspx> and there are district or council volunteer roles as well.

Family Friends of Scouting is coming to your unit – please give to the best of your abilities as we need your help to keep the unit support coming and to continue to provide quality programs. Information is available on the council website front page at www.bsacmc.org



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

New Health Form

The new and ONLY health form you need is now available at the national website at

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

You should update this annually. Remember the BSA RECOMMENDS that you have an annual medical EVALUATION – your doctor determines if that means a PHYSICAL or not.

If you take this along at any doctor visit, he/she can determine if you need more than a signature.

This form is the new standard for all outings and activities at all levels of Scouting and will eliminate confusion on which form to use since this is the only form.

Upcoming DISTRICT EVENTS

- Roundtables (any adult) 7-8:30 pm Sartell office February 1
- Scout Sunday February 6
- Roundtables (any adult) 7-8:30 pm Sartell office March 1
- Avon Merit Badge Clinic (Boy Scouts) March 5
- Wolf Howl (2nd graders) at Foley High School March 12
- Fort Snelling Base Camp Overnight (Boy Scouts) March 19
- District Derby at Sartell Office March 26

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Upcoming COUNCIL Events

- Scout Sunday February 6
- Venturing Officers Association (adults) February 10
- Granite City Ice Fishing Derby February 12
- Council Annual Meeting (officers) February 15
- Castle Event for top popcorn sellers March 4 or 5
- Annual Friends of Scouting Community Breakfast March 17

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