

# 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 Website

You should be familiar with this program planning tool that we will spend time at the May 10<sup>th</sup> program kickoff at. The website can be accessed at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/journeytoexcellence.aspx>.

There are items you need to address now as a committee and remember to enter service hours also. Plan to have your unit leader and committee chair at the May 10<sup>th</sup> program kickoff, other adults are welcome as are Boy Scout troop youth leaders. We will spend more time in May so you are prepared to meet the criteria by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The website link above offers plenty of support. **BRING YOUR LAPTOP ON MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> as we will have wireless access to test out INTERNET ADVANCEMENT AND JTE.**

## Message from the District

Spring recruitment should be a part of your unit committee discussions starting now. If you have a spring event, let me know so this information can be included with spring flyers to the school. Summer events can be mentioned, I will be including our district and council summer events.

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.

Bob Rueter – District Director – [bob@bsacmc.org](mailto:bob@bsacmc.org)  
320-251-3930 ext 112

## Scouter (adult) News

National Volunteer week is April 10-16<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS.

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.

Ripley Rendezvous for troops and crews website [www.ripleyrendezvous.org](http://www.ripleyrendezvous.org) sign up now as the deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

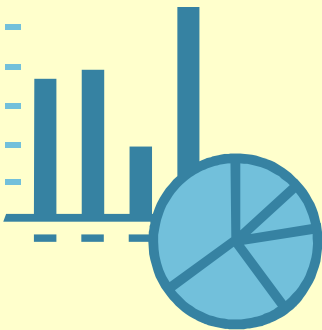
Leadership... They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care!

## District Committee

The council calendar will be available at the program kickoff May 10<sup>th</sup>.

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING is April 29-May 1 (done before noon). at Parker. Sign up forms are on the council website. EVERY TOP LEADER MUST HAVE TRAINING at least once. Assistants are welcome as are committee members.

WEBELOS LEADER TRAINING should be attended by every current Bear Den Leader or assistant on April 29 – May 1 (done before noon). Registration forms on the council website



*The Journey to Excellence replaces the Centennial Quality Unit*

## National Update

Centennial merit badges were to be completed by December 31, 2010 and are no longer available in the trading post.

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. Come May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for more information.

[www.scouting.org](http://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.

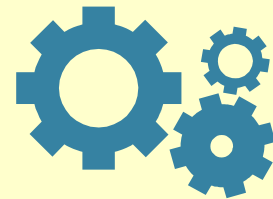
## SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

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 in 2012. Look for more information on the council website.

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.

Thanks to those that attended sessions in April!



*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

CentraCare Health Plaza garden sign. Contact Diane Buschena Brenna at [buschena-brennad@centracare.com](mailto:buschena-brennad@centracare.com)

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

## Upcoming DISTRICT EVENTS

BALOO training at Sartell Scout Office	April 16
Annual Program Planning Night /food	May 10
Scenic Day Camp Sea Adventures	July 11/12

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## Upcoming COUNCIL Events

Council Annual Recognition Silver Beaver Recipients Distinguished Eagle District Award of Merit 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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