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100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

COUNCIL CELEBRATES SCOUTING'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

CAROLYN WEYER, CHAIRMAN

In 2010, Mississippi Valley Council will join Boy Scout Councils all over the nation to celebrate 100 years of Boy Scouting in America. Our celebration will kick-off with our Council Annual Dinner on Saturday February 6, 2010 at the Comfort Suites in Burlington. We look forward to an exciting program and invite everyone to participate as we gather to enjoy a great meal and honor the Silver Beaver recipients. It's not too late to register, look for the registration form inside this issue.

Our celebration will continue at the Council Old Threshers Heritage Camporee the weekend of May 21-23, 2010 at the Midwest Old Threshers grounds in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Not only will we be celebrating Scouting's centennial year, but also the 20th anniversary for this camporee. Plans are in the making for the best camporee ever! Mark your calendars now. More information will be available on the Council website (www.mississippivalleybsa.org) in the near future.

Many more programs and activities are planned for 2010 and a special page on the Council website will be activated soon to keep everyone informed. This is an exciting opportunity for us to make Scouting shine in our communities, to expand our membership, and to give former Scouts a chance to reconnect with Scouting as well as a means of renewing our own commitment to the values and ideals of the Scouting program.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE
CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

**Mississippi Valley Council,
Boy Scouts of America
cordially invites you to attend
a celebration of
100 years of Scouting**

*Saturday, February 6, 2010
6:00 pm
Comfort Suites
1780 Stonegate Center Drive
Burlington, Iowa*

This is the historic celebration of 100 years of Scouting and a reunion of friends and families. We will honor and recognize several Scouters for their outstanding contributions, including the highest honor the Council can bestow on a volunteer, the Silver Beaver award.

Council Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner

Only paid reservations will be accepted and are due in either Council Service Center Office on or before Friday, January 29, 2010.
Appetizers and fellowship 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm
(Please see reverse side)

Mississippi Valley Council
100 Years of Scouting Celebration
Reservation Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2010
 Checks may be made payable to: **Boy Scouts of America**

Please reserve _____ seats for me at \$24.00 per person. I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ _____

Name(s) _____ Phone No (_____) _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Sign up at either office listed below, or mail to

Mississippi Valley Council, BSA 2336 Oak Street Quincy, IL 62301	OR	Mississippi Valley Council 3007 Flint Hills Drive Burlington, IA 52601
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For those coming from out of town, there is a block of rooms reserved at the discounted rate of \$72, plus tax. This rate includes a hot breakfast on Sunday morning. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 319-753-1300. Reservations will need to be made before January 29, 2010.



COUNCIL HISTORY



Come early and view exhibits from both camps, historical highlights of our council, and displays of old uniforms and patches.



COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the Mississippi Valley Council is charged with the responsibility of placing names in nomination for Council Officers, members of the Council Executive Board, and Council Advisory Board. According to the Council By-laws, suggestions for consideration must be in writing and be received at least two weeks prior to the Council Annual Meeting. Suggestions for consideration are hereby requested. Please place your suggestions in a sealed envelope marked **Charles Bach, Council Nominating Committee Chairman**, and return or mail the envelope to either Council Service Center.



CHARTERED REPRESENTATIVES

All Chartered Organization Representatives who attend the Council Annual Meeting will receive a packet of materials containing 2009 reports. Each Chartered Representative has the right to vote at the Council Annual Meeting. There can be only one Chartered Representative per Partner Organization.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING JUNE 6 – JUNE 12

The National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT) will be June 6 – June 12 at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. All First Class Scouts who are at least 13 years old by May 31, 2010 are eligible to attend.

Please talk to your Scouts and sign them up. Registration deadline is March 12th. Participants need to complete and submit the application and \$195.00 fee by the deadline. Late fee is \$225.00 after March 12th. Applications will **not** be accepted after May 7, 2010.

Scouts who complete this leadership course are great assets to any Troop's year-round program. Units should consider paying at least one-half of the fees for their Scouts, as you will have trained youth leaders who will make running your Troops simpler and more effective. Your unit's investment will be paid back many times over.

Applications are available in either office or on the Council Website at http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/Templates/training/2010_nylyt-app.pdf. For more information, please call Staff Advisor, Heath Richmond at the Quincy Office, or email him at heath.richmond@scouting.org.



SCOUT ANNIVERSARY MONTH

The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 99th birthday during Scout Week, February 7 – 13, 2010. Scout Sunday, February 7, or Scout Sabbath, February 13, is a good opportunity for your unit to attend worship in uniform. Units that are chartered and/or meet at churches are especially encouraged to attend a worship service with that church. Unit leaders should make advance arrangements with the church their unit will attend. This is a big event for Scouting and its members. It also is an opportunity to show the public that Scouting is relevant in the lives of young people.



CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY/SCOUT SABBATH

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

The Scout Sunday or Sabbath observance may be as simple as the Scouts attending a religious service of their choice in uniform. Anything beyond that, which you may want to include in a service, must be approved by the presiding priest, minister or rabbi.

COUNCIL PINEWOOD DERBY RULES

- A. Each Cub Scout is to build a completely new car each year.
- B. Maximum overall width allowable is 2 3/4".
- C. Overall length shall not exceed 7", and not extend beyond the starting line.
- D. Cars must have 3/8" minimum clearance under the body, 1 3/4" minimum clearance between the inside of the wheels. All four wheels must touch the track, and the original wheelbase must be maintained.
- E. Weight shall not exceed five (5) ounces. No loose materials of any kind are permitted. The car may be built up to maximum weight, provided it is securely built into the body.
- F. **The car shall be made of material from the Grand Prix Car Kit #17006. Substitutions may not be made.** Nails may be polished.
- G. The wheels are not to be reduced in diameter or width. Sandpaper may be used to true the wheels, but contour of wheels cannot be changed. Bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
- H. Details, such as steering wheel, driver, decals, painting, and interior are permissible. Wet paint is not acceptable.
- I. The car shall not ride on any type of springs.
- J. The car must be free-wheeling with no steering device.
- K. **ONLY** powdered lubricant may be used. Lubrication of cars will be allowed only before inspection and weigh-in. No lubrication is permitted on exposed surface of the wheels.
- L. Each car **must** pass inspection by the inspection official before it may compete. The inspector has the right to disqualify cars that do not meet specifications.
- M. If any car jumps the track more than three (3) times, it will automatically be disqualified.
- N. To enter any race, a boy must be a registered Cub Scout.
- O. Every Cub Scout will present and enter his own car, and must be present to receive an award.
- P. Judges' decisions are final.



WEBELOS TRANSITION

Encourage Webelos Dens to transition to a Troop together. This is easier when the Pack leaders have strong relationships with leaders in a Troop. It is a very natural occurrence when the Pack and Troop are chartered by the same organization.

Although boys are free to join any Scout Troop, the transitioning Webelos Den is a ready-made Patrol. The boys and parents already know each other, and the Webelos leader and assistants may be willing to serve as Assistant Scoutmasters or in other Troop leadership positions. In addition, keeping the transitioning Den together helps facilitate communication.

The passage from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting should be smooth with no time lost. By keeping the group together, the change from Webelos Scout to Boy Scout can be a very seamless process. Instead of every Webelos family visiting and joining a Troop of their own, the group stays on the same schedule and there is no break in the Scouting program.

Be sure to use the Webelos transition time to assess your District's need for new Troops to serve every neighborhood. The transitioning Webelos group can serve as the strong nucleus of a new Troop, complete with adult leadership.



PINEWOOD DERBY KITS

Both Scout Shops have an ample supply of Pinewood Derby kits in stock. Pack leaders, please let your families know that only official BSA Pinewood Derby kits will be accepted on race day at your District Pinewood Derby in the spring. You may **not** purchase and race a kit from any other store (i.e. Hobby Lobby). Also, you may **not** use wheels or axles other than those found in the official BSA Pinewood Derby kit. If you need replacement wheels or axles, we sell them in both of our shops.



The Eagles' Nest

Congratulations to the newest Eagle Scouts in the Mississippi Valley Council!

Patrick Kevin Moore	Troop	3
Landon Marc Stewart	Troop	3
Wade Martin O'Neal	Troop	63
Daniel R. Haschemeyer	Troop	1
Ethan Christopher Clevenger	Troop	3
Eric Eugene Ziegler	Crew	110
Jacob Timothy Bordewick	Troop	15
Eli Jacob Westfall	Troop	35
Cody N. Dunn	Troop	51
Daniel Issac Ballinger	Troop	152
Johnathan Edward Taus	Troop	72
Christopher Michael Davis	Troop	99
Dylan James Wilkins	Troop	24
Drew Edward Schmiers	Troop	63
Joseph Crouch	Troop	71
Cody William Crowell	Troop	75
Mansoor Samee Syed	Troop	99



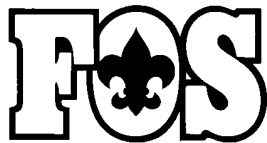
SCOUT EARNS 87 MERIT BADGES & COUNTING!

Zachariah Riney, a 14-year-old who lives in Revere, Missouri, earned 55 merit badges by the time he earned his Eagle Rank on September 3, 2008. Now, sixteen months later, he has 87 merit badges and continues to work on more. His goal is to earn every merit badge available. There are currently 120; however, he admits there are a few that will be tough because they are related to environments far from the Midwest. He is now more than two-thirds of the way to his goal.

Zach has held nearly every position of Troop leadership in Troop 147, currently serving as Historian. He is a Brave in the Lodge of the Silver Tomahawk. Zach is also an honor roll student at Clark County R-1 High School. He also participates on the high school cross-country and track teams, plays the trumpet, is a member of 4-H and is active in FFA.

After he graduates from high school, Zach is considering becoming a lawyer.

Congratulations, Zachery, for your achievements!



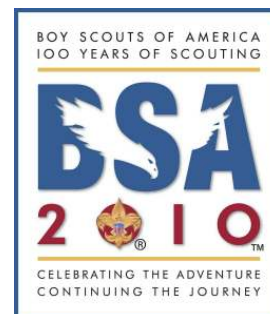
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
BRETT GORMAN, CHAIRMAN

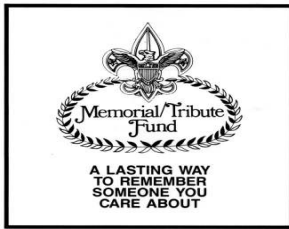
The entire FOS campaign organization wishes to thank you for your past financial support of our Council. This year, the FOS team is making a concerted effort to increase contributions derived from the Council's Family Campaign.

We ask for your assistance in increasing our FOS Family giving in 2010. We ask you to take the following leadership steps to keep our local Scouting program healthy:

- ◆ **Schedule an FOS Family presentation at a Blue & Gold Banquet, Troop Court of Honor, Pack or Troop Meeting, or other unit family function.** Our goal is to have the presentation made by the end of March, if possible. We firmly believe a Family campaign presentation will allow you and other parents (including grandparents) associated with your unit to make an informed decision on how you can support the Council budget.
- ◆ **Help your unit join the Family FOS Honor Unit Pacesetters group.** Last year we had 49 units in this group by pledging an average of at least \$35 per registered youth. We would very much like to include your unit as an Honor Unit

In summary, we need your help in this very necessary effort for our Council. Thank you in advance for your continued support.





A gift to our council's memorial/tribute fund is a thoughtful way to express respect, gratitude, and sincere affection. Your gift honoring a loved one, friend, and others in times of sadness or joy will enrich the lives of the thousands of youth served by our council.

Dean Collins
Jim & Fran Thompson

Randy Plummer
Randy Winegard

Roy Edmond Hummelsheim, Sr.
Gerald P. Mast

Jim Costigan
Gerald P. Mast

Eugene R. Moore
Gerald P. Mast

Delores Becks
Roger & Kay Gallaher

John Frericks
Roger & Kay Gallaher

John P. Deege
Van Braidwood
Lawrence, Patty & Brandy Blickhan
Don & Carol Bloom
Robert & Colleen Brinkmeyer
John & Helen Heitland
Mildred & James Hansen
*John * Sharon Kendall*
Richard & Donna Milgrim
Richard Vance
Willis Altenhine & Family
Goehl, Schuering, Cassens & Bier
Mercantile Bank

WINTER DRESSING HINTS

The best way to dress for comfortable warmth in winter is in layers or shells.

Start with long johns, not too tight. Next, flannel shirt and wool trousers and over that, a wool turtleneck sweater. With earmuff and wool gloves, this will be enough if you're going to be active.

For more severe cold and less activity, add a light jacket, wool cap and heavy boots. Dry your hands before you put gloves on and keep your gloves dry, too. Keep your feet dry inside and out, use foot powder, dry them thoroughly. Put on dry socks; wear two pairs of well-fitting socks.

For very severe cold, especially when a cold rain or snow is falling, wear a water-repellent jacket or coat over all your other clothes. Wear waterproof shells over your gloves and galoshes or boots.

Bring extra shoes and extra clothes.

Cold weather clothing

The "C" in cold stands for **clean**. Dirt and grease close up the air pockets in fabric and destroy much of its insulation value.

"O" stands for **overheating**. Don't wear too many clothes when you're exercising or your undergarments will get wet from perspiration. The evaporation that dries them will chill you.

"L" stands for wearing clothes **loose** and in **layers**.

"D" stands for **dry**. Keep your clothing and shoes free of moisture.

WINTER CAMPING HINTS

The fun of winter camping comes from being well rested and comfortable. Chapter 20 of the Boy Scout Field Book offers practical hints for winter camping comfort.

FROSTBITE!

Patrol leader – **PLEASE** read this to your patrol before beginning.

Although the sun may be out, it will be a very cold day all day long. You are very much subject to frostbite. Any wind will make it colder.

Symptoms: Complaints of ears, nose, toes or fingers feeling numb. Exposed parts of body looking grayish-white. This is a sure sign.

Treatment: Get the frozen part thawed out. If part of face is frozen, have the person remove a glove and cover the part with his hand. If a hand is frostbitten, bring it under the armpit next to the skin, and then get the victim to the First Aid Station.

Be sure you have enough warm clothing before going on the trail. **It is best not to wear tennis shoes!**



Coffee Talk



Winter Camping Safety!

1. **Use the buddy system.** Buddies can check each other for frostbite, make sure no one becomes lost, and boost the morale of the entire group.
2. **Plan to cover no more than five miles per day on a winter trek on snowshoes.** An experienced group can cover 10 to 12 miles on cross-country skis.
3. **Always allow ample time to make camp in winter if you plan to build snow shelters.**
4. **Fatigue encourages accidents.** Rest occasionally; periodic rests also help avoid overheating.
5. **Pulling a load over snow on a sled is generally easier than carrying it in a backpack.**
6. **Snow is a terrific insulator.** Snow shelters are much warmer than tents because they retain heat and keep out the cold wind. If you have time for building snow shelters, you will spend a much more comfortable night sleeping in them than a tent.
7. **Snow is the greatest thief in winter, swallowing up small dropped items.** Tie or tape a piece of brightly colored cord to small items so they can be seen in snow. Some items, such as mittens, can be tied to larger items, such as a parka, to prevent them from being lost.
8. **Melting snow in a pot to get water may cause the pot to burn through or may scorch the snow, giving the water a disagreeable taste.** Prevent this by adding a cup or two of water in the bottom of the pot before putting in the snow to melt.
9. **Punch a hole in the top of your ice chisel and string a stout cord through it.** Before trying to chisel a hole in ice, anchor the cord to something large or too heavy to be pulled through a hole so you will not lose your chisel in freezing water when the ice is penetrated.
10. **Always test the thickness of ice before venturing any distance from the shore.** Ice should be at least 3 inches for a small group; 4 inches of ice is safe for a crowd. Since ice thickness can vary considerably, it is best to stay near the shore of large lakes.
11. **Use alkaline batteries in flashlights.** Standard batteries deteriorate quickly in cold weather. Tape the switch of your flashlight in the off position until you are ready to use it.
12. **Encourage everyone in your group to wear brightly colored clothing so that each person will be more visible, especially during severe weather.**
13. **Small liquid-fueled stoves are much better for cooking in winter than fires, which are difficult to build with wet wood.** A pressure/pump style stove is essential in winter.
14. **Always use a funnel to refuel a stove so you won't frostbite your fingers by accidentally pouring fuel on them.** Fuel evaporates at a high rate of speed and quickly removes heat from anything it touches.
15. **Place a stove or fire on a platform of logs or rocks so it will not melt through the snow.**
16. **Never light or use a stove inside a tent or snow shelter.** A tent may catch fire, and vapors in a snow shelter may lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
17. **A windscreen is essential for using a stove in the winter.** Even a slight breeze will direct the heat away from the intended mark.

Brought to you by the Mississippi Valley Council Risk Management Committee
Taken from the Guide to Safe Scouting—BSA



2009 POLAR BEAR CAMPOREE

JANUARY 15-17, 2010

LOCATION: Jambo Side -- Saukenauk Scout Reservation

FEES: **\$8.00** -- Registration fee for each Scout and Scouter.

CAMPSITE REGISTRATION: It is the hope of the Camping Committee that all troops will build and use an improvised shelter for the Polar Bear. Since it is not realistic to use green pine boughs to cover the framework, the committee will allow the use of plastic. Appearance will be part of the judging, so try to cover the plastic as thoroughly as possible (e.g. leaves, pine needles, etc.). A shelter lashed with rope or twine is a way to get the Scout to learn their knots and lashing. Also, your troop might practice lashing and knot tying at troop meetings. **Jambo Side** is to be used for **improvised shelters only**. **Main Side** is for **tent camping and improvised shelters**.

Those troops wishing to **build improvised shelters** may come to camp **from December 28th through January 14th** to set up. Saukenauk Scout Reservation is closed December 24 - 27 and December 31 - January 3 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. These shelters should be built by Scouts, not just Leaders. No tents are to be set up before Friday, January 15. **All units need to be in an approved campsite. This may mean that units will be sharing campsites, so please be considerate.**

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Check-in at the Polar Bear Cabin – Jambo Side
(Troops are encouraged to build improvised shelters.)
9:00 p.m. Leaders' Meetings @ **Polar Bear Cabin**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Check-in at the Polar Bear Cabin – Jambo Side
9:00 a.m. Leaders' & Sr. Patrol Leaders' Meeting **at Polar Bear Cabin** followed by Summer Camp info meeting
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Campsite Activities (gateway, gadget etc...)
11:30 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Competition & Activities (**all on Jambo Side**)
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Church Services
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. DINNER AND CLEAN-UP
8:00 p.m. Campfire and Awards
Cracker Barrel following Campfire

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

By 10:00 a.m. Break Camp and Check-out
(Campsites must be inspected and approved before patches are issued.)

Additional information is available on the Council Website at www.mississippivalleybsa.org.

2010 KLONDIKE

"Call of the Wild"

February 26-28, 2010

Camp Eastman



The Klondike Committee is meeting
and making plans for this great event.

Watch the Council website

(www.mississippivalleybsa.org)

for details and registration information.

YUKON 2010

**Sourdough Jake says Join us for:
The "hottest" program in Cub Scouts.**

**Saturday, February 20, 2010
Camp Eastman**

Check in 7:00 am until 8:30 am at the Trading Post



Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos- - - - - fun and adventure for all.

Brave the elements, learn to snowshoe, pan for gold, eat a real sourdough meal and a sled race.

Join us for the greatest winter Cub Scout event ever!

Cost is Only \$8.00 per Cub Scout registered by Wednesday, February 10, 2010
\$6.00 per adult registered by Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Late registrations and walk-ins will be \$10 per Cub Scout and \$7 per adult.

Please bring: An extra set of dry clothes, including gloves, hat and socks. A health and medical history is required for all registered Scouts and adults.

Your Pack will need to bring a Yukon Sled. *Yukon sleds may be constructed of almost any materials you can put your hands on. It should be large enough to carry all items needed for the Yukon. There will be no minimum weight, length or width limitations for the Yukon sled. Remember that Cub Scouts will be pulling it.*

Cubmaster: Please ensure you have adequate leadership - 1 leader per 3 youth for Cubs and Webelos and 1 on 1 for all Tigers.

All participating Scouts will receive a Yukon 2010 patch.

Extra patches will be available after the event for \$2.

For more information call "Sourdough Jake" Mike Jacobs @ 319-750-6358
or email jacobsm@hughes.net

Pack # _____ District _____ **2010 Yukon**

Mail or bring to either office:

Leader in charge at event _____

Home phone # (____) ____ - _____

Cell phone # (____) ____ - _____

Boy Scouts of America
2336 Oak Street
Quincy, IL 62301

or

3007 Flint Hills Drive
Burlington, IA 52601

Number of Cubs _____ x \$8 = \$ _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$6 = \$ _____

Total due \$ _____

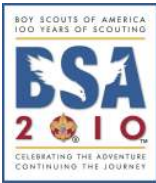
Late registration - after February 10

Number of Cubs _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$7 = \$ _____

Total due \$ _____





EAGLE RIDGE DISTRICT

Serving:
Adams, Brown, Pike and Schuyler Counties

DISTRICT CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year Holiday – Offices Closed
- 2 OA Black Hawk LEC
- 9 Fox District Dinner
- 11 Eagle Paperwork Due by 5:00 p.m.
- 15 - 17 Polar Bear Camporee, SSR
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday – Offices Closed
- 23 Cherokee District Dinner
- 25 Popcorn Critique Meeting
- 26 Walk for Camps Meeting

February

- 6 OA Black Hawk LEC
Council Annual Dinner – Burlington
- 8 Eagle Paperwork Due by 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Eagle Ridge District Committee Mtg.
- 11 Eagle Ridge Roundtable
- 15 Presidents’ Day – Offices Closed
- 20 Yukon Bowl, CE
- 26 - 28 Klondike, CE

March

- 6 OA Black Hawk LEC
Service Center Lawn Cleaning
- 8 Eagle Paperwork Due by 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 21 Class of 2009 Eagle Banquet
- 27 Scouting for Food Bag Collection

April

- 2 Good Friday – Offices Closed
- 5 Eagle Paperwork Due by 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Eagle Ridge District Pinewood Derby



SCOUTING SKATING PARTY

As a thank you for the Scouts’ hard work on the 2009 Popcorn Sale, we are holding a Skating Party for *all Scouts and their families* (this is not limited to those who sold popcorn) on January 13th from 6 – 8 p.m. at Scottie’s Skateland in Quincy. Admission is free, but each skater must purchase their own food drinks and skate rental.

NEW DISTRICT – NEW NAME

As of January 1st, the Cherokee and Fox Districts have united to form the Eagle Ridge District. This was the name selected by volunteers for the two districts. Thanks to all who submitted name possibilities. The new District serves Adams, Brown, Pike and Schuyler counties. The Southeastern and Carthage School Districts (formerly part of Fox District) will now be served by the River Valley District, but are welcome to participate in any Eagle Ridge activity they like as are units from any part of the Council. Senior District Executive Heath Richmond (heath.richmond@scouting.org) will serve as District Executive and Lonnie Dunn will serve as the Eagle Ridge District Chairman. We are currently recruiting a District Commissioner and the majority of both Cherokee and Fox District volunteers have agreed to continue service the new District. Please come to the District Dinners on January 9th (former Fox District) and January 23rd (former Cherokee District) to meet the new District leadership and learn more about the new Eagle Ridge District.



EAGLE RIDGE ROUNDTABLES

The Eagle Ridge Roundtables will be occurring at three locations all at the same time. Mount Sterling, Pittsfield and Quincy will all host a Roundtable site and we are working with JWCC to make this a Roundtable like never before. We will start at 7:00 p.m. and finish by 8:30 p.m. More information will be available at the District Dinners, so please come. With the increased amount of territories and units in the new district, it is more important than ever that your unit be represented at Roundtable.

EAGLE RIDGE DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

The Eagle Ridge District Pinewood Derby will be held Saturday, April 24th. This is different from what is printed in the Council Program Calendar for either Fox or Cherokee Districts. *The top three finishers in each Pack are invited to attend (this is a change for Fox Packs).* We are still working on a location, but wanted to let units know so you can advise your winners and schedule your races. Look for specifics in the next *Voyageur*.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Your unit will be contacted shortly, if they have not already been contacted, to schedule your Friends of Scouting Family presentation. FOS is a very important part of the Mississippi Valley Council’s annual budget, accounting for 24% of our annual revenue. We know that not every family will give, but they all need to hear what the program is about; so please allow us 10 – 15 minutes at a meeting before the middle of April to share the FOS message with your families.



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RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

Serving:

Clark, Lee, Hancock and parts of VanBuren Counties

DISTRICT CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year Holiday – Offices Closed
- 16 District Dinner and Auction
- 15 - 17 Polar Bear, SSR
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Offices Closed

February

- 6 Council Annual Dinner
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 100th Anniversary!
- 11 District Meeting Roundtable
- 15 Presidents' Day – Offices Closed
- 20 Yukon Bowl, CE
- 26 - 28 Klondike, CE

March

- 11 District Meeting Roundtable
- 13 District Pinewood Derby
- 20 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 21 Class of 2009 Eagle Banquet
- 27 Scouting for Food Bag Collection

April

- 2 Good Friday – Offices Closed
- 8 District Meeting Roundtable
- 9 Outdoor Leader Skills - SSR

May

- Tiger Cub Recruiting
- 13 Roundtable – CE
- 21 Council 100th Anniversary Camporee

DISTRICT DINNER AND AUCTION

Hope you can make it to the District Dinner on Saturday, January 16th, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk. There will be games and displays for your enjoyment from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Then at 6:00 p.m., we will start out with a wonderful meal, then our great volunteers will be honored, and finally we will have our ever popular auction! All this for only \$8.00 per person.

BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

We are almost ready to start celebrating the Boy Scouts of America's 100th birthday! The District and Council have big and exciting plans that will get Scouting and your unit some great PR.

Your unit will be informed of these plans starting at the District Dinner on January 16th. See you there.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD - "A SCOUT IS HELPFUL"

March 20 and 27 is the timetable for your unit to participate in our National Good Turn, Scouting for Food. The food you collect stays in your community. Plan on participating and letting your local news media know your date(s), collection point and food pantry site and results. Finally, let the Scout Office know how many food articles you collected, and remember to record your unit's service hours through the Good Turn for America link on our Council website (www.mississippivalleybsa.org).

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY RACE TIME

All Cub Scouts are invited to bring their 2010 Pinewood Derby race cars to the District race on Saturday, March 13th in Fort Madison. Fliers with the location and start time will be distributed at the February Roundtable. Please promote this to all your Pack families.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The 2010 Friends of Scouting Campaign has started. River Valley hopes to duplicate and surpass 2009's success. Once again River Valley made goal before any other District in the Council and we thank you for your generosity! Is your Pack or Troop signed up for an FOS presentation yet? The money raised supports the Council, which supports the District and your unit, but it is also an excellent opportunity for the families of your Scouts to see and hear about the bigger picture of Scouting that extends beyond the scope of your unit. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support in 2010 as River Valley will attempt to lead the Council again for the sixth straight year!

COUNCIL SPRING CAMPOREE

The weekend of May 21 – 23 is scheduled for the 100th Anniversary Spring Camporee. This will take place in Mount Pleasant on the Old Threshers grounds. Fliers with all the event information will be distributed at February and March Roundtables.



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SHOQUOQUON DISTRICT

Serving:
Des Moines, Henry, Louisa and Henderson Counties

DISTRICT CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year Holiday – Offices Closed
- 7 Eagle Board of Review
- 9 Friends of Scouting Kick-off Breakfast
Silver Tomahawk Winter Banquet
- 15 - 17 Polar Bear, SSR
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday – Offices Closed
- 23 District Dinner

February

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 4 Eagle Board of Review
- 6 Council Annual Dinner – Burlington
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 11 Commissioner Staff Meeting
Roundtable
- 15 Presidents’ Day – Offices Closed
- 20 Yukon, CE
- 26 - 28 Klondike, CE

March

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 4 Eagle Board of Review
- 11 Commissioner Staff Meeting
Roundtable
- 13 Brave Day
- 20 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 21 Class of 2009 Eagle Banquet
- 27 Scouting for Food Bag Collection

April

- 2 Good Friday – Offices Closed
- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 8 Commissioner Staff Meeting
Roundtable
- 9 - 11 Outdoor Leader Skills – SSR
Silver Tomahawk Spring Conclave



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

The Shoquoquon District Friends of Scouting Kick-off will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010. There will be a free breakfast served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as we have done in the past. The location will be Carlos O’Kelly’s, 321 N. Roosevelt Avenue (Highway 61) in Burlington. Mark your calendar now, and plan to attend.

SHOQUOQUON DISTRICT DINNER

This year’s District Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at West Burlington Christian Church, 545 Melville in West Burlington. All adult Scouters are welcome. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Several special recognitions are planned. Reservations are due by January 15, 2010 and can be made at the Burlington Scout Service Center or through the mail. Don’t miss this one, as it promises to be an even better District Dinner than last year.



ROUNDTABLES

Shoquoquon District Roundtables will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the West Burlington Christian Church, 545 Melville, behind Westland Mall. All adult leaders are invited to these monthly program information updates. The public is invited. There will be no Roundtable in January.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Shoquoquon District Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a new location beginning in February. These meetings are the monthly business meeting for Shoquoquon District. The public is welcome.

COMMISSIONER STAFF MEETING

The Commissioner Staff of Shoquoquon District meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month just prior to Roundtable at West Burlington Christian Church, 545 Melville. Commissioner attendance is expected.

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The purpose of this drive is to teach boys to serve others, collect food for the needy, and help the good name of Scouting. Unit leaders will pick up bags and the Food Collection Report form at the Burlington Scout Office. Unit leaders will make contact with their selected pantry or shelter and discuss arrangements for delivery. On Saturday, March 20th, Scouts will take bags to homes within their collection area. **Think safety. Use buddy system, no nighttime movement.** On Saturday, March 27th, Scouts will return to collect bags with food. Scouts will count the number of food items collected and leaders will complete the Food Collection Report form and return it to the Burlington Scout Office. Units will make the delivery of collected food items to their selected pantry or shelter according to convenience for both. Reward Scouts with praise and emphasize how they are serving beyond their own needs. Units should also report their Food Drive service hours on the Council website through the **Good Turn for America** link (www.mississippivalleybsa.org).



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COUNCIL CALENDAR

January

- 1 New Year Holiday – Offices Closed
- 4 SSR Camp Committee
- 15 - 17 Polar Bear Camporee - SSR
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Offices Closed
- 19 Council Executive Committee
- 21 FOS Report Meeting
- 25 Council Popcorn Critique
- 26 Council Commissioners Cabinet
Walk for Camps Meeting
- 27 CE Camp Committee
- 28 Council Camping Committee

February

- 1 SSR Camp Committee
March – April Newsletter Copy Due to Rosanna
- 6 Council Annual Dinner
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 11 Roundtables – All Districts
- 15 Presidents’ Day – Offices Closed
- 16 Executive Board Orientation
- 18 FOS Report Meeting
- 20 Yukon - CE
- 23 Council Membership Committee
Coordinated Calendar Meeting
- 24 CE Camp Committee
- 26 - 28 Klondike - CE

March

- 11 Roundtables – All Districts
- 16 Executive Committee
- 18 FOS Report Meeting
- 20 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 21 Class of 2009 Eagle Banquet
- 23 Council Commissioners Cabinet
- 24 CE Camp Committee
- 25 Council Camping Committee
- 27 Scouting for Food Bag Collection

April

- 1 May – June Newsletter Copy Due to Rosanna
- 2 Good Friday – Offices Closed
- 5 SSR Camp Committee
- 8 Roundtables – All Districts
- 9 - 11 Outdoor Leader Skills Training - SSR
- 15 FOS Report Meeting
- 16 - 17 SSR Climbing/Zipline/Shooting Weekend
- 20 Executive Board Meeting
- 28 CE Camp Committee

May

- 1 Walk for Camps
- 3 SSR Camp Committee
- 5 Sporting Clays