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THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- March 10th—
 Commissioner mtg
 (6pm) / Roundtable
 (7pm) @ Singing Bird
 Lodge
- March 17th—District
 Committee Meeting
 @ Augustana Café
- March 26th—Scouting For Food
- March 30th—FOS
 Social Event Midpoint event (Sha-Bo-Na hosting)
- April 7—District Dinner @ Bishops South
 Park Mall
- April I4th—
 Commissioner Mtg
 (6pm) / Roundtable
 (7pm) @ Singing Bird
 Lodge
- April 21st— No meetings (Maunday Thursday)
- April 27th— FOS Social @ Location TBD

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Saukenuk Needs Unit Commissioners

Commissioners will play a tremendous role in helping the Saukenuk District create a quality program for all of our Scouts. But do you really know what a Unit Commissioner does and why they are so important.

A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor.

The commissioner is a **friend** of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help,what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. A commissioner who makes himself known and accepted now will be called on in future times of trouble.

The commissioner is a **representative**. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the BSA. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.

The commissioner is a unit "doctor." In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

The commissioner is a **teacher**. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge.

The commissioner is a **counselor**. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Saukenuk District Commissioner staff and how to get involved please contact Michael Gullion at (563)388-7233 or at Michael.Gullion@Scouting.org

Got Training?

Everyone knows that youth and activities make for a successful Scouting program, but what the real secret is, is that trained leaders make for an even more successful program! Even now with Youth Protection being a necessity for all leaders in a unit, we need to make sure everyone has every opportunity to receive the training they need to do their job as a leader. Here is the list of upcoming trainings for the Saukenuk District:



Mar 10th—Cub Scout Specifics (Tiger/Cub Scout) @ Roundtable Program

April—No Training @ Roundtable Program

May 12th—Youth Protection @ Roundtable Program

For more questions regarding training or upcoming training opportunities please contact our Saukenuk Training chair, Sam Dalin at (309) 441-6045 or email at s.dalin79@yahoo.com

Day Camp Returns!!!

Day camp meetings are starting up once again, and we are looking for people like you to help out! If you want to help plan, run, or staff a program; we want your help. We are looking for leaders of all kinds: Cub leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, Venturing Leaders, Venture Scouts—anyone can help as long as you want to have a fun filled week of the ever exciting Saukenuk Day Camp!

Our next Day Camp planning meeting is Thursday, March 3rd, 7pm at Singing Bird Lodge. Any and all are welcome for your input for this year. For more information, please contact Robin VanWychen at 309-798-7885 or email at to email anytime..

Day vanwychenr@genesishealth.com Evenings vanwychenjr@winco.net

Lost/Found & Want Ads:

Found:

We have a camp chair that was left at the Klondike Derby. Contact either you or they can contact me at the home email of wbeagle@qconline.com They describe it to me they can claim it. It is very distinctly marked.

Thank you

Jerry Sheldon

Wanted:

Boy Scouts for National Youth Leadership Training! NYLT is a highly recommended training course for all Scouts to take. For more information:

www.illowabsa.org/ <u>Training/NYLT%20-%</u> 20Youth%20Training.aspx

Wanted:

Adult Leaders for the Wood Badge Training Course. Wood Badge is the premiere training for adults full of fun, fellowship, and information. For more information:

www.illowabsa.org/ Training/Wood% 20Badge.aspx

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"What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too little; it is dearness only that gives everything its value."

- Thomas Paine

What It Takes to be a Trained Leader

Adult leader training seems like a scary topic, but honestly is one of the easiest and best things that can be done. Many of the trainings required to be a trained leader can be found online, but lets take a look at what it takes to be a trained leader.

The first step is Youth Protection Training, but because it is not required for all new adults to have YPT before they register, everyone should already have this one.

The next recommended trainings to take are "This is Scouting" and "Fast Start Training". These are simple trainings that

last only about 30-45 minutes, both of which are offered online.

The last and biggest hurdle is the "Position Specific Training". There is a "Position Specific" Course for all leaders, minus Committee Members and Chartered Representatives.

While this may seem like quite a few classes to take, one has to remember that majority of these are offered online. One just has to go to www.myscouting.org, create an account, then log on and take the class of your choice. All Cubscout Adult trainings are offered online, including all

"Position Specific" courses, and are easily accessible.

Boy Scout and Venture Adult leader "Position Specific" Courses are only offered in a classroom setting, and the Council training calendar can be found on our Council website; www.illowabsa.org/training

While many of these classes are offered online for ease of accessibility, all classes can also be offered in a classroom setting if that is what you prefer, and contact our District Training Chair, Sam Dalin at (309) 441-6045 or email at s.dalin79@yahoo.com



District Award of Merit

The Saukenuk District Dinner will soon be upon us, so we are once again taking applications for the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is a highly acclaimed award only given to those that go above and beyond in their role for the District. Any adult can be nominated for the Award, but they can only receive it once. Applications can be found at District Award of Merit nominations. Completed nominations should be given to Curt Champion mf3615@mchsi.com or to Jeremy or Michael at the Scout Office.

Requirements

- I. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- 2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.

 Note The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
- 4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous
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