# Sauklook



# THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- May 10th Commissioners meeting @ Singing
   Bird Lodge (6pm)
- May 10th Roundtable/
   Program Kickoff @ Singing Bird Lodge (7pm)
- May 12th Fishing Derby@ Giant Goose Lake
- May 17th District Committee Mtg @ Augustana (630pm)
- May 18th-20th MALT @ Loud Thunder
- June Ist—River Bandits
   Game
- June 25th-29th—
   Saukenuk Day Camp @
   Black Hawk State Park
- \*No District Meetings in June/July\*

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## The one thing your Cub Scout wants every Year!!!

#### Day Camp!!!!!!

The Cub Scout Day camp is the one thing Cub Scouts seems to want to do every year. It is an incredible five-day adventure with new activities every day of the week. Our volunteers are incredible and put on an amazing show. Not only do we continue to do traditional Cub Scout activities like BB guns, Archery and active games - we do all kinds of cool activities like woodworking projects, water bottle rockets, rock walls and much, much more. And you can't beat the price for a 5-day guaranteed adventure. Oh yeah - and there's swimming.

This year's theme is animal house - our house is full of tigers, wolves, and bears, oh my. Come check the fun we have. <u>Click here for registration and more details</u>,



It also be willing to say that most of the adults have just a good a time as the boys do. So don't forget to sign-up to be a den walker or event better yet help out an activity station for a day or two. All adults that feel like being an animal for a day or two to help please contact. Robin VanWychen at 309-798-7885.

We also need Boy Scout help. Boy Scouts - if the boys in your Troop need service hours and want to have a blast doing it please coordinate with Robin as well. Here are the qualifications: 1) Must be 14 years or older 2) A representative from the Troop must be at camp while service hours are being provided 3) Boy Scouts must sign-in every day 4) Boy Scouts will work all stations/tasks that are assigned by the directors 5) Boy Scouts must attend a camp meeting closer to camp dates for orientation 6) Please sign-up by May 11th

Saukenuk Cub Scout Day Camp, June 25th to June 29th Black Hawk State Historic Site (8:30am to 3:15pm)

## Critical items at May Roundtable

Every unit is encouraged to send at least one representative to May roundtable due to the cornucopia of valuable information that they'll receive. Info will include:

- Program Guidebooks Extremely valuable (calendars)
- Pow Wow (leader training event)
- Adult leader only Camporee!!
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
- Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders
- Leave No Trace info
- Saukenuk Cub Scout and Boy Scout Summer event guidebook to include info about Day Camp, River Bandits Pool Party, etc.

All this information is given to units to help them conduct their yearly program planning (a Journey to Excellence requirement). Don't forget that you should be scheduling your committee to do this before the end of May. To help with this process you'll receive these items at roundtable:

- Popcorn timeline Popcorn chair sign-up and sale sign-up will start soon.
- Budget helps

May Roundtable Program Planning Kick-off May 10th @ 7-8:30pm Black Hawk State Historic Site



Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

## Click Here for the new 2012 Award Criteria

In an effort to allow units the maximum opportunity for success in this program you will receive periodic updates for the criteria that you will have a hard time collecting yourself such as retention rate, membership and advancement info. We will be handing this information out at Roundtable in the months of March, May, August, October and December.

### Sauklook Survey

In an effort to continually improve the communications we send to the volunteers of the Saukenuk District please review the following questions and let us know if we are meeting your needs:

- I. How often do you read the Sauklook?
- 2. Do you share it with other leaders?
- 3. How would you prefer to receive the newsletter: Email or Paper copy?
- 4. What other stories or information would you like to see included in the Sauklook?
- 5. Did you know past issues are available on our website: Click here

Please send the answers to your questions to Jeremy Snook at <u>Jeremy.snook@scouting.org</u>

## **New Venturing Leadership**

Saukenuk would like to give a big congratulations to Devan Terry from Crew 119 in Moline. Devan is not only the President of the Saukenuk Venturer's officers Association; but she has recently been nominated and received the position of the Area 3 Venturing Vice President of Administration. This is a huge honor for one of our own Scouts to be recognized at the Area 3 level of Scouting. This is the first time anyone from the district, much less the council has ever received a position of this level. Next time you see her, give Devan a big congratulations on not promoting Venturing, but putting the Saukenuk District and the Illowa Council on the Venturing Map in Area 3. Full article here

# Scouting Quotes:

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light"

- Plato

## **May FOS Social**



All Saukenuk Volunteers (adults only event—no uniforms) are invited to celebrate our 2012 Friends of Scouting campaign with some free pizza!!!!!

Huckleberry's Great Pizza 223 18th St, Rock Island, IL 61201 May 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30pm RSVP to: Jeremy.Snook@Scouting.org

### Scoutmaster Specifics offered at LT

You have spoken and the training team has listened! New this year, the council will be offering Scoutmaster Specific courses at Loud Thunder during Boy Scout Resident Camp. This is your chance to spend two days at our beautiful camp and find out what it takes to be a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. The courses will be offered every Tuesday and Wednesday during Boy Scout Resident Camp. You must attend both days to finish the training as it is a two day course. For more information, contact Michael at 563-388-7233.

## Friends of Scouting

The Saukenuk District Friends of Scouting campaign is just past the 80% mark of its \$75,000 goal and is progressing quickly. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers that are working so hard to make this year's campaign a success. Special thanks to Steve Lambrecht, family campaign chair, Dave Mills, community campaign chair, and Bob Graves, Deere campaign chair for their hard work.

### Campaign progress:

Here's how we're doing: Family campaign: 88% Community Campaign: 77% Deere Campaign: 61% Congratulations to the following units for reaching Gold card status: Crews 131 and 325

Packs 100, 109, 136, 144, 213, 220, 242, 250, 258, 308, 311, 406, 425, 428, 587 and 610.

Troops 100, 109, 113, 118, 119, 123, 144, 243, 260 and 406

If you believe your unit is a gold card and is not on the list please contact Jeremy Snook right away to clarify.

#### Gold Card:

By receiving the Gold card status a unit will receive \$10 per Scout off of several camps. Cub Scouts may receive \$10 off each camp they attend to include Cub Scout Day Camp, Family Camp, and Webelos Camp. If a Scout attends all three camps they will receive \$30 off. Boy Scouts will receive \$10 per Scout off resident camp fees.

# Celebration Page

2012 Saukenuk Eagle list (updated)

We would like to continue recognizing all the young men in the Saukenuk district who have worked hard and achieved that great honor of the Eagle Rank. It is recognized that only 2% of all Boy Scouts in the Scouting program achieve this rank. Congratulations

Jesse Mohr—Troop 100
Jared Vanspeybroeck—Troop 119
John Morris III—Troop 131
Benjamin Nevins—Troop 213
David McClellan—Troop 260
Justin Holland—Troop 260
Nathaniel Klink—Troop 425
Justin Behn—Troop 425

### Do you have special news to share?

Perhaps a news article, volunteer you'd like to recognize for their hard work, photos of Scouts earning awards, special event photos. This is a great format to recognize your youth and adults for their hard work.

Click here to access the submissions page.

# Congratulations to our District Award of Merit Winners!!!

We would like to offer a hearty congratulations to our 2012 Saukenuk District Award of Merit recipients: John Dewitt, Vanessa Biasi, and Robin Vanwychen. These three have put in countless of hours towards the betterment of the Saukenuk District and the program of Scouting itself. They were presented with their plaques and certificates at the last Saukenuk District Recognition dinner last April. If you were there, then you got to see the surprise on their faces as their names were called and they received congratulations and praise from the other leaders. The District award of Merit is the highest award a district can present to its volunteers who are nominated by their peers. Please offer a hearty congratulations and handshake the next time you see one of these three out and about doing what they do best... promoting and living the Scouting life.

