Sauklook

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THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- **January 12th - Commissioner Meeting (6pm) / Roundtable (7pm) - Singing Bird Lodge**
- **January 14-15th - District Lock-In at Two Rivers YMCA**
- **January 18th - District FOS presenter training**
- **January 19th - District Committee meeting - Augustana College - Dahl Room (Mezz)**
- **January 28th - Klondike - Camp Loud Thunder**
- **February 9th - Commissioner Mtg (6pm) / Roundtable (7pm) - Singing Bird Lodge**
- **February 16th - District Committee meeting (630pm) - Augustana College**

Illowa Council Scout Service Center:
4412 N Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52806
(563)388-7233
Hours: 8:30-5:00pm M-F
Registration Open M-F until 5:30pm

Message from David Evans, District Chair

Team Saukenuk:

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the paperwork and all of the supporting evidence has been certified and sent in to Illowa Council. Saukenuk will be receiving its GOLD AWARD. In fact, we surpassed the Goal for Gold Level significantly – so much so that I joked that we should be awarded PLATINUM Level if there was such a thing.

This award was earned by YOUR EFFORTS. Our Retention Level was an insanely high 72%. My good friends, take it from someone who has been in a number of volunteer organizations in this community; when your retention is that high, you ARE delivering a good product the way it is intended to be delivered. Scouting is not just getting along in Saukenuk…IT IS THRIVING!

This award is recognition of YOUR WORK, YOUR EFFORTS, and YOUR HELPING YOUTH. I salute each and every one of you and THANK YOU for what YOU have accomplished.

We made that promise to ourselves back in January and we have delivered or exceeded almost every goal that we decided upon. AWESOME!!!!

No matter how National BSA measures quality, SAUKENUK comes up on top. This is the third different set of standards in three years and in each year SAUKENUK came out on top. It's an outstanding performance!

Make your reservations for the COUNCIL DINNER when the time comes. Saukenuk will have its chance to STAND UP once again and take its rightful bow as a truly GREAT DISTRICT in Illowa Council.

Sincerely, Dave Evans

Changing of Guards

On January 1st 2012, the Saukenuk District will transition its top leadership. Dave Evans, current District Chairman and Nate Acree, current District Commissioner, will move into different roles during 2012 to allow Jim Coe to serve as District Chair and Vanessa Biasi to serve as District Commissioner. Both Jim and Vanessa come with an extensive amount of volunteer experiences that make them ideal to serve you. We welcome Jim and Vanessa as our Key Leaders of the great Saukenuk District.

We want to congratulate and thank Dave and Nate for their incredible service to our District. Over the course of their leadership in these roles our membership has seen constant growth.

We have also seen increases in youth retention, program participation, trained leadership, commissioner involvement, and many more areas that make our district "quality."

Dave will be continuing his service by serving on the Illowa Council board while Nate will be serving us by spending a year with the US Army in Afghanistan. Best of luck to both of you, though, we know you won't be strangers.

The success of a district is a direct reflection if it's leadership. Thanks for leaving your campsite better than you found it gentlemen.

January Checklist

Don't forget about these items and upcoming events:

- ☐ Complete and turn in Friends of Scouting Family presentation info sheet
- ☐ Sign-up for Lock-in
- ☐ Sign-up for Klondike
- ☐ Start thinking about Scouting for food
- ☐ Check out the 2012 Journey to Excellence Criteria
- ☐ Make a New Year's Resolution for your Scouting year
- ☐ Thank a volunteer