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THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- **Aug 11th. Fall Kick-off mtg. All leaders encouraged to attend. Mtg @ Singing Bird Lodge, Blackhawk Historic Site, RI (7-8:30pm)**
- **Aug 11th. Commissioner mtg @ Singing Bird Lodge (7:00-7:00pm)**
- **Aug 13th Popcorn Kick –Off @ Genesis East ()**
- **Aug 18th. District Committee meeting at Augustana College—College Center (6:30-8pm)**
- **Sept 8th. Roundtable @ (7-8:30pm)**
- **Sept 8th. Commissioner mtg @ 6pm**
- **Sept 15th. District Committee mtg @ (6:30-8pm)**

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

How to Recruit Leaders

As Fall is just around the corner and the beginning of the school is in reach it is very important for the adult leadership of our Packs, Troops and Crews to think about the status of their adult leadership. Do you have a Tiger Cub mentor for your incoming Tigers? Do you have all of your Den Leader spots filled with quality leaders? Do you have a Scoutmaster that is retiring?

It is extremely important for units to consider the idea of "Selecting Quality Leaders." Too many times we put ourselves in the position of asking our membership for anyone to step up and fill a void. The reality becomes that we settle for leaders that aren't fully engaged. Consider the following concepts when attracting the right person:

Before You Begin: Develop a List of Needs - What are the positions that need to be filled.

1) Form a Steering Committee and Brief the Charter Organization - This committee is made of the Chartered Organization Rep, Committee Chair and other quality leaders who represent the BSA well (typically from within the unit).
2) Meet with the Steering Committee - During this process the Committee will develop a list of prospects to fill positions that are vacant. Using the "Selecting Quality Leaders" pamphlet a determination is made on the best candidate for each position.
3) Make an Appointment with the Prospect - Try to have someone who has a personal connection call to make the appointment and invite to a meeting at a comfortable location. Try not to recruit over the phone.
4) Make the Ask - Several members of the steering committee meet with the prospect. Don't invite too many members as this may make the prospect uncomfortable. Tell the prospect why they have been selected and why they would be good in the position. Then make the ask.
5) Complete the membership application.
6) Welcome the New Leader - Selecting Quality leadership goes beyond having them sign the application. Mentoring them and making them feel welcome in their new position is critical. Get them started at a subsequent meeting with support material but don't overwhelm them all at once.
7) Schedule Training - Start the process of getting them trained by having them complete Youth Protection. Then seek out opportunities for them to get more training by attending Pow Wow (a day long experience with all kinds of training opportunities) district and council trainings, and online training. Those without computer skills may need to be coached through some of these trainings.

The bottom line is that our Scouts deserve Quality Leaders. For more information and resources to help with this process visit: Selecting Quality Leaders

Fall Kick-off Approaching Soon!!!!!

Don't miss the most important meeting of the year!!!!

Roundtable of the year on **August 11th at Singing Bird Lodge starting at 7pm and ending at 8:30pm**. The Kick-off will provide valuable information and tons of resources for Cub and Boy Scout leaders.

Cub Leaders will receive infor about School Night for Scouting, applications, Boys' Life Mini Magazines, incentive program info, valuable event info and more.

Boy Scout and Venture Leaders will receive applications, event information and registration forms in addition to other valuable information.

We are now asking that all Pack leaders send in information about the date, time and location of their Pack's recruitment night.

This will allow us to adequately coordinate school talks and any needed presenters for Pack round-ups.

Please send info to:
Jeremy Snook:
Jeremy.Snook@Scouting.org

Or

Michael Gullion
Michael.Gullion@Scouting.org

Hit a Homerun for Scouting

"Hit a Homerun for Scouting" is the recruiting theme again for the Illowa Council. To give our new Scouts a great outdoor experience early in their Scouting experience we will be offering a free admission to each new Scout as well as a limited edition Scout baseball.

HALT: HALT, or Halloween at Loud Thunder has become one of the premiere Cub Scout events of the year. This year HALT will be held on Oct 14-16th. Come out for the days activities or stay one of the two nights. Registration materials available HERE.

BASEBALLS: Unite leaders must bring all applications to the September or October Roundtables to receive their baseballs to hand out to new Scouts.

P-P-P-Popcorn!!!!

Popcorn is here again and that means you need to start thinking about one very important thing… Popcorn is very delicious and everyone wants it! We will be having our annual Popcorn kickoff meeting August 13th, Adler Theater, Genesis East Campus from 12pm-2pm. Come have lunch, and then find out what new and exciting things are happening for this years Popcorn sale. If your unit doesn't have a Popcorn chair, there is still time to sign up! Call either Michael or Jeremy at 563-388-7233, or go to www.illowabsa.org/popcorn and sign up on the electronic form.

This is one meeting you will not want to miss, especially with prizes and the new popcorn sales in a box!

Scout Law: *Courteous*

"If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world, and that his heart is no island cut off from other lands, but a continent that joins to them."
- Francis Bacon

Day Camp! Day Camp! Day Camp!

DAY CAMP WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS! WAAA-HOOO! Thanks to everyone who came out and helped for another great year at Day Camp. We had record number of boys show up, but also a record number of staff members who wanted to help as well! Thanks to everyone for their hard work and their dedication to make sure that Day Camp was one of the best ones we have ever had. A special Thank You goes out to Brian Shore, Day Camp Director; and Robin Vanwychen, Day Camp Program Director; both of whom spent countless hours laying awake at night trying to figure out how they could put a program together that topped last year's in fun and excitement, and sure enough, that's exactly what they did. The next time you see either of those two, or any leaders who put on a program area, or any of the den walkers who came to spend the day; shake their hand and give them a pat on the back because without them, our Day Camp would be second rate instead of the first rate it is. Thanks again to everyone pulling together and showing that once again Saukenuk District is the place to be!

Training News

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Training comes back to Saukenuk Roundtables! That's right, training is back and our Training Chair has some great trainers ready and willing to be used. That means get your leaders to Roundtable to get their training done. Whats that you say? You want to have a group training with just your Pack/Troop? Why didn't you say so, because Sam and her team love coming to do Unit level training for everyone! Do not hesitate! Get Trained Today!

Here are some upcoming Roundtable trainings available to everyone to attend….

Sept. 6:00 PM Intro/Fun 7:00 PM announcements ~7:20 Cubmaster/Committee Specifics

Oct. 6:00 PM Intro/Fun 7:00 PM announcements ~ 7:20 All Den Leaders Specifics

Nov. 6:00 PM Intro/Fun 7:00 PM announcements ~ 7:20 Cubmaster/Committee Specifics

Dec. 6:00 PM Intro/Fun 7:00 PM announcements ~ 7:20 All Den Leaders Specifics