

THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- February 2nd—First
 Aid Merit badge Clinic
- February 14th—
 Commissioner mtg
 (6pm) / Roundtable
 (7pm) Singing Bird
 Lodge
- February 21st—
 District Committee
 Mtg (630pm) Augusta na College—Dahl

 Room
- February 22nd—
 Council Volunteer

 Recognition Dinner
- February 23rd—
 Engineering MB clinic
- March 14th—
 Commissioners mtg
 (6pm) / Roundtable
 (7pm) @ Singing Bird
 Lodge
- March I6th—Merit
 Badge University @
 Monmouth IL
- March 21st—District
 Committee Mtg
 (630pm) @ Augustana
 Dahl Room
- March 23rd—Scouting for Food
- March 29th—
 Good Friday
 (Service Center is closed)

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Chairman's Minute

My first thoughts about 2012 have me saying THANK YOU to everyone. This past year was my first as your Chairman of the Saukenuk District and what a year it has been. Our District did achieve the Gold Level again in the Journey to Excellence program. At the start of every new year our district looks at how we can achieve the Gold Level in the JTE Program. One of the hardest to attain is trained leadership. We have over 50% of all direct contact leaders trained in all of the units we serve. We also have a fully trained and staffed District Committee to serve our units. Our Boy Scout Troops attended Summer Camp or High Adventure trips this past summer and a record number attended last year. Another achievement from last year is seeing how our units also participated and achieved in the Journey to Excellence program at the unit level. Again I would like to give a special thanks to our District Commissioner - Vanessa Biasi and her staff. Our Professional Staff Jeff Applegate and Michael Gullion for all they do for our District. And a special thanks to the District Committee for all the extra effort this past year keeping Saukenuk at the Gold Level. I look forward to 2013 with a renewed enthusiasm as we work together to provide the best program for the young men and women we serve. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at Round Table in the coming months.

Yours in Scouting, Jim Coe – Saukenuk Chairman

Roundtable Reminders

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scout Roundtable will be featuring a presentation from none other then our Scout Executive Tom McDermott. He will be the speaker for the Boy Scout section talking about Camp Promotions for the upcoming 2013 Summer Camp at Loud Thunder. If you are interested in going to summer camp, this is a meeting you won't want to miss!!!

Venturers

The Venturers are going to try the new ice rink again. Venturing VOA meeting and forum will be 6:30 to 8:00 at Center Ice at Bass St. Landing (17th St & 3rd Ave) \$8.00 with skate rental, \$5 without ALL youth and adults welcome and encouraged.

Help Wanted!!!

The Saukenuk District is looking for individuals to help with Saukenuk District Day camp. We are looking for someone to do Day Camp Director and for Day Camp Program Director. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping us out in these positions; please contact Michael Gullion at 563-388-7233 ext 110 or email at Gullion.michael@scouting.org.

Commissioners Comments

Hello Scouters

I would like to Thank all the Unit Commissioners who have served the Troops, Crews, and Packs this past year. We have an excellent team of volunteers. With all their help, we helped to make Saukenuk a Gold District. Job well done Commissioners!

A year in review. We had 242 total visits. 69 units out of 83 had some type of visit. Weather it was a phone call, activity visit, meeting visit, leader visit or even an email contact, all these qualify as a visit. So thanks to all the units that welcomed us to your meetings or activities. Even those leaders who took time to talk to us on the phone when we were doing JTE calls. We had 83.1% units visited. 27% of units with 6 or more visits. We have dedicated Unit Commissioners who love what they do. So please keep your UC up to date on your happenings.

We also had 70% of the unit JTE forms with bronze or higher turned in by the Unit Commissioners. We are proud of the hard work by all in completing this goal. We have some great units out there doing a fine job serving the youth in our community. Everyone was given a new 2013 JTE form at the last round table meeting, please use this at your committee meetings to set your goals for the new year. It will be easier to fill out the 2013 JTE form when we call in Nov. Our goal is to be done with calls at the end of Nov.

We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in serving as a Unit Commissioner to join our team. We meet at 6pm, second Thursday of the month before round table meeting at Singing Bird Lodge. We will also be on the look out for fun people to help meet our goal of 1:3 ratio we are at 1:5 right now. Lets give our team a break and spread it around more. We may ask for you help? Please do what you can to help us.

Vanessa Biasi Saukenuk District Commissioner

Scouting Quotes:

Kind

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read."

-Mark Twain

Got Training?

The new year is starting, new kids have joined and that means one thing... yes you guessed it; new leaders. If you have new leaders, that means they all need to get trained for their prospective positions. Don't forget, if you have a Tiger Leader who transitioned with the boys who is now the Wolf Den Leader; they will need to take their new training as well for a Cub Scout Den Leader. We have plenty of opportunities from online training at www.myscouting.org, to trainings at Roundtable that our Training team is putting on every month. If you want to get the entire Pack trained at once, contact Sam Dalin, the District Training Chair and she will set something up for your Pack leaders and a District Trainer.



Upcoming Roundtable Trainings:

Feb. - 7:20 PM - Youth Protection Training

Mar. - 7:00 PM - Intro to Cub Scouting/How We Have Fun

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Pack and Troop 109 Members Receive Religious Awards

Members of two of our very own Saukenuk units were recognized the previous Scout Sunday, February 3rd 2013, for their work in Scouting and receiving religious awards. These members constitute both youth and adults from Pack and Troop 109 who worked diligently to further their faith in Scouting. They were recognized in a service that Sunday at the Peoria Diocese Scout Mass.

Light of Christ Award

Zachary Houtekier—Pack 109 Garret Castens—Pack 109

Parvuli Dei

Connor Houtekier—Pack 109 Samuel Maynard—Pack 109

Ad Altare Dei

Trent Cardott—Troop 109 Noah Kelly—Troop 109 Nathan Graves—Troop 109 Corey DeLathower—Troop 109 Alexander Scott—Troop 109 Peter Mills—Troop 109 Connor Flack—Troop 109 Sean Casey—Troop 109

Bronze Pelican

Ben Rogers—Troop 109 Patricia Scott—Troop 109

St. George Medal

Robert Graves—Troop 109

The Scouting program has a multitude of religious awards for every faith, and if you are interested please contact Michael or Jeff at 563-388-7233 and they will be able to provide you with more information.

Leave No Trace—Bigfoot Corner

Tread Lightly!, a national nonprofit organization promoting responsible recreation, has taken a giant step forward with its partnership with the Boy Scouts of America – a relationship officially formed in June, 2010.

The giant step comes in the form of major changes the BSA has announced to their Outdoor Ethics program. Beginning this month, the message of Tread Lightly! and its principles are now officially a prominent part of curriculum required for a Scout to earn the new Outdoor Ethics award.

The TREAD Principles, a staple in Tread Lightly!'s education cache, summarizes the overall ethic:

- Travel responsibly
- Respect the rights of others
- Educate yourself
- Avoid sensitive areas
- **D**o your part

