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WELCOME from your Scout Executive

As we begin 2017, the council will embark on our newest strategic plan. Dubuque District and Board Member, Matt Tompkins, headed up the plan. When it was all said and done, nearly 50 volunteers took part in its creation.

The goal for this plan is that it will be a “living” document to be reviewed regularly. We do not want it to have the same fate as many other plans do and end up in a drawer, never to be looked at again.

As with most plans, there are many areas which can be focused upon. For this plan, we fortunately already had a template to follow, the Journey to Excellence. As with JTE, focus areas of the strategic plan fall into the categories of Membership, Finance, Program, Unit Service, and Governance and Leadership.

Over the next couple of months we will share the plan’s main goals at roundtable meetings so as a unit leader, you will be able to see how both the tasks to be completed and the expected results may affect your Scouts and leaders.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Klutzaritz
 Scout Executive/CEO



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 Council Commissioner



FEBRUARY

Dellaykee District Klondike Derby – 2/11

The Derby takes place at the Osbourne Nature Center and coincides with their Winterfest. What a great way to show the general public the fun side of Scouting! The day will be filled with activities for both Cub and Boy Scouts and their families, such as ice fishing and sled racing.

Scout Ski/Snowboard Nights at Sundown – 2/13, 3/1

These Scouting Nights are open to any Scouting group and family members that are 9 years of age or older.

Dubuque Cub Bowling – 2/26

Join us at Cherry Lanes for a day full of bowling! 26 lanes are available to Scouts and their families to get bowled over!

MARCH

Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner – 3/4

Please join us for a fun night, with just the adults this time, as we look back at a great year of Scouting and honor those who gave so selflessly.

Fur, Feathers, and Ferns: Bear Cub Scout Achievement – 3/16

Earn your achievement by spending the evening at the Swiss Valley Nature Center and Preserve. You will have the opportunity to learn about native animals, endangered, extinct or threatened animals, observe wildlife, use magnifying glass/microscope, and composting.

Scouting for Food – 3/25

Help stock shelves at local Food Pantries by participating in the Scouting for Food drive. The goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food that will supply pantries for 3 full months!

Dellaykee Merit Badge University - 3/25

Mark your calendar to come earn a merit badge at the Merit Badge University. Stay tuned for final merit badge options.

For complete event information
check out the Council calendar at
www.scoutsiowa.org/calendar



Call For Photos!

Have photos of last year's Scouting events? Share them with the Council to have them included in the Annual Year in Review video! Send your photos to Melissa at melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org

We are looking for photos of the following events:

- » Klondike Events (both Dellaykee and Dubuque)
- » OA Activities (Winter Banquet, Winter Activity, Fellowship, Vigil, Pancake Breakfast, LEC meetings)
- » Scouter Recognition Mass
- » Camporees (both Dellaykee and Dubuque)
- » Camporall
- » Scout Days/Nights (Fighting Saints, Iowa Hawkeye, Ski/Snowboard, Cedar Rapid Kernels, Waterloo Buck, Cedar Rapids Titans, Harlem Globetrotters, etc.)
- » Dellaykee Cub Scout Spook O'Ree
- » Recruitment Nights
- » Leader training (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Leave No Trace, BALOO, Wood Badge, IOLS & OWLS, Wilderness First Aid)
- » Roundtables (Dellaykee and Dubuque)
- » Camp Work Days
- » Money Smart Night
- » Pinewood Derby
- » NYLT
- » Scouting for Food
- » Dellaykee Merit Badge University
- » Pack events/meetings
- » Troop events/meetings
- » Crew events/meetings

Philmont 2018!

The Northeast Iowa Council sent almost 100 Scouts and leaders to Philmont in 2016 – 29 of them through the Council Contingent. For those who have *heard* of Philmont – all you need to do is to talk to someone who has *been* to Philmont to know the impact that it can have on Scouts and leaders. Parents have commented that this has had a positive transformative impact on their Scouts. The council contingent is perfect for Troops/Crews which may not be able to meet the minimum requirements for a Philmont trip. Plus, the Council High Adventure Committee works with the Council to handle all of the arrangements.

If your Troop/Crew would like a Philmont overview – just let Bill Strauss know at 583-4658 – or e-mail at ws8323@att.com. We'll handle the message...just give your group the opportunity to hear about the experience. Note...there are only 36 spots available – and these will fill up fast! The cost is \$1,475 for the entire trip – with a \$100 non-refundable deposit due by April 15 to secure your spot (paid to the Scout office).

OKPIK 2017

The Northeast Iowa Council has entered the Northern Tier OKPIK lottery and we've got a wait list spot! In tandem with that, if we do get a spot we'll need to move quickly to get a deposit put down. The estimated cost of the trip will depend on the number attending – but should not exceed \$600 each. The trek will take place December 27 through January 1.

If your Troop/Crew wants to know more about this – let us know immediately (and we'll need a Troop/Crew to take the lead on this adventure as the council won't be coordinating the payments, etc.)! The experience is nothing like you've done before – IGLOO building (and sleeping in it if you want), ice fishing, snow-shoeing, cross country skiing, winter survival skills, staying in cabins first and last night – and sleeping for 12+ hours if you want! Call or e-mail Bill Strauss at 583-4658 or ws8323@att.com.



QUICK NEWS

Scouting For Food 2017

Scouting for Food will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Scouts will begin collecting food from their assigned neighborhoods at 9 a.m. and take it to the Hy-Vee Food Store at 2395 NW Arterial in Dubuque. The food will be sorted and boxed there before being taken down to the Dubuque Food Pantry, and other neighboring food pantries.

Scouts will also collect food from surrounding communities and take it to their local Food Pantry. The other communities served by Scouting for Food include East Dubuque, Peosta, Epworth, Dyersville, Bellevue, Cascade, and Manchester.

This project is one of pride for Scouting in the community! The NEIC has been participating in this service project since 1990. Our food pantries are depending on us, as this drive alone supplies them with food for over 3 months! Our goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food in 2017! If all our Scouts do their part and we can get the community involved, we know the Scouts of the NEIC will reach our goal!

Be sure to attend March's Roundtable to receive your unit's door hangers and further instructions. Any questions? Please contact Andy Bradley at abradley@wcinet.com.

Scout Sunday

The NEIC would like to congratulate Jeremy Schmidt from Pack/Troop 91 and Jody Meyer from Troop 66 on receiving the St. George Emblem. The St. George Emblem is presented to an adult Scouter and supporters for their work in the Catholic Scouting movement. This emblem is given at the discretion of the Archdiocese Catholic Committee on Scouting. This is a National recognition for local work.

Boy Scout Everett Wegge from Troop 66 earned the Ad Altare Dei Emblem. Parvuli Dei Emblem recipients included: Will Voss from Pack 91.

These NEIC Cub Scouts earned the Light of Christ Emblem: Maxwell Hallenbeck and Owen Kremer from Pack 91; Aaron Blanchard from Pack 100.

Troop 91 earned the Catholic Quality Unit Award for 2016. The Quality Unit Award is given to units that provide each Catholic youth with a deeper understanding of their Catholic teachings in the area of religious, vocational & educational aspects.

Scout Sunday



High Adventure Scholarship

Each year, 2 \$250 scholarships are given out to Scouts to help offset fees for High Adventure experiences. If you are planning on attending a High Adventure this year, be sure to apply for this scholarship. Applications are due March 1st. Apply now at www.scoutsiowa.org/youth-resources/.

Northeast Iowa Council Achieves Journey to Excellence Gold!

Journey to Excellence is the BSA's council performance 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.

The Northeast Iowa Council received the highest honor for the Journey to Excellence as a Gold Council for 2016. This honor is not achieved by any single person, it is most definitely an entire community effort. Thank you so much for all your dedication to Scouting! We are proud to provide a strong Scouting program for the youth of the NEIC.

Get Tee'd Off!

The dates for the Council golf outings have been set. Both the Camp C.S. Klaus Golf Outing and the Boy Scout Golf Classic are major fundraisers for the council. Interested in helping? Contact Melissa at melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org or 563.556.4343.

Camp C.S. Klaus Golf Outing

Monday, June 19, 2017
Lone Pine Golf Course
Colesburg, Iowa

Boy Scout Golf Classic

Monday, July 10, 2017
Thunder Hills Country Club
Peosta, Iowa

New Eagle Scouts



Thinking about a summer job?

How about working in the great outdoors?

The Northeast Iowa Council is looking for individuals who have an interest in working at our beautiful Boy Scout Camp (Camp C.S. Klaus) this upcoming summer (2017).

Many positions start mid-June and are finished by late July/early August. Several management positions are available; descriptions are available at: www.scoutsiowa.org/cskstaff/.

Air conditioned residence and meals are included, in addition to a seasonal employee salary. Scouting experience is a plus, but not mandatory.

Contact Matt Klutzaritz at 563.556.4343 or matt.klutzaritz@scouting.org for more information.

Camp Klaus is located in Colesburg, Iowa. For more information on the Northeast Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America, please visit our website: www.scoutsiowa.org.



Volunteer Spotlight - Kelly Cooper

The Northeast Iowa Council is pleased to honor Kelly Cooper as the Spotlight Volunteer of the Month! Kelly is the Exploring District Commissioner. In her role she helps identify new Exploring Post prospects and works with the Exploring Executive to continue to build the Exploring program. Kelly has been instrumental in getting Exploring involved in 8th grade career fairs that take place each fall.

In her professional career, Kelly serves as the Executive Director of the Dubuque Area Labor Management Council. In her role she improves the economic environment of the tri-state area through progressive labor and management leadership. Kelly is also a member of the Dubuque Works Initiative board of directors which is responsible for changing the perception of the skilled trades in the Dubuque area and educating the youth about career opportunities.

Kelly and her husband Mark have two children, Katrina and Brady.

On behalf of the Northeast Iowa Council, please help us say thank you to Kelly Cooper!



2017 Annual Meeting and Scouter Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, March 4th, 2017

Best Western Plus Hotel & Conference Center

3100 Dodge St., Dubuque, IA 52001

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Scout leaders and volunteers, this is your night!
Scouting in the Northeast Iowa Council has flourished for the past 100 years due to the
generosity of dedication from volunteers! It is time to say thank you!

Please join us for a fun night, with just the adults this time,
as we look back at a great year of Scouting and honor those who gave so selflessly.

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. with program to follow.

Cash bar will be available. This is a non-uniform event.

Reservations cannot be made without payment and will **not be taken after Friday, February 24th, 2017.

Reserve your seat today by signing up online through the Council Calendar,

or by mailing a copy of this sheet along with payment to the

Scouter Appreciation Dinner, Northeast Iowa Council, BSA,

P.O. Box 732, Dubuque, IA 52004-0732.

For more information visit the Council website at www.scoutsiowa.org/appreciation_dinner/.

Scouter Appreciation Dinner & Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Return by Friday, February 24, 2017.

Attendees:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Visa or Mastercard # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$18/person for the
Annual Meeting and Scouter Appreciation Dinner on March 4, 2017.



DUBUQUE DISTRICT UPDATE



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Other Reminders:

Always check our online Council Calendar for info on activities & trainings, plus online registration!

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Our District's 2017 Friends of Scouting Campaign will soon kick off! Now is the time to start planning how your unit will participate. Friends of Scouting (FOS) supports the Northeast Iowa Council and all our programs in so many ways!

Before the kickoff, we ask that all units select a date, time, and location for their Blue and Gold Banquet (Packs) or Court of Honor (Troops). Please let us know this information as soon as possible! To do so, contact Peter at the Scout Service Center (563) 556-4343 or e-mail him at peter.supple@scouting.org. We will line up an FOS speaker for your event!

2016 Friends of Scouting Campaign: We raised \$46,693 for Scouting in 2016! Thank you to everyone who contributed in 2016! We greatly appreciate it!

Dubuque Klondike Derby

The Dubuque District Klondike Derby was held on January 27th-29th at the Children's Zoo in Dubuque.

There were roughly 90 participants at this event! The Scouts enjoyed the great weekend with activities which included fire building, string burning, dog sledding, campfire skills and many more!

Thank you to Steve Sheston and Troop 22 for hosting this event!



Leader Training

Please contact Dick Elliott (563-581-9712) or Jim Vosberg (563-543-8093 or vosbergjimb@aol.com) for Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster training. They will bring the training to your unit!

Youth Protection Training will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Before Roundtable)

We will have additional information on IOLS and BALOO training this Spring soon!

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

The start of the New Year brings the kick-off of our Annual Friends of Scouting Campaign! Friends of Scouting (FOS) is a way to raise funds for the Northeast Iowa Council within your local community. Funds raised through FOS enable the NEIC to keep costs down for our Scouting families and to provide activities such as the Merit Badge University, Pinewood Derbies, Spring and Fall Camporees, trainings, and many more events throughout the year. It also helps keep down the cost of summer camp at Camp C.S. Klaus.

While you are planning your Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor, please contact your District Executive a couple of weeks in advance and we will happily send a representative to your event. While the representative is at your Banquet or Court of Honor, they will give an FOS presentation, and they will also help promote the 2016 summer camping season for both Camp C.S. Klaus and Cub Scout Camping throughout the Council.



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Merit Badge University

This year, the Dellaykee District will be hosting its Annual Merit Badge University on Saturday, March 25th at Saint Joseph's School in Earlville, Iowa. This is a great event for both you and your youth to attend! There will be Merit Badge classes for Scouts AND an annual training conference for adult volunteers and leaders!

More information can be found online through the Council Calendar. Questions or concerns, please contact Craig Carton at craigcarton@windstream.net.



Other Reminders:

Like the NEIC,
Dellaykee District
on Facebook today
to receive news updates
24/7 and talk with
fellow Scouters!

For even more info on
activities & trainings,
always check our
council calendar system at
www.scoutsiowa.org!





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Reminders:

Exploring is for all students
ages 14-21, male & female.

You do NOT have
to be a registered
Boy Scout.

Like Exploring Dubuque
on Facebook today
to receive news updates!

For more info on Exploring
check our website at
www.exploringdubuque.org!

Exploring Update

Exploring kicked off 2017 with 2 brand new Posts! The Diesel Mechanics post, hosted by Truck Country met on January 25 with 22 students attending! They got the chance to see the tools and equipment diesel mechanics use every day. They climbed into the trucks and heard the difference when different cylinders get taken out of the equation.

The Civil Engineering post, hosted by IIW met on January 31 with 14 students attending. The first meeting gave the Explorers a great overview of the different careers that IIW specializes in and then took them into how those different roles play a part in the Bee Branch project in Dubuque.

Don't be the last to know about upcoming Exploring programs! Sign up to receive e-mails when registrations for Posts open up at:
www.exploringdubuque.org/programs.

Marketing Update

E-News Opt-In!

We are really excited to be providing a Nor'Easter newsletter monthly now! Each month, the newsletter is published on the website and e-mailed to those who "Opted-In".

For anyone who would prefer to receive printed copies monthly, please fill out the below form (may select both options) and return to the Scout Office.

Scout Newsletter Options | PO Box 732 | Dubuque, IA 52004

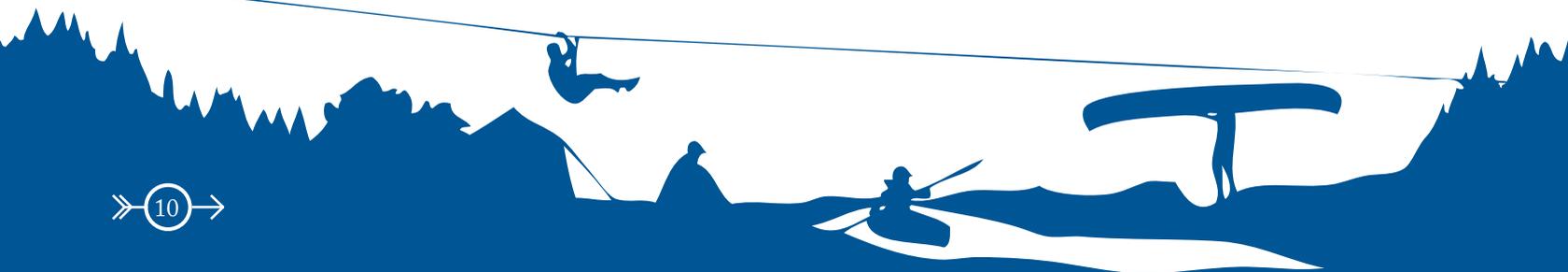
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I would like to receive a monthly E-Nor'Easter

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____



TRADING POST

Monday-Friday | 9AM-5PM

563.556.4343 | 1.800.866.2721 | dee.heim@scouting.org
Phone & e-mail orders are always welcomed!

2017 Boy Scout Requirement Book Now In Stock!!



If you want an up-to-date listing of all the rank requirements and all the requirements for each merit badge this is the book for you. For only \$5.99 it is an affordable option for your Scout or Troop library.

FYI—Snow Sports MB Pamphlet is missing the snow shoeing requirement that is listed in the new Requirement Book. National BSA says that a new merit badge pamphlet is in development, but was put on hold by the content owner and wasn't finished in time for this season. The updated pamphlet will be out 4th quarter 2017, in time for next winter's snow.

Pinewood Derby Medals, Patches and Trophies

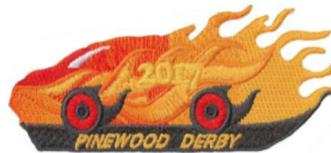


Please place your order for Pinewood Derby medals, patches and trophies ahead of time. Pre-ordering will ensure that you have them for your race day. Call Dee at 563.556.4343 or email me at dee.heim@scouting.org to place your order.

If you like the old style red, white & blue Pinewood Derby pin-on ribbons, they are still available, but must be ordered two weeks prior to your race. The new style ribbons that hang around the neck are in-stock now!

NEW 2017 PINEWOOD DERBY EMBLEM

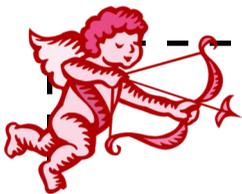
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It is not necessary to bring in the on-line Nor'Easter coupon, just mention that you saw the coupon in the Nor'Easter before February 28th and receive 20% off for all in-stock t-shirts including camp, Lions Cub, Eagle and TREKTEK Performance T-shirts at the Council Trading Post.

Now is the time to fill your closet with a great selection of Class B uniform t-shirts.

Expires on **February 28, 2017**, so stop and save!



February Sweetheart Deal

20% off any T-shirt In-Stock

Valid only at the Northeast Iowa Council Trading Post
10601 Military Rd., Dubuque

Not valid on previous sales.

Expires February 28, 2017

May not be used in conjunction with any other coupon.
Original coupon must be relinquished at time of purchase.



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Memorial Tribute Fund

Words too often do not express the sentiment we feel at the death of a friend. No finer tribute can be paid than to encourage some boy to live the life of a Scout, and thus perpetuate the high principles you admire in your friend. A contribution to the Permanent Endowment Tribute Fund of the Northeast Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America is the perfect tribute.

Your gift is a gift that will live on forever for the future of Scouting, a tribute to the one whom you wish to honor, a tax deductible contribution & a private expression, a convenient way of expressing your feelings, and will promptly be acknowledged with a tribute certificate.

Mail your gift to: Permanent Endowment Tribute Fund,
Northeast Iowa Council, BSA
P.O. Box 732, Dubuque, IA 52004-0732

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Jerry & Carol Burke
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Joseph & Lee Wiewel
Jill Tracey

Michael Conlon

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