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WELCOME from your Scout Executive

Those who read this newsletter hold many different roles in Scouting. Some of you are unit leaders, some of you may serve on district and council committees. Others are merit badge counselors or Scouting Alumni.

One thing that is in common, while all serve in one leadership role or another, we all have other leaders in our presence who we look to for guidance. Maybe it is the committee chair in your Troop or the training chair in your district.

On the council level it is no different. Over the last two years, Bruce Hallahan has served as President of the Northeast Iowa Council. As you can imagine there were "triumphs" and "challenges". For me, Bruce is one of those examples above, like in most organizations, a person to "bounce things off of" and look to for guidance. Bruce will be ending his term next month and I wanted to use this space to thank him for his service to the council over the last two years.

With Bruce's term ending, the council will have a new president. Deb Siegworth will start her term as president in March. Deb will be the first female to serve the council in this position. She has served and led many other boards in the Dubuque area over the last several years. I for one, along with others are looking forward to working with Deb over the next two years.

Most of you know someone who you can recognize in the Scouting world. Whether a "thank you" at a formal meeting or in front of a group of peers, let's make sure we remember those who help us successfully run this great program. Thank you!

Yours in Scouting,  
Matt Klutzaritz  
Scout Executive/CEO



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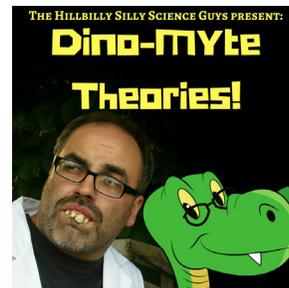
Bruce Hallahan  
Council President



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Council Commissioner

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 13-18 | McCoy Jewelry Contest
- February 14 | Ski/Board Night
- February 15 | NOAC Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
- February 17-18 | Dellaykee District Klondike Days
- February 19 | President's Day  
Trading Post Open 9-5  
Council Service Center Closed
- February 24 | Dubuque District Pinewood Derby Workshop
- February 25 | Eagle Scout Recognition Lunch
- March 1 | Dubuque District Roundtable
- March 5 | Ski/Board Night
- March 5 | Troop 11 Annual Chili Supper with Auction & Bake Sale
- March 6 | Dellaykee District Roundtable
- March 10 | Wilderness First Aid and CPR Course
- March 10 | Hillbilly Science Spectacular
- March 10 | Annual Meeting & Scouter Appreciation Dinner
- March 17 | Scouting for Food
- March 22 | NOAC Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
- March 24 | Dellaykee District Merit Badge University



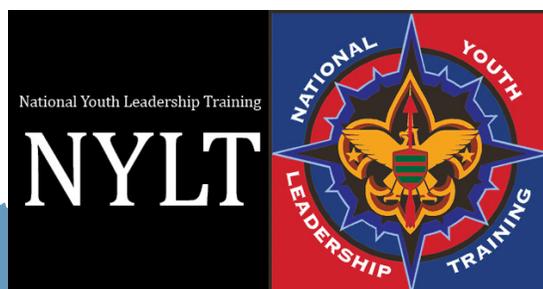
## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

**Items Needed:**

- peanut butter
- jelly
- paper products
- pasta
- saucers
- soups
- canned/boxed potatoes

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For complete event information check out the Council calendar at [www.scoutsiowa.org/calendar](http://www.scoutsiowa.org/calendar)



# COUNCIL NEWS

## Eagle Scout Recognition Lunch

Do you know someone who became an Eagle Scout in 2017? Show your support by becoming an Eagle sponsor or placing a congratulatory message in the program at the Eagle Scout Recognition Lunch held on Sunday, February 25 at noon at the Grand River Center in the Port of Dubuque.

Eagle sponsors pay for the meals of the Eagle Scout, his parents, and the Scoutmaster as well as up to 2 meals for the sponsor. The sponsor is recognized by a sign at the table, in the program, and verbally recognized during the event. The sponsor also receives a special edition memento. Eagle sponsorships are available for \$155.

Another way to support an Eagle Scout is to place a congratulatory message in the program. Congratulatory messages are a great way to show one or more Eagle Scouts how proud you are of their achievements. Messages are printed in color in the Lunch program. Congratulatory messages can be purchased for \$50.

For more information on the Eagle Recognition Lunch - view the event on the council calendar on the website.

## Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Join your fellow Scouters in an evening for the adults celebrating the past year and awarding deserving volunteers with prestigious awards. The Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation takes place on Saturday, March 10 at the Edgewood Locker Event Center in Edgewood, Iowa. Social hour starts at 5:30, with the program starting at 6:30.

All parents, den leaders, Cubmasters, committee members, Scoutmasters and assistants, and merit badge counselors are welcome for this exciting event! This is a non-uniform event, and only \$18 per attendee!

This year's Keynote speaker is a previous Scout Executive of the Northeast Iowa Council, Fred Wallace. Since his time with the council, he has continued to grow in the Scouting profession. He is now the Central Region Director and is excited to come back to the council to share some words. You don't want to miss out!

For more information and to register, view the event on the council calendar on the website.

## Help Wanted

Have you ever considered being a part of the staff at Camp C.S. Klaus. We are still searching for Camp Klaus staff for 2018 and have open positions available across the board. Applications are available at the council website. Please print the application, fill it out, and submit it to the Scout Service Center ASAP!

Interviews have already begun, so APPLY TODAY! More information and job descriptions can be found at [scoutsiowa.org/cskstaff](http://scoutsiowa.org/cskstaff).

Please call or email Serica with questions at 563.556.4343 or [Serica.Rowley@Scouting.org](mailto:Serica.Rowley@Scouting.org).

## New Youth Protection Training

The Boy Scouts of America is introducing the next generation of youth protection for our organization. Here is a quick run-down of what you need to know about the updated youth protection policies

- » A new comprehensive Youth Protection Training (YPT) is now available at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org)
- » The new training replaces all versions of YPT
- » All previous DVD's are obsolete and should not be used.
- » The online training includes 3 modules (Overview and Policies, Sexual Abuse, and Bullying) and takes approximately one hour to complete.
- » Instructor-led materials will be available mid-2018.
- » All registered leaders are required to take the new YPT by October 1, 2018. The training will be valid for 2 years.
- » Adults accompanying units on activities who are present at the activity for 72 hours or more, must also take Youth Protection Training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

Additional modules on related topics will be released at a later date and are recommended for all leaders. Those topics will include neglect, physical abuse, exposure to violence, and emotional abuse.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.scoutsiowa.org/youth-protection-training/>.



# QUICK NEWS

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD



### Items Needed:

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TELEGRAPH HERALD

### Scouting for Food

This year's Scouting for Food takes place on March 17. This is the council's largest service project and it brings in over 34,000 pounds every year to help the area food banks. That equals over 15 tons of food that lasts between 3 and 6 months!

### When and Where do I get Door Hangers?

Door hangers will be distributed at your district's March roundtable. After the March roundtable, the door hangers will be available for pickup at the Scout Service Center.

### What can be collected?

Scouting for Food can collect more than just food. It is a drive for non-perishable items and could also include toiletries. Another common gift to Scouting for Food is money. Anything collected (food, toiletries, money, etc.) should be turned in at a collection point.

### What else can we do to help?

In addition to helping put out door hangers and doing the collecting, we want your help in promoting the event! Share the information with everyone you know! Share the event on social media!

Our Scouts love when they get to pick up bags of food for this food drive! Help spread the word so they won't be disappointed!

### Thank You!

We owe a big thank you to our sponsors. Our corporate sponsors, Mercy Dubuque and the Telegraph Herald help us make sure that our communities are aware the collection is happening. Other sponsors include Hy-Vee, Union-Hoermann Press, Van Meter, and the Radio Dubuque stations (92.9 KAT-FM, KDTH AM 1370, 101.1 The River, and 97.3 The Rock).

### Camp Brochures Available

The Cub Scout Camp and Boy Scout Camp brochures are now available on the website! Check them out now at [www.scoutsiowa.org](http://www.scoutsiowa.org) or see them soon in your mailbox!



### McCoy Jewelers Contest

Will you help us in a contest to win a lovely jewelry item that we will auction off at the Boy Scout Golf Classic auction? What if it only takes 30 seconds of your time?

We are participating in a contest hosted by McCoy Jewelers to win a custom jewelry piece. The contest runs Tuesday, February 13-Sunday February 18. Will you take 30 seconds and vote for us? Voting takes place online, or you can help us earn bonus points by stopping at McCoy Jewelers and taking a selfie with the jewelry piece!

### Golf Information

Be an early bird! Register for your favorite golf outing benefiting the Northeast Iowa Council Boy Scouts!

Camp C.S. Klaus Golf Outing takes place on June 18 at the Lone Pine Country Club in Colesburg, Iowa. Teams enjoy 9-holes of golf before enjoying a steak dinner, live and silent auctions with great auction items available as well as a raffle! Foursomes start at \$250, with Corporate sponsors at \$450, and Hole Sponsorships are available for \$125! Register now through the council calendar or call the Scout Service Center at 563.556.4343!

The Boy Scout Golf Classic takes place on July 16 at the Thunder Hills Golf & Country Club in Peosta, Iowa. Teams enjoy 18-holes of golf on a prestigious golf course before enjoying appetizers and a T-bone steak dinner. Many great items are available for auction, both live and silent, and wonderful raffle prizes round out the evening. Foursomes start at \$760 up to Corporate sponsor level at \$1,350 and hole sponsorships are available at \$200. Other golfing and non-golfing sponsorships also available. Register now through the council calendar or call the Scout Service Center at 563.556.4343!

# QUICK NEWS

## Scout Recognition Mass

The Northeast Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce 29 Scouts and one adult earned a Catholic religious emblem. Nine Cub Scouts earned the Light of Christ emblem, seven Cub Scouts earned the Parvuli Dei emblem, 13 youth earned the Ad Altare Dei emblem, and one adult earned the St. George emblem. All youth and adults were invited to receive the emblems at the annual Scout Recognition Mass held on Sunday, January 28th at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa.

The nine Cub Scouts who achieved the Light of Christ emblem include: Ethan B., Dawson E., and Gabe J. from Pack 5 in Peosta; Daniel B. from Pack 7 in Dubuque; Joey B., Hayden H., Daniel M., and Nathan S. from Pack 60 in Dyersville; Andrew V., and William W. from Pack 5 in Dubuque.

The seven Cub Scouts who achieved the Parvuli Dei emblem include: Isaac B. from Pack 19 in Dubuque; Christopher L. from Pack 28 in Edgewood; Owen K., Ethan M., Andrew S., and Reilly W. from Pack 60 in Dyersville; Maxwell H. from Pack 91; and Andrew D. from Pack 5 in Peosta.

The 13 youth who achieved the Ad Altare Dei emblem include: Connor B., Danny L., and Justin M. from Troop 48; Jacqueline M. from Crew 48; Kody A., Jacob B., Jackson H., Joseph M., Boris M., Ian O., John O., and Spencer P. from Troop 91 in Dubuque; and Brendan J. from Troop 7 in Dubuque.

The St. George emblem recognizes the recipient's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Father Tom McAndrew from Dubuque earned the St. George emblem.

## OKPIK

Announcing Northern Tier OKPIK 2018! NEIC had 20 Scouts and leaders attend OKPIK from 12/27 to 1/1 – and they had the time of their lives! Our council has entered the lottery for OKPIK 2018 and we should know very soon as to whether or not we'll get a crew or crews!

In anticipation of this – we're going to start a list of those Scouts and leaders who would like to attend. The rough estimated cost will depend on the number of attendees, share of travel expense and a couple of other factors – but should be in the \$600 per person range.

If interested – please send an e-mail to Bill Strauss at [ws8323@att.com](mailto:ws8323@att.com) – and you'll be added to the list in the order you send him the notes (we ended up with people on the wait list in 2017 – so don't delay). Should NEIC get a crew or crews – he'll let you know (a deposit will be needed immediately upon being notified – and final payment likely due in March/April based upon Northern Tier payment schedule).

Don't miss out on this incredible winter experience...it's a lot better than sitting at home over the holidays...just ask those 20 who attended!



# MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

## 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

## In Memory of

**Rev. Edward H. Shepley III**  
Paul Lewis



# TRAINING CORNER

## Training Survey

In November we asked your opinion when it came to basic leader training. As you can imagine, the answers varied, but there were some common themes.

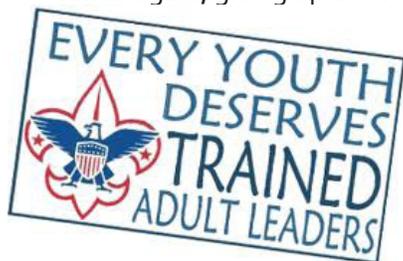
- While many liked the idea of in person training, they also realize that it will always be more convenient to do the training at home, on your own schedule. Convenience was a common theme in many of the results.
- For those that do prefer in person training, concerns of quality versus the investment of time, were common.
- Leaders do not fully understand what training is required and what is optional.
- One of the areas where online training is not available is Boy Scouts "Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills". As you can imagine, giving up a full weekend for training isn't

always easy, especially since the offering of this training doesn't happen on a regular basis.

As a side note, to help with this concern, we have some volunteers who are offering to run this training for adults, during summer camp at CS Klaus. So, while Scouts are working on Merit Badges, leaders can become trained.

The Dellyakee District has also began employing a checklist system for leaders to be fully trained in this training and BALOO.

As you can imagine, this is just a quick snapshot of leaders' thoughts. However, it gives those looking for ways to improve our communications and tactics when it comes to training.



## Top Trained Units:

(Highest Percentage of fully trained leaders)

### Packs:

Pack 32	Dellaykee	100%
Pack 40	Dellaykee	63.6%
Pack 50	Dubuque	36.4%

### Troops:

Troop 94	Dubuque	92.1%
Troop 14	Dubuque	76.9%
Troop 39	Dellaykee	71.4%

Top Crew: Crew 61 83.3%

Contact your district executive to see how your unit stacks up!

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



The Northeast Iowa Council is proud to share the work of volunteers Charlie Cretsinger and Tony Peter from Post 1630 this month! Charlie is the owner of Catfish Charlies and is the Exploring Advisor for the Culinary Arts Exploring Post that meets at Catfish Charlies. Tony is the head chef at Catfish Charlies and also helps run the Exploring Post.

Charlie and Tony give students a realistic glimpse into what a career in a kitchen looks like through the Culinary Arts Exploring Post. They go over planning, costing, serving, and cooking. They are firm and honest with the students about the advantages as well as disadvantages to a culinary career such as working nights and weekends when others are out having fun. They share their knowledge about culinary schools and tell the students to ask more information as they get closer to picking schools.

Charlie and Tony helped the Explorers create a 7-course meal that they served to the families of the program. They even provided an embroidered chef jacket to each Explorer to commemorate the class and the final meal.

In addition to running the Exploring program, Charlie has been generous in hosting the council's Board Meetings on-site. He also supports the Boy Scout Golf Classic by providing a dinner for 2 for the auction.

On behalf of the Northeast Iowa Council, please help us say thank you to Charlie Cretsinger and Tony Peter!



# DELLAYKEE DISTRICT UPDATE

## Klondike Day

This year's Klondike Days will be held at Sleigh Riding Hill northeast of Osbourne, Iowa along Hwy 13. This year's theme is: Call of the Wild, based upon the Novel by Jack London. Events include: two man sawing, rail splitting, BB gun shooting, panning for gold, orienteering and klondike stew.

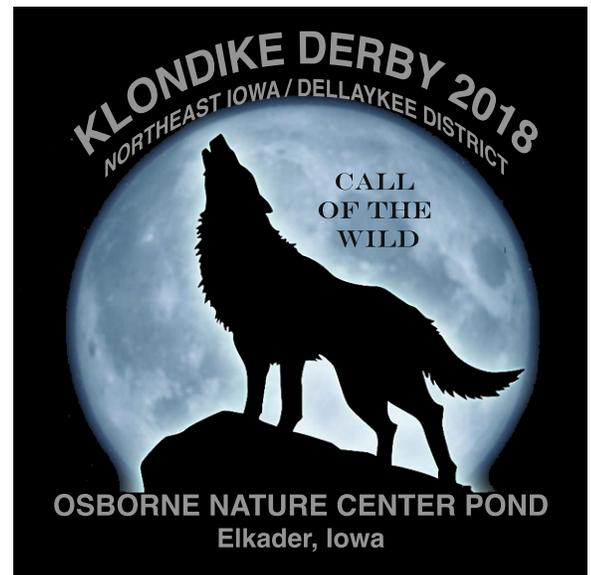
Scouts will need to read the book "Call of the Wild". Scouts will also need to bring two can goods (no cream soups); one can will be added to the stew the other will go to the food bank. There will be a Red Flannel Camp out on Saturday night. This is a Boy and Cub Scout event; all Scout families are welcome. Contact the Scout Office for reservations. The cost for this event is \$8.

## Merit Badge University

This year, the Dellaykee District will be hosting its Annual Merit Badge University on Saturday, March 24th 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! Check-in is at 8:00 am and the event will be concluded by 3:00 pm. Other merit badges may also be offered. Cost for the event is TBD - stay tuned! Register by calling the Scout Office at 563.556.4343.

Offered Merit Badges:

- First Aid
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the World
- Dog Care
- Law



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# DUBUQUE DISTRICT UPDATE

Spring is a busy time for the Dubuque District. Many events are coming up - be sure to get them on your calendar!

## Scouting for Food: Saturday, March 17

Drop-Site: Hy-Vee on Dodge Street

Door hangers will be available at March roundtable (March 1)

Help the council provide over 35,000 pounds of food to local food pantries.

## Wilderness First Aid Training: Saturday, March 10

Resurrection School Multi-Purpose Room

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

\$30 (Field Guide included)

This is a required course for all High Adventure trips. Also features a CPR course

Limited to 30 Scouters so sign up quickly!

Register by March 1 online or call Dee at the Scout Office: 563.556.4343

## The Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular Presents: Dino-Myte Theories! Saturday, March 10

The Grand Opera House in Dubuque

2:00 PM

\$8.00 ticket (regular ticket cost is \$10)

Register by Friday, March 2 online or at the Scout Service Center.

The Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular is back - and this time it's BIGGER than ever! The "Dino-Myte Theories!" show is ready to make an impression of Jurassic proportions. Watch as Dr. Cletus Beaker takes a zany look into the world of dinosaurs.

**Camp Cards:** available at March roundtable, March 1

Please fill out a "Commit to Sell" form before picking up the cards at the Scout Office

## Cub Scout Bowling Recap

Over 50 Cub Scouts and family members participated in this year's Cub Scout Bowling at Cherry Lanes on Sunday, January 28th! The Scouts enjoyed the Scout camaraderie while bowling 2 games each.

Special thank-you to Cubmasters Joe Kinglsey and John Sieverding for organizing the event!

## Klondike Derby Recap

We had over 85 Scouts and adult leaders enjoying the winter weather of the Klondike Derby held January 26-28!

Special thank-you to Scoutmaster Steve Sheston for organizing the event!



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## EXPLORING UPDATE

### Exploring Programs

Computer Science hosted by Loras College in cooperation with Creative Adventure Lab is starting on February 27. Four weekly sessions will have students create their own app! Please note this program is limited to the first 15 students who RSVP.

The Civil Engineering post started on January 30 with 9 students participating! They are looking forward to creating some concrete cylinders and then breaking them apart.

Know a company that may be looking for a new way to recruit great employees? Exploring is a great recruitment tool as Explorers get to know the company, and the company gets to know the potential candidate prior to an interview. Contact Melissa at 563.556.4343 or [melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org](mailto:melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org) for more information on how to get started!

For information on all things Exploring, go to [www.exploringdubuque.org](http://www.exploringdubuque.org).

## MARKETING UPDATE

### Be A Scout Update

Thank you to all units who turned in the contact information sheet in your charter packets. That information is used to update the BeAScout.org website. With the updates in place, we are more confident that future Scouts using the site will be directed to right person to get them started in Scouting.

### Stories Wanted

The strongest marketing strategy we have is to share all the stories of our Scouts. We need your help to do this. Share one of your stories with us, and it might be used as part of our marketing pieces. Stories can be emailed to [melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org](mailto:melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org).

#### Not sure what stories you can share? Here are some ideas:

- » Earning the first badge/belt loop
- » Coming home from an exciting meeting where he wouldn't stop talking about the cool things they did
- » Scouting for Food stories - was there excitement? Dread?
- » How your family works on pinewood cars, and joy of racing
- » 1st campout experiences
- » Before and after the 1st summer at Camp Klaus
- » Becoming a Patrol Leader



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# TRADING POST

Monday-Friday | 9AM-5PM  
563.556.4343 | 1.800.866.2721 | dee.heim@scouting.org  
Phone & e-mail orders are always welcomed!

## PRESIDENT DAY SPECIAL: Monday, February 19

**One day special 15% off all clothing items** (shirts, pants, shorts, socks, sashes) in stock at the Council Trading Post. The Council Trading Post will be open on February 19th (President Day) from 9:00-5:00. (If weather turns inclement, call to make sure we are still open.) Dee will have the popcorn popper going so stop in and save!



## Cyber Recharge Pin - \$2.59

This pin can be attached to the Cub Scout or Boy Scout Cyber Chip emblem to indicate that a Scout's Cyber Chip has been recharged annually. Bright silver-finish pin is in the shape of a lightning bolt features the word "RECHARGED" in raised letters across the top with a fleur-de-lis outline underneath. Measures approximately 1 1/4" x 7/8".



## NEW ITEM:

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor Guest Book - \$16.99

This guest book features a textured blue cover features the image of the Eagle Scout medal. Includes 100 removable lined sheets. 9" square. A great memento from one of the biggest days in a Scouts life.



## Swiss Army Eagle Scout Explorer Knife - \$49.99

A knife that every Eagle Scout would love to receive, this versatile knife will be used over and over again for many years! Includes Eagle Scout insignia on handle.



## February Coupon

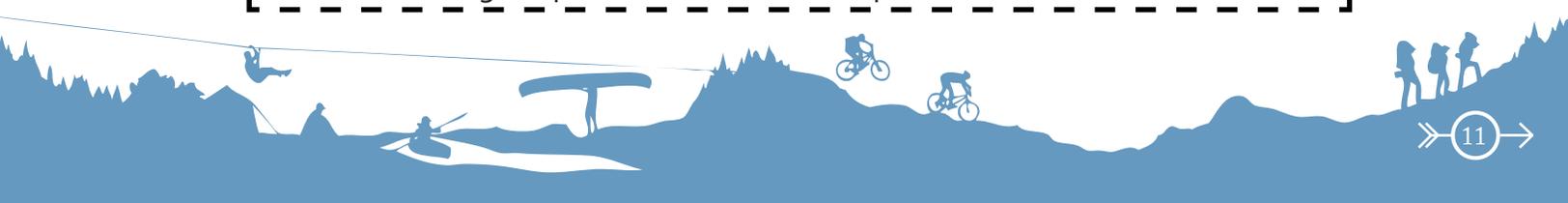
### 50% Off Blue & Red Trek Shirts

Warm weather is coming stock up on these cool Trek s/s shirts. Regularly priced at \$14.99....sale price is \$7.49 each. Adult sizes S-XL

Valid only at the Northeast Iowa Council Trading Post  
10601 Military Rd., Dubuque  
Not valid on previous sales.

**Expires February 28, 2018**

May not be used in conjunction with any other coupon.  
Must bring coupon or mention the coupon to receive this discount!



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Saturday  
March 10

Edgewood Locker  
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**Annual Meeting &  
Appreciation Dinner**



See page 3 for more details!

