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WELCOME from your Scout Executive

Over the last several years, the council has received the Gold Journey to Excellence Award. While this a great accomplishment, there are areas within this system that area challenging. One such area is that of "Unit Leadership".

This pillar measures the percentage of leaders who are trained. While we do many things well, success in this area alludes us. At the end of 2017 we surveyed leaders to get their thoughts on training. While classroom training is well liked, most leaders understand that "convenience" is a huge part of getting leaders to take training. As many of you who are reading this know, most courses are already online.

Studies also show that units who have trained leaders have better chances to recruit and retain youth. Obviously, this then trickles down to advancement rates, camp participation, product sale success, etc.

To address this challenge, as announced at May roundtables, there were will be certain positions that must be held by a fully trained leader, starting with rechartering in December 2018. Details are found in the training corner of this issue.

We do understand that finding leadership is not always easy and sometimes you don't want to ask, "too much" of an individual. However, remember that training is something that will help a leader feel more comfortable and confident in their position. By encouraging them to take training, you are encouraging them to be a successful leader.

When it comes down to it, all leaders are doing this for the kids we serve. As a leader, presenting the best program possible is the best thing we can do.

Thank you for your commitment to youth in the Northeast Iowa Council!

Yours in Scouting,
 Matt Klutzaritz
 Scout Executive/CEO



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 Council President



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 Council Commissioner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 24 | National Order of the Arrow Contingent
Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
- June 2 | Cub Scout Day Camp (Elkader)
- June 8-10 | Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship
- June 16-17 | Cub Scout Overnight Camp
- June 17-23 | Summer Camp Week 1
- June 18 | Camp C.S. Klaus Golf Outing
- June 24-30 | Summer Camp Week 2 – June 24-30



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



COUNCIL NEWS

Family Scouting Updates

Cub Scouts: Updating unit pins on BeAScout is an important step in helping prospective Scouts and their families get in touch with you. BeAScout is open for units to indicate boy-only (default), family pack, or girl-only AND the date that they will begin accepting female applications.

1. Log in to your My.Scouting account select Menu at the top left
2. From the drop-down menu, select your unit
3. Select Organization Manager
4. Select the Settings tab
5. Scroll to Family Scouting
6. If remaining boy-only, do nothing (this is the default setting); otherwise, select girls only or boys and girls
7. Enter the date that the unit will be welcoming girls. The earliest that girls' applications will be processed will be Fall 2018.
8. Click Commit

Boy Scouts: Starting February 1, 2019, the program to serve boy and girls, ages 11-17 will be called Scouts BSA. Girl troops and boy troops will be separate, but can be sponsored through the same chartered organization and a shared troop committee.

For more information on Family Scouting, please visit: <http://www.scoutsiowa.org/girls-in-scouting/> or <https://www.scouting.org/familyscouting/>

Camp Klaus Update

We are very excited to announce that Daniel Fiske will join the Camp Klaus Summer Staff as our Commissioner! We are also still looking for summer Camp Staff. If you know anyone that is interested, please email Serica.rowley@scouting.org.

Caving is our exciting, new addition to Camp C.S. Klaus's COPE program! When you sign up for COPE, you will now have the opportunity to explore multiple caves at Camp Klaus!

For any additional information concerning Camp C.S. Klaus please visit <http://www.scoutsiowa.org/boy-scout-camp/>.

From the Desk of Andy Hunt – Camp Klaus 2018

My name is Andrew Hunt, and I am the Camp Director at Camp C.S. Klaus this summer. It's hard to believe it's already May, and that camp will be in full swing in just a few weeks.

This year we are revamping our Cub Scout camp week-ends, and are integrating more STEM topics and activities for them to enjoy. Our goal is to develop a program that excites and engages Cub Scouts to learn, and take the next step into Boy Scouts.

In addition to the Cub Scouts, we are finishing up planning the Boy Scout week-long camp program. We are looking forward to bringing back Scout-favorite events, like Water Follies and Polar Plunge, as well as some new merit badges to the program like Graphic Arts and Search and Rescue.

We can't wait to have you all at camp this year!

Golf for Scouts

FORE! Are you an avid golfer? Or do you know an avid golfer? There are 2 opportunities for you to play golf while raising funds to support Scouting programs and Camp C.S. Klaus. Not a golfer but want to support the events? Consider donating an item to be used for auction or raffles.

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! To register, call the Council Service Center at 563.556.4343. Or register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/178-KlausOpen>.

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 \$800 up to Corporate sponsor level at \$1,500 and hole sponsorships are available at \$200. Other golfing and non-golfing sponsorships also available. To register, call the Council Service Center at 563.556.4343.



QUICK NEWS

Camp Cards Due May 31st!

There is still time to sell your camp cards! Money from the camp cards is due to the Council Service Center by May 31st!

High Adventure Scholarship Winner

The Floor Show Furniture and Flooring of Dubuque (in memory of John Seier) grants youth scholarships of \$250 each to two youth each year to help offset fees for the High Adventure experience. This is in honor of the example John set as a long time employee by living the Scout Oath and Law.

This year's scholarships were awarded to Nicholas Stocks from Troop 34 and Nolan Tracy from Troop 86. Both Nicholas and Nolan will put those funds toward their trips to Philmont. Congratulations Nicholas and Nolan!

Camporall Recap

Camporall was chilly but a great event! Scouts spent the day exploring Civil War Era fighting, fort building, cooking, knife making, candle making and much more! They were even able to see a canon being fired!

140 Northeast Iowa Council Scouts attended along with Scouts from the Gateway Council and Blackhawk Council.

NYLT Recap

Northeast Iowa had 48 Scouts complete NYLT. Over two weekends they explored what it meant to be a good leader and how to implement these skills in their own troops. Thank you to all the Youth and Adult Staff for volunteering and your hard work, making this event a success. The next NYLT will be held in the Spring of 2018.

OA Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Recap

A big THANK YOU to volunteers and attendees alike for an outstanding 60th Anniversary Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast!

We had an estimated attendance of 1800 and raised over \$8000 for the Lodge at the door ALONE! This doesn't include pre-sale tickets.

BALOO Training Recap

A group of 15 Cub Scout leaders attended the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) on Saturday, May 12 at Camp Burton.

The BALOO course covered everything needed to plan and run a safe and fun pack overnigher. Attendees left with ideas for outdoor activities, games, and ceremonies; information on gear and tents, campout program planning, hiking, and food and cooking!

A big thank you goes out to Jon Uzel and the rest of the leaders for putting together and running the training event!

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

Merwyn Ellis

Paul Lewis

Francis Reinert

Roger & Judy Westemeier

Paul Lewis



TRAINING CORNER

New Training Requirement

Before your unit recharter at the end of this year (2018), the following positions must be fully trained. Charters with these positions not trained will not be accepted until those leaders become trained. The individual will also have the opportunity to change to a non-mandatory trained position, such as a committee member. However, units must still have the minimum number of direct contact leaders to recharter.

- Cubmaster
- Tiger Den Leader
- Den Leader
- Webelos Den Leader
- Scoutmaster
- Crew Advisor

**Fully trained = youth protection trained plus the required courses for your registered position.

All mandatory training courses, except one (BS outdoor training) are available online to be taken at your convenience. **Boy Scout outdoor training will be available for Scout leaders who attend Camp C.S. Klaus this summer.** Other opportunities will be available as needed.

While it is important to share this information with your leaders now, communication from the council will be made to untrained leaders in those positions.

As of this issue, over 1/3 of these leaders already fit into the category of "fully trained" ! Thank You!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Dellaykee District Award of Merit Recipients

The Northeast Iowa Council was proud to award two District Awards of Merit for the Dellaykee District at the Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner held on March 10th, 2018. This year's Dellaykee recipient's included Travis Mensen and David Meyer. Below is a little more about each recipient. Thank you all for your faithful service to your community and to Scouting!



Travis Mensen:

Travis Mensen started Scouting as a parent willing to help whenever he could, assisting at den meetings. He then joined as a committee member and within a year took the position of den leader for his youngest son's Tiger den. He was a den leader from Tiger all the way to Webelos 2.

During this same time Travis also helped with Boy Scout Troop 34 after his oldest son crossed over. He volunteered to be an Assistant Scoutmaster while he was still serving as a Webelos Den leader. Travis currently serves as the Scoutmaster for Troop 34 with both of his sons in the troop. His main goal is to train the boys on how to run a boy led troop.

Outside of Scouting Travis serves on the Ryan Fire Department as a volunteer Fireman and has helped in the Ryan Little League as a Coach, Board Member, and supportive parent. He also is active in the Men's group at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

In his free time Travis enjoys spending time with his wife Meghan, two daughters and two sons. He also enjoys any time spent outdoors including fishing, playing Frisbee golf and Bow Hunting.

David Meyer:

David Meyer started his Scouting career as a youth in an Explorer Post where he had many outdoor adventures. The memory of these adventures helped to fuel his enthusiasm when he became a Scoutmaster for his son's troop in 2013. Since then he has kept his troop very active in countless outdoor activities including canoe trips to the Boundary Waters and several winter camping trips.

David's son earned the rank of Eagle and is currently attending college. Though his son is no longer in the troop, David took Wood Badge and completed his ticket in 2017. He has continued to serve Troop 28 as Scoutmaster and is actively involved in other community events.

David is always willing to help with District and Council events and has served the Dellaykee District the past two years as Klondike Chairman. These Gold Rush themed events were action packed and kept the Scouts engaged the entire time. He is more than willing to share his knowledge of winter camping with Scouts and Scouters alike, specifically the no tent method and the making of cowboy coffee using an egg.



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Jon Uzel:

Jon's Scouting involvement begins in 2009 when his son became a Cub Scout. In his son's pack, Jon not only served as a Den Leader for 3 years, he has spent the last 7 years as a Cubmaster. In addition to that, he served as a Troop 11 Assistant Scoutmaster for 3 years.

In addition to his unit-level involvement, Jon has also served as Roundtable Commissioner since 2013. As a Timmeu Lodge member, Jon has also given leadership to the Lodge Executive Committee, and has helped out with training activities.

Scouts have noticed and acknowledged past contributions of this Woodbadge-trained Scouter. In 2015, Jon was recognized with the Cub Scouter of the Year award for Dubuque District.

Rob Reinert:

Rob Reinert has been enrolled in the Northeast Iowa Council since he joined a pack in 1972. He later became a Boy Scout, and earned his Eagle rank in 1980. As an adult, he has served his unit as either an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member for the past 18 years. He was a key volunteer when his troop hosted the successful 1981 and 1982 camporees.

The Dubuque District has benefited from Rob's leadership. He has spent 6 years on the district committee. Five of those years he served as District Chairman. For many years, he has helped with the maintenance of the equipment used for the OA Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. He has also helped out with set-up and preparations for that event.

Rob hasn't limited his volunteer service to Scouting. He is a past president of the local Optimist Club.



DELLAYKEE DISTRICT UPDATE

Dellaykee District had another great month for FOS! We are currently half-way to our goal of \$26,500. That is ahead of where we were last year!

Along with FOS, Dellaykee is gearing up for lots of events in the next few months. Summer camping is right around the corner and we are busy planning exciting Cub Scout and Boy Scouts camps! If your Pack is interested in adding girls next Fall, please email me at Serica.rowley@scouting.org to talk further.

Pinewood Derby Recap

Dellaykee had 54 Cub Scouts battle to be the District Pinewood Derby Champions! Thank you to Pack 35 out of Manchester for hosting this year's Pinewood Derby. Also, thank you to the Manchester United Methodist Church for the use of space. Congratulation to all the winners!

Elkader Day Camp

New this year! Day Camp will be open to those youth who are thinking about joining Cub Scouts, both boys and girls. They just need to be of Cub Scout age and pay the fee. Spread the word!

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Check-in: 9 a.m.

The program will end at 3 p.m.

Location: Osborne County Conservation Center in Elkader, IA

Cost: \$30 per Scout (Adults FREE!)

Please remember to bring a sack lunch.



This year's theme is CSI: Cub Scout Investigators. Scouts will participate in evidence collection (panning for gold), forensics (experiments), ballistics (archery/bb guns), and agent training (team games). Make sure your Scout doesn't miss out on a great summer experience!

All attending Scouts will receive a Day Camp T-shirt and event patch! Day Camps are open to registered Cub Scouts through 5th grade. Parent involvement is encouraged! ***Please note, Lion/Tiger Cubs must be accompanied by an adult.

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DUBUQUE DISTRICT UPDATE

With school winding down, summer activities are gearing up!

Dubuque Day Camp

New this year! Day Camp will be open to those youth who are thinking about joining Cub Scouts, **both boys and girls**. They just need to be of Cub Scout age and pay the fee. Spread the word!

Date: Saturday, August 4, 2018

Check-in: 9 a.m.

The program will end at 3 p.m.

Location: A.Y. McDonald Park in Dubuque, IA

Cost: \$30 per Scout (Adults FREE!)

Please remember to bring a sack lunch.



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August Roundtable

While it is still a few months away, August Roundtable will be a very important one to attend, especially if you are a Cub Scout leader. We will be going over everything you need for Fall recruiting. Being that this will be the first Fall we will be accepting girls, it is not a meeting to miss. See you August 2nd!

Cross-Over Ceremony Recap

On April 28, many Webelos crossed-over to Boy Scouts during the Cross-Over Ceremony put on by the Timmeu Lodge. With the OA members in full regalia, Scouts and their parents were in awe as the Scouts made their transition to their welcoming Boy Scout troops. This was the first large group cross-over in several years.

A big thank you goes out to all involved in the planning of this special event!



District Chairman
Leo Hickie

District Commissioner
Andy Draus



EXPLORING UPDATE

Exploring Surveys

Thank you to the 14 area schools who help administer the career interest surveys to the 8th-11th grade students. The surveys have been arriving in the office where we review each of them to make sure they run through the scanning machine correctly.

Results from the survey are used to determine the top career fields that students are interested in. The Exploring committee then meets with businesses in those top career fields to open new Exploring posts. Results are shared with schools counselors in September to help guide students to their career of choice.

New Exploring Programs

We are always working on creating new Exploring programs. With many meetings being held throughout the spring, we feel confident there will be new programs in the fall!

**Interested in hosting an Exploring program?
Contact Melissa at melissa.neuhaus@scouting.org or 563.556.4343.**

MARKETING UPDATE

New Communication Tool

The Marketing committee is working on rolling out a new text messaging system through Remind. This tool will allow units to text their entire unit without using their personal phone number. More information on this exciting tool will be shared at the beginning of August.

"Scout Me In"

The committee is also working on a comprehensive recruitment marketing plan that echoes the national campaign. We are re-evaluating the value of some of our current methods, and determining which new avenues are best for sharing the Scouting word. In addition, all our materials are going through an evaluation process to determine usefulness and updated with gender-inclusive wording.



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TRADING POST

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Phone & e-mail orders are always welcomed!

CUB SCOUT HANDBOOKS MARKED DOWN

Save big now for the fall kickoffs. There will be a revised book coming out for the Cub Scouts – it will only be available in spiral bound for \$16.99. The new book did not change any of the requirements, but updated pictures to include girls and changed some of the language from “your son” to “your Scout”.

SAVE MONEY now by stocking up on regular bound books (all books come with the requirement modifications insert). All Cub Scout regular bound books left in the Council Trading Post will be on sale for \$8.99 each (regularly \$12.99). Also on sale while they last is the spiral Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos book which is normally \$18.99 now discounted down to \$13.99.

These are limited in quantity and on a first come first serve basis.



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