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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING:

The Northeast Iowa Council's annual operating campaign is called the Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS). The 2021 FOS Campaign goal is to raise \$141,000 funding nearly 20% of our annual operating budget. Friends of Scouting annual donations range from \$1 to \$2,500, are 100% tax deductible and are made by Scouting families, alumni, and community members who believe in the mission and vision of the BSA.

The Northeast Iowa Council has a long history of excellent financial stewardship. The Friends of Scouting Campaign and strong annual Popcorn Sale have historically allowed the relative costs of Scouting within the Northeast Iowa Council to stay low. Because of the generous support for both campaigns our camp, activity, event, and leader training fees are much less than even neighboring councils. But above and beyond that, FOS also goes to support Camp C.S. Klaus, Camp Burton, and our Council Service Center which includes our own local Scout Shop. Think of annual costs such as: insurance coverage, vehicles, equipment and maintenance, promotional materials, website, postage, scholarships for registration and camps, along with a small staff.

We have received questions if donations to Scouting are going to get wrapped up with the BSA's National headwinds. I can assure you that 100% of every Friends of Scouting donation stays local within the Northeast Iowa Council and is utilized within the calendar year the donation is intended for.

Like many other local non-profits, the COVID-19 environment and loss of funding by the United Way has layered on additional stresses for our budget. We need your support now more than ever to keep local Scouting strong. Please consider contributing, asking a friend or family member to consider a contribution, or hosting a Friends of Scouting presentation for your unit. Giving to a cause you support feels good. Many companies "match" their employee's donations and/or volunteer hours. Check with your human resources department to see if your company offers a match.

Thank you for investing in today's youth, tomorrow's leaders!

COMING TO A CAMP NEAR YOU!

By: Tom Mayer - Camp Director

I am pleased to announce our most anticipated programming yet – summer camp! After one very long year for Scouts, Scouters, and staff alike, I venture to say everyone could do with some sun and sand this summer. Now more than ever, I hope that Camp Klaus becomes the conduit of creation, exploration, and adventure for all who Scout.



I'm also pleased to announce some new additions to the program for Scouts-BSA. We'll have three new (or returning!) merit badges: **Theater, Photography, and Game Design**. We're also expanding our horizons! The COPE program will be taking an afternoon to go on a **Canoe Outpost** – an off-property, supervised afternoon trek along a 7.5 mile stretch of the Turkey River! More details can be found in the Leader's Guide at [Scoutslowa.org/Scout-Camp](https://scoutslowa.org/Scout-Camp).

Our Cub and Webelos programming have been overhauled to give families the best information to plan their adventure and the flexibility to have fun! Check out the Leader's Guide at [Scoutslowa.org/Cub-Scout-Camp](https://scoutslowa.org/Cub-Scout-Camp) for more information.

Now of course, I am no fortune teller; this is all subject to the guidelines set by national and local authorities. The decisions for final programming, logistics, and all other things camp & COVID will be deliberated by a team which I am fortunate enough to be a part of. Rest assured that we will be doing our best to plan how to mitigate risks for all campers at Camp Klaus this summer.

DAY CAMPS	JUNE 5 ELKADER AUGUST 7 DUBUQUE
JUNE 26-27 JULY 17-18	CUB OVERNIGHT CAMP
WEBELOS WEEKEND	JULY 9-11 

CAMP UPDATES

Is your troop signed up for camp 2021 yet? There are still spaces available!

Please contact the Council Service Center at 563.556.4343 with any questions.

I'M A 5TH GRADE WEBELOS - WHAT DO I DO NOW?

The program for 5th graders has been preparing your child to walk over the bridge to Scouts BSA. Some Scouts are ready to join Scouts BSA in February while others wait until May. Scouts BSA is different than Cub Scouts, Scouts and parents are encouraged to choose a Troop best fit for the Scout, family, and the journey the Scout wants to go on. Follow the tips below to get ready for Scouts BSA:

- Go to Troop Open Houses (Open Houses can be found on the Council calendar at www.scoutsiowa.org)
- Check out www.BeAScout.org to see what Troops are in your area.
- Make sure on your visits to Troops you ask key questions like when and where do you meet? Check out the guide at <http://www.scoutsiowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/W-to-SBSA-Transition-Pamphlet.pdf>.

Fifth graders can join Scouts BSA if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old. Friends that have never been in Scouts can join Scouts BSA with your child when they turn 11 years old.

PINEWOOD DERBY TIPS

Who's ready to race? The checkered flags and pit stops are getting ready. Is your Scout's car ready for the big race? Check out these sites to get your Scout's car ready:

- Consult your Packs race rules.
- Want a fast car! Use Science: Watch this video <https://youtu.be/a5A6SCE0eVw>
- Want a fast and cool car! Check out these 10 tips and tricks <https://www.scoutshop.org/blog/10-tips-and-tricks-to-a-fast-and-cool-looking-pinewood-derby-car.html>
- First Pinewood Derby! Check out this video <https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=how+to+make+a+basic+pinewood+derby+car#id=3&vid=1858cb453001e910f4fb11d93c516b94&action=view>



SCOUT SKI & SNOWBOARD NIGHTS

Join Sundown Mountain for an evening of winter fun! Only 2 nights remain! Please call the Group Office at 563-556-6676 ext. 143 to make a reservation and join Sundown for an evening of fun! Find more information at: scoutsiowa.org

February 3rd and 23rd! 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lift Pass = \$18 Helmet = \$5

Lift Pass + Ski Rental + Group Lesson = \$23

Lift Pass + Snowboard Rental + Group Lesson = \$29



BE A SCOUT PIN

Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters make sure your BeAScout pin is updated with the current information for your Unit. Instructions to update your units pin can be found at <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqj17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Be-A-Scout-Pin-Set-up.pdf>.

SCOUTS IN ACTION

You can't keep our Scouts from Scouting On! Check out some of the cool things our Scouts have been up to! Be sure to follow our Facebook Page ([BSANEIC](#)) to see all the action!

- **Pack 38, Pack 60 and Troop 86** held advancement events. Congratulations to all Scouts who earned a belt loop, pin, or badge!
- Many units took advantage of winter and went sledding including **Pack 13, Pack 15 and Pack 68**
- **Troop 19, Troop 34, and Troop 86** enjoyed winter camping
- **Pack 68** visited the Sherrill Fire Department and then did some sledding
- 2019 Eagle Scout **Abe S.** with **Troop 86** recently received the *Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award*.
- Five brave Scouts and five brave leaders travelled to Ely, Minnesota to experience Okpik - the premier winter camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.



EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION BRUNCH

The Eagle Scout Recognition Brunch (traditionally held in February) is being postponed to (hopefully) be held in person. The brunch will be held on **Sunday, May 16, 2021** at the Grand River Center in Dubuque, with the program will begin at noon.

The Eagle Scout Recognition Brunch celebrates the Eagle Scout Class of 2020 with community businesses sponsoring each Eagle Scout and their parents and Scoutmaster. We are excited to also present the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award to community leader Michael Coyle.

Information about the event can be found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/178-eaglelunch>



ANNUAL MEETING AND SCOUTER APPRECIATION EVENT

The Annual Meeting and Scouter Appreciation Event will be held virtually on **Saturday, March 13, 2021**. The Annual Meeting begins at 5:45 PM with the Scouter Appreciation program starting at 6:00 PM.

The Annual Meeting and Scouter Appreciation Event is where we say thank you to all the amazing volunteers who give their time and resources so generously.

Information about the event can be found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/178-appreciationdinner>



SCOUTING IN THE NEWS: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Dubuque Eagle Board of Review member, **Tom Danner**, was honored as an Everyday Hero in the *Telegraph Herald*.
[View Article](#)
- Pack 100 Den Leader, **Gretchen Hong**, landed the cover of *HER Magazine*.
[View Article](#)
- The **Eagle Class of 2020** was recognized by the *Telegraph Herald*.
[View Article](#)



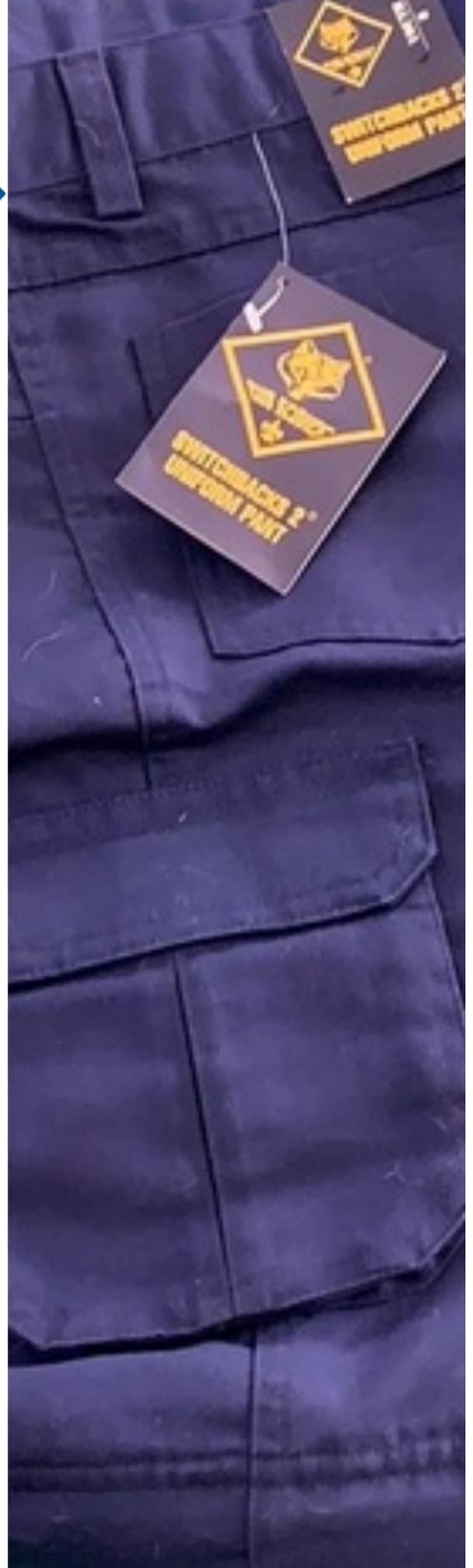
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GRANT UPDATES

We are so thankful for all our grantors. Below are some recent grants we have been awarded.

- **Dubuque Noon Optimist Club** provided funding to support the Scoutreach programming for the council.
- **Kiwanis Club of Dubuque** provided funding for Camp Klaus kitchen equipment.
- **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** provided funding for Scoutreach activity bags.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - SCOTT KILGORE

The Northeast Iowa Council is pleased to honor **Scott Kilgore** as a Spotlight Volunteer! Scott currently serves as the Scoutmaster for Troop 114 in his 29th year of Scouting. He was awarded the Scouting Spirit Award for Troop 114 in 2020.

Read more at: <http://www.scoutsiowa.org/articles/scott-kilgore-volunteer-spotlight/?portfolioCats=18>



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 youth 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.

IN MEMORY OF:

Kathy Stahr

Anonymous Donor

Northeast Iowa Council Winter Weather Policy

In times of inclement weather, the Council Service Center and Trading Post will be closed. Please call ahead to make sure the service center is open before stopping, as we may have to close early or open late due to weather conditions affecting the safety of traversing our driveway.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2 | [Dellaykee District Hybrid Roundtable](#)
- February 3 & 23 | [Scout Ski/Snowboard Nights at Sundown](#)
- February 4 | [Dubuque District Virtual Roundtable](#)
- February 6 | [Scout Night with the Fighting Saints](#)
- February 15 | Council Service Center Closed
- February 21 | [Dell District Klondike Curling & Ice Fishing \(Dell Troops Only\)](#)
- March 2 | Dellaykee District Hybrid Roundtable
- March 4 | Dubuque District Virtual Roundtable
- March 4 | Camp Card Sales Begin
- March 13 | [Annual Meeting & Scouter Appreciation Dinner](#)
- April 1 | Dubuque District Virtual Roundtable
- April 2 | Council Service Center Closed
- April 6 | Dellaykee District Hybrid Roundtable
- April 17 | [Scouting for Food](#)
- April 23-25 | COPE/Climbing Weekend
- April 24 | [OA Stick Pick-Up](#)
- April 30-May 2 | COPE/Climbing Training Weekend

Camp Staff Wanted:

CAMP C.S. KLAUS: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

 Aquatics Instructors	 Medic	 BASE Camp Instructor
 Kitchen Steward	 Kitchen Assistant	 Scoutcraft Instructor

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