Sauklook



THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- December 1st—
 Annual Meeting
- December 3rd Recharter Turn In (9am-I I am) Council Office
- December 8th Commissioner Meeting
 (6pm) / Roundtable
 (7pm) Singing Bird
 Lodge
- December 25th— Christmas!!!
- Decemeber 31st New Years Eve!
- January 12 Commissioner Mtg (6pm) / Roundtable (7pm) -Singing Bird Lodge
- January 14-15 Cub
 Scout Lock In
- January 19 District
 Committee meeting
 (630pm) Augustana
 College
- January 28th Klondike Derby @ Camp Loud Thunder

Illowa Council Scout Service Center: 4412 N Brady Street Davenport, IA 52806 (563)388-7233 Hours: 8:30-5:00pm M-F Registration Open M-F until 5:30pm **VOLUME 3, ISSUE 10**

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Giant Goose Offers Scouts Great Opportunities

Our November Roundtable featured a program by several staff members from Giant Goose Lake to tell Scouting volunteers about the many resources available to Scout groups.

Giant Goose Conservation Education Workshop is owned and operated by the Izaak Walton League of America, Illinois Division. It is available as an outdoor classroom free of charge to any size group. On the 263-acre grounds are several ecosystems that can be studied. These include prairie, forest, marsh, swamp, lakes, meadows and wetlands. The refuge was once a coal strip mine that now has well maintained trails, and the valleys are lakes.

Facilities

There are modern restrooms and a large learning center available as well as shelters of various sizes all with tables.

Staff

The staff consists of three retired teachers that are available for lessons. Lessons may be conducted on your own or choose from a collection of hands -on outdoor activities. Boy Scout leaders may be interested to hear that they have programs and resources that can help teach the following merit badges:

Astronomy, Bird Study, Camping, Canoeing, Environmental Science, Fishing, Geology, Nature, Orienteering, Plant Science, Soil and Water Conservation, and Wilderness Survival.

Come check out everything that Giant Goose has to offer:

Giant Goose is located on county road 2350E, I mile east of Atkinson, IL on IL rte 6

For more info contact John Grier at 309-944-8457

Saukenuk on Verge of JTE Gold Status

"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's new performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as the means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

For a district to achieve success there are several measures that include retention, membership growth, finance, training, unit service,

advancement, camping, leadership standards, nominating committees, district committees and chartered organization relationships.

The Saukenuk District is proud to announce that it is on the verge of achieving the Gold level (the highest level) of this new program. We are all looking forward to completing this award and celebrating in January. Thank you to all of the Pack's, Troops and Crews that have made this a possibility. We'll keep you updated with the results as we near the end of the year.

Critical December Checklist

Don't forget these critical items for units to complete during the month of December.

- Make Popcorn payment
 Turn in recharter
 Complete and turn in Journey to Excellence form
 Complete and turn in Friends of Scouting Family presentation info sheet
 Sign-up for Lock-in or Klondiko
 - Have a great Christmas!

Scout Law: Thrifty

"It takes less time to do a thing right, than it does to explain why you did it wrong."

- Henry Longfellow



Upcoming Roundtable Trainings:

Dec. 6:00 PM Intro/Fun 7:00 PM announcements ~ 7:20 All Den Leaders Specifics Jan. 6:00PM Intro/Fun 7:00PM announcements ~ 7:20 Cubmaster/Committee Specifics Feb. 6:00 PM Intro/Fun 7:00 PM announcements ~ 7:20 All Den Leaders Specifics March 6:00PM Intro/Fun 7:00PM announcements ~ 7:20 Cubmaster/Committee Specifics

Friends of Scouting Kick-off at Comedy Sportz in Rock Island, Dec 10

All Scouting Leaders are invited to celebrate the Kickoff of our 2012 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Learn how to earn \$10 per Scout off your 2012 camp fees, get tips on holding a successful unit campaign, and have some good food and some laughs as well.

Friends of Scouting is an annual event that will help your Scouting group distribute valuable information to the parents and leaders in your unit. It is an opportunity to educate adults on the resources available to all of our families (financial, training, camping opportunities, facilities, etc.). Better informed parents become active volunteer leaders!



We will have door prizes, a short presentation, and food!!! We will finish it all off with a comedy performance by the Comedy Sportz staff.

December 10th @ 10:00am - Noon Comedy Sportz (Establishment Theatre) 220 19th Street Rock Island, IL 61201

RSVP by ASAP with name and District by emailing Brad Bodoh at brad.bodoh@scouting.org

Camp LT Work Day

Still looking for a service project, or just want to give back to the camp you love oh so much? Then come out to Camp Loud Thunder on December 10th, 830am-230pm. Lunch of course will be included! Jim is in the process of "winterizing" camp and could use all the help he can get to make sure Camp is ready for that first snowfall.

Please RSVP to Jim Bott by December 7th so he knows how many to expect.



Are you locked in for "Lock In 2012"?

The Saukenuk District Lock In is happening on **Saturday, January 14th 2012.** Be sure to spread the word and get your Pack and your Den signed up because this is one activity you are not going to want to miss!

Information and Sign up forms can be found here at <u>Cub Events</u>.

Jamboree 2013

The National Jamboree in 2013 is all new and you can be part of the experience. Currently we are looking for Assistant Scoutmasters. Get on board now before the train leaves the station. Go to the Illowa website and click on the Jamboree tab for all the information.

Klondike Derby at Loud Thunder

Klondike 2012 will take place Saturday, January 28th and new this year, we will be holding Klondike Derby at Camp Loud Thunder! Information for Klondike can be found attached with the Sauklook as well as at Roundtable, December 8th. We will be talking about Klondike more at Roundtable as well as discussing Winter camping techniques presented by Tom Ayers. Some of this information may be very useful for Klondike, so it would be a good idea to make sure a representative from the Troop will be attending!