The Heartbeat

Kittan District "Heart of the Illowa Council"

District Director: Mike Meadows 563-349-8052 District Executive: Andy Green 563-349-3440

Upcoming Events

Sat. Feb 16 OA Winter Dinner

Mon. Feb 18 Presidents Day-Council Service Center Closed

Fri. Feb 22 Council Recognition Dinner

Sat. Feb 23 Council Commissioner's Conference

Sat. Feb 23-Sun. Feb 24 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training

Wed. Mar 6 District Commissioner Meeting

Sun. Mar 10 Jamboree Swim Checks/ Parent Meeting

Sat. Mar 16 Scout Leader Specifics Training

Sat. Mar 16 Merit Badge University at Monmouth College

Sat. Mar 23 Popcorn Recap Meeting

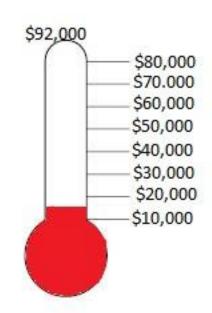
Sat. Mar 23 OA Sponsored Work Party at Loud Thunder

Fri. Mar 29 Good Friday- Council Service Center Closed

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting 2013 is in full swing! Our District FOS Campaign has gotten off to a great start. We are currently at 17% of our District Goal!

If you have not yet scheduled an FOS Presentation please contact Andy Green at 563-349-3440, andy.green@scouting.org, or Brett Nielsen at 309-752-3118, bnielsendc@gmail.com to schedule your presentation.



Each unit has a Friends of Scouting

Goal. If your unit reaches their goal every boy in your unit will receive \$10 off of their day camp or summer camp admission. Advertise when your Friends of Scouting presentation will be held! All Friends of Scouting Presentations need to be held before the end of March.

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit Recipients for 2013 are:

Colleen Haberkorn Fred Bignall

Brian Nikulski

Our District Award of Merit Recipients will be presented their awards at the District Dinner on March 21.

Congratulations to Colleen, Fred, and Brian!

Silver Beaver Award Recipients

Two Kittan volunteers are recipients of this year's Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver honors those who have given their time and service to the Illowa Council.

Congratulations to Colleen McKittrick and James Varcho!

Colleen and James will be honored at the Council Recognition Dinner on February 22.



Klondike Derby

The Kittan District hosted another successful Klondike Derby. Twenty Eight patrols competed in the events, and fun was had by everyone. Thank you to

all of our organizers and volunteers, and thank you to our leaders and scouts that came out for the day!

Patrol Results:

- 1. Troop 26- Knights
- 2. Troop 43- Spartans
- 3. Troop 24- Dragons



Kittan District Dinner

And awards presentation

Thursday March 21, 2013

at The Davenport Masonic Center

511 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Davenport, Iowa

6:00 PM

The Kittan District Committee invite Scouters, spouses, and guests to join us for a night in honoring our volunteers and units who make Scouting in Scott County a success! Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and recognition.

As a special incentive, the unit which has the most people in attendance will win a free weekend at R.D. Dunkin Lodge at Camp Loud Thunder for their Pack, Troop or Crew.

As an extra special incentive, your Institutional Head's dinner will be free if he or she is in attendance.

Everyone in attendance will have a chance to win a free LEXUS, and a full detail package provided by Lexus.

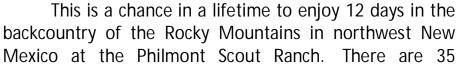
Dress for the event is business casual. Adult Beverages will be available.

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Philmont Treks for 2014!

There is still time for leaders and scouts to sign up for treks to Philmont in the summer of 2014. Illowa Council is the sponsor for 3 treks that run for 12 days starting 29 June, 2014. We will be leaving by train from the Galesburg station on June 28th and returning 14 days later.





different itineraries for each to crew to choose from, depending on the activities they like and the degree of difficulty on the trail they want to try. Trail activities include: burro riding, shotgun shooting, rock climbing, archery and many more. Trail elevations start at 6,000 feet and can range up to 12,400 over the top of Mt Baldy.

Each trek can have up to 9 scouts and 3 leaders. Applications for scouts ages 14 and older are available at Illowabsa.org. Applications for leaders are also available there, too. Leaders must be 21 or older and registered scouters.

Applications and a \$200 deposit must be received at the Illowa Council office no later than March 26, 2013 to reserve your spot on the trip.

New District Commissioner:

Kittan District is excited to welcome our new District Commissioner: Jorge Rodriguez. Jorge has served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 24. We are glad to have Jorge on the Kittan team. Jorge can be reached at: kittandistrictcommissioner@gmail.com



Journey to Excellence



As we enter 2013, use Journey to Excellence as a guide to help plan your year. There is a new form for 2013 for Packs, Troops, and Crews.

If you have not yet filled out your Journey to Excellence form for 2012, please fill them out and get them turned in as soon as possible.

Winter Opportunities for Pack Program Planning:

February:

- Requirement #1: Advancement- Complete Rank Requirements and have a Blue and Gold Ceremony.
- Requirement #3: Building Scouting-encourage Webelos to transition.
- Requirement #4: Develop a plan to have 100% of your leaders trained within the year.
- Requirement #7: Patrol Method- Troop elections should be held every 6 months.
- Requirement #9: Webelos to Scout Transition- Work with nearby Troops to coordinate activities for graduating Webelos.

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The Kittan District is proud to welcome four new Eagle Scouts during the month of January.

Eli Shellabarger Troop 26
Alex Reed Troop 26
Sean Ulrich Troop 24
Daniel Smith Troop 82

Congratulations to the all!

Quick Hits

Coe College Merit Badge Workshop

On April 13, 2013, Coe College in Cedar Rapids will be offering a Merit Badge Workshop featuring Emergency Prep, the Citizenships, Personal Fitness, First Aid, and many others! Online registration will open on February 1st. If you have any questions, or would be interested in helping, you may contact Cynthia Valenta at cvale74570@aol.com.



You can pay your 2013 Order of the Arrow dues online at:

http://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/home/Home.asp?ievent=1043084&en=doKCIJMnFbIFLMOtG6LBJNPqGiKMJKPoFbJEJRPwHiLVJ7K



Looking Towards the Future

Mark your calendars!

April 20-21- Webelos in the Woods

May 3-5- Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave

May 17-19- MALT (May at Loud Thunder)

June 10-14- Kittan District Cub Scout Day Camp



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