

# The Heartbeat

### Kittan District "Heart of the Illowa Council"

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Thu. Jan 10 District Roundtable- Genesis East Heart Center

Sat. Jan 19 Klondike Derby

Mon. Jan 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Scout Service Closed

Fri. Jan 25. Putnam Cub Scout Event: Simple Machines

Sat. Feb 2 Wood Badge Reunion Dinner

Sun. Feb 3 Scout Sunday

Thurs. Feb 14 District Roundtable- Genesis East Heart Center

Sat. Feb 16 Order of the Arrow Winter Dinner and Lock In

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

# Rechartering

All charters expired on December 31. Some unit recharters are still in need of applications, signatures, or Youth Protection Certifications. We need to get these in as soon as possible. If you have yet to turn your recharter in, please get those in as soon as possible.



# Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting is here! At your next Committee Meeting set your date for your Friends of Scouting presentation. Blue and Gold Banquets and Court of Honors are the best times to hold FOS presentations. Please contact Andy Green at 563-349-3440, <a href="mailto:andy.green@scouting.org">andy.green@scouting.org</a>, or Brett Nielsen at 309-752-3118, <a href="mailto:bnielsendc@gmail.com">bnielsendc@gmail.com</a> to schedule your presentation.

Each unit will have 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**



District Award of Merit nomination forms are now available.

Nominations are due to the Illowa Scout Service Center by February 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is someone you believe has left a big impact on the Kittan District you may nominate them for the District Award of Merit.

Nomination forms will be available at the next Roundtable, or by emailing Andy Green at <a href="mailto:andy.green@scouting.org">andy.green@scouting.org</a>. Award recipients will be honored at the District Dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 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.





# 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:

#### January:

- Requirement #4: Develop a plan to have 100% of your leaders trained within the year.
- Requirement #9: Webelos to Scout Transition- Work with nearby Troops to coordinate activities for graduating Webelos.

Winter Opportunities for Troop Program Planning:

#### January:

- Requirement #4: Develop a plan to have 100% of your leaders trained within the year
- Requirement #9: Webelos to Scout Transition- Work with nearby Packs to coordinate activities for graduating Webelos.

#### 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





2012 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Eagle Scout. The Kittan District is proud to welcome two new Eagle Scouts during the month of December. These Eagles are Kittan's last Eagles in 2012, the Centennial of the Eagle Scout Award.

Raymond Weis Troop 89
Alexander McCammant Troop 203

Congratulations to Raymond and Alexander!

#### **Quick Hits**

Ernest Oberholtzer Merit Badge Clinic

The First Aid and Search and Rescue Merit Badges will offered at Genesis East Hospital on February 2, 2012. Registration is \$10 per scout before January 21<sup>st</sup> and \$20 after. Online registration will open on December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information you can check the Council website, or contact Dr. Ben Van Raalte at vanraalte@yahoo.com

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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, or would be interested in helping, you may contact Cynthia Valenta at <a href="mailto:cvale74570@aol.com">cvale74570@aol.com</a>.



## 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!

March 21- District Dinner

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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