

Sauklook

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THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- **No meeting in April — Commissioner Mtg @ Singing Bird Lodge, Blackhawk State Historic Site, Rock Island (7:00-8:30pm)**
- **April 8th — District Dinner will replace Roundtable this month. It will be held at Bishops Buffet in Moline starting with dinner at 5:30pm and program starting at 6:30pm.**
- **April 15 — District Committee Mtg @ Augustana College, College Center Café (6:30-8:00pm)**
- **May 6th — Commissioner Mtg**
- **May 8th — Fishing Derby — Giant Goose Lake**
- **May 13th — Roundtable**
- **May 20th — District Committee Mtg**

The Saukenuk District is comprised of Scout units from Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer Counties. But, what really is Saukenuk?

Saukenuk is the name of the village inhabited by a band of Native Americans from the Sauk Nation (Sac and Fox, and Mesquakie) from around 1750-1832. The tribe's villagers were successful in agriculture and catching animals that would be skinned and traded to fur traders from the Great Lakes (mostly British). This is how the Warrior Black Hawk described the village:

"Our village was situated on the north side of the Rock River, at the foot of its rapids, and on the point of land between Rock River and the Mississippi River...The land around our village, uncultivated, was covered with blue-grass, which made excellent pasture for our horses. Several fine springs broke out of the bluff, near by, from which we were supplied with

good water. The rapids of the Rock River furnished us with an abundance of excellent fish, and the land, being good, never failed to produce good crops of corn, beans, pumpkins, and squash. We always had plenty—our children never cried with hunger, nor our people were never in want. Here our village had stood for more than a hundred years."

In 1804 the St. Louis Treaty transferred the lands of Saukenuk to the US government. The treaty was deemed invalid by the Sauk people that continued to live there numbering 4,800. The defeat of the British Canadians in the War of 1812 doomed the village. Some of the tribe made treaties with the new American nation and settled in Iowa and Missouri. A group of Sauk referred to as Black Hawk's band refused to accept the treaty and re-occupied Saukenuk. This act was viewed as an aggressive act of war. In 1832 the Americans fought the remaining Sauk in the Black Hawk

War which was considered a complete victory as much of the Quad Cities region was completely opened to settlement.

The village site today is now the Black Hawk State Historical Site and John Hauberg Museum of Native American Life. Black Hawk's courage has been admired by all in his band's defense of their ancestral lands, and the native leader has become a folk hero.

Celebrating the history of Saukenuk, Black Hawk State Historic Site is holding a welcome home event for the Sac Fox, and Mesquakie nations on May 1st and 2nd and is inviting the public to witness the historic event. Please see attached flyer with details to partake in this incredible event.

The park is also asking for Scout assistance with parking and litter. Please call Jeremy to find out details: 563-388-7233.

Tiger Coaches needed!!

As Spring has officially come we are now starting to plan and coordinate for Spring Tiger recruiting. Every year we visit elementary schools in our district to recruit the incoming Tiger dens for the 2010-11 year. We will be establishing area round-ups that will be held in Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Geneseo and Aledo.

To ensure that these round-ups are successful we are asking that every Cub Scout Pack send a leader (Tiger Coach) to their Pack's assigned round-up. This will give the new Scouting family their first opportunity to meet a leader from the Pack and will allow the leader to give new Scouts essential information like

calendars, telephone numbers, info about upcoming Pack events, etc.

The Tiger Coach also plays an important role in getting the Tiger den organized. Through the summer and into the fall this Tiger Coach keeps in constant contact with new Tigers and helps them organize during the first part of the school year. This may include modeling a den meeting or two and a "Go See It." Getting the Tiger den organized is one of the most critical steps in creating a quality unit. We ask that Tiger Coaches come to round-ups in late April and early May. Get started now on establishing this important person.

Day Camp

Don't forget to sign-up your Cub Scouts for the premiere Cub Scouting event of the year! This year's activities will include geo-caching, rock-climbing, swimming at White Water Junction, archery, bb's, hiking, songs, skits, games, and more incredible fun.



Fishing Derby



Grab your lucky fishing hat and gear and come join us at **Giant Goose Conservation Area in Atkinson, IL on Saturday, May 8th.** Join us as we: help the Boy

Scouts with their Fishing Merit Badge, help the Webelos earn their Fishing Belt loop, take a few hikes, camp, fish, and have fun with our Scouting friends. Prizes will be awarded in several categories with separated divisions for Boy Scouts and Webelos.

Camping is available for Friday and Saturday night on your own if you would like to spend a little extra time in the beautiful outdoors.

If you have any questions about the event please call Steve Bergland at 309.781.1751.

More information, including registration form, rules, and a map, can be found on our district website.

Whether you are a professional fishermen or a beginner this weekend of camping and fishing will be something you wont want to miss.

Scout Law:

**Cheerful
"The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to make others so."**

-Robert G. Ingersoll

District Dinner

Join us for Saukenuk District's 2010 District Dinner! It's time to celebrate the success we had in 2009, recognizing our District Award of Merit recipients, enjoy some great food, and fellowship.

This year's District Dinner will be held on April 8th at Bishop's Buffet located in South Park Mall with dinner starting at 5:30pm and

program starting promptly at 6:30pm.

It is not too late to get your nominations in for the District Award of Merit. Below are the requirements for nomination:

- A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside

Scouting, or both.

- Nominee must have a positive attitude towards both district and council.

If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate please e-mail Colbie Andes at Colbie.andes@scouting.org for a nomination form.

APRIL 20th - FOS SOCIAL

On Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00pm Kittan and Saukenuk volunteers are invited to join us at *America's Incredible Pizza Company* (2130 E. Kimberly Rd. Davenport, IA) as we celebrate our success in the 2010 Friends of Scouting campaign. Eat a light dinner if any at all, we will be a great buffet.

This will be a great opportunity for you to not only

enjoy great food, a few games, and great fellowship with friends on both side of the river, but also an opportunity to explore one of Davenport's newest attractions for kids of all ages.

All adults interested in the 2010 Friends of Scouting Campaign for either Kittan or Saukenuk are invited to join in the fun. Please spread the word. Remem-

ber, all of our FOS Social Events are for adults only and uniforms are not necessary.

Please RSVP to Colbie Andes at colbie.andes@scouting.org if you are interested in joining us for an evening of fun.

