## Sauklook



### THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- April 12th District Dinner @ Bishops
- April 13th BALOO/OLS Training @ LT
- April 19th District Committee Mtg @ Augustana College (630pm)
- May 10th Commissioners meeting @ Singing
   Bird Lodge (6pm)
- May 10th Roundtable/
   Program Kickoff @ Singing Bird Lodge (7pm)
- May 12th Fishing Derby@ Giant Goose Lake
- May 17th District Committee Mtg @ Augustana (630pm)
- May 18th-20th MALT @ Loud Thunder

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## What is "Active Participation?"

Boy Scout Leaders: Have you ever wondered what it means to "Be Active in your Troop and Patrol for at least 4 (Star) or 6 (Life and Eagle) months?" Our National Advancement committee gives the following advice:

"The Guide to advancement takes a new approach in determining whether a Scout has been 'active' to the extent required for rank advancement. Three sequential tests are set forth. The first two require a Scout to be registered and in 'good standing.' For the third test a Scout is evaluated against his unit's reasonable expectations that refer to a level of activity. If he does not meet these expectations, however, he may still be considered active for the purposes of advancement. First a board of review must agree that Scouting's values have taken hold and been exhibited. If such agreement can be reached, then one of the following must be established:

- The unit's reasonable expectations that refer to a level of activity have not been met due to other positive endeavors in or out of Scouting. For example, activity with the Order of the Arrow, his religious institution, school, sports, or clubs that also develop character, citizenship, or personal fitness, may be considered and 'counted.'
- 2) The unit's reasonable expectations that refer to a level of activity have not been met due to noteworthy circumstances that have prevented a higher level of participation. These may be medical, educational, family, or other issues that for practical purposes limit the Scout's ability to participate. If it can be established that the Scout would have been more active if he could have been, then he is deemed 'active' for the purposes of advancement.

It is important to note that it is up to a board of review to make the determination. The Scout's level of activity should be discussed at the Scoutmaster conference, along with considerations of Scout spirit, and reasons why the Scout has not been more active. This allows for a two way conversation about the subject."

### Friends of Scouting Update

The Saukenuk District Friends of Scouting campaign is nearly to the 70% mark of its \$75,000 goal and is progressing quickly. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers that are working so hard to make this year's campaign a success. Special thanks to Steve Lambrecht, family campaign chair, Dave Mills, community campaign chair, and Bob Graves, Deere campaign chair for their hard work.

#### Campaign progress:

Here's how we're doing: Family campaign: 75% Community Campaign: 60% Deere Campaign: 59%

Congratulations to the following units for reaching Gold card status:

Packs 100, 109, 136, 144, 213, 242, 311, 406, 425, 587 and 610. Troops 109, 113, 119, 123, 243 and 260.

If you believe your unit is a gold card and is not on the list please contact Jeremy Snook right away to clarify. Units have until May 1st to complete their unit Friends of Scouting Campaign.

#### **Gold Card:**

By receiving the Gold card status a unit will receive \$10 per Scout off of several camps. Cub Scouts may receive \$10 off each camp they attend to include Cub Scout Day Camp, Family Camp, and Webelos Camp. If a Scout attends all three camps they will receive \$30 off. Boy Scouts will receive \$10 per Scout off resident camp fees.

#### Journey to Excellence

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

#### Click Here for the new 2012 Award Criteria

In an effort to allow units the maximum opportunity for success in this program you will receive periodic updates for the criteria that you will have a hard time collecting yourself such as retention rate, membership and advancement info. We will be handing this information out at Roundtable in the months of March, May, August, October and December.





#### **District Dinner!**

District dinner is coming up shortly! Remember that District Dinner will be here on April I2th at Bishops at SouthPark Mall. It is always an exciting time where you can sit and talk with other scouters and enjoy a delicious dinner at the same time... with pie even! Don't forget that we will be honoring this years District Award of Merit Recipients so make sure to turn in your applicants now. District Dinner will be taking the place of April's Roundtable, so there will not be a Roundtable in April.

#### Sauklook Submissions

In the coming months you will notice that the Sauklook will have 3 pages... that's right, there are so many exciting things going on in Saukenuk District that we have a page just for you! If you would like to submit an article about something your unit is doing, or you would like to recognize a unit or person for a exemplary job they have been doing, send us your information and we will be sure to add it to our 3rd page so that everyone can share in your excitement and Scouting prowess. To submit your idea, you can either email Jeremy (Jeremy.snook@scouting.org) or Michael (michael.gullion@scouting.org) or submit it to this link. Sauklook Submissions . (Please remember to submit complete information and pictures are always welcome!)

# Scouting Quotes: Reverent

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light"

- Plato

#### **Fishing Derby**

Temperatures are warming up, so that means that fish are biting once again. Time to grab your rod and reel, grab your friends, dig some worms and head on out to Giant Goose Lake for our 2012 Fishing derby!

Its going to be a great time to work on your Fishing Merit Badge, or even to just come out with your Troop and/or Webelos Den to spend some quality time outdoors at a lake doing whatever you can to catch those fish! This event is open to all Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts so be sure to tell all your friends so that they can join too!



Giant Goose Lake Atkinson, IL May 12th, 2012 Time: 7am to 3pm

#### **Good Turn for America**

Scouting helps promote community awareness. Awareness to the Scouts so they know what it is like to belong to a community; and awareness to the community to know that Scouting is alive and active within its area. One things that Scouting promotes is Community Service. Community service is needed for Boy Scouts to advance in rank, and for Cub Scouts to help earn their Good Turn for the day; but now community service also relates to Journey to Excellence. All units have a Journey to Excellence category that relates directly towards community service, which isn't a bad thing because of how active our units already are in their community.

What we need to make sure we are doing though, is logging all the community service information into the Journey to Excellence website so that your unit can get credit for participating in community service.

All you need to do is go to www.goodturnforamerica.org, and then click on link on the right hand side that says "Service hours website", create an account if you have not done so, and log in to input your hours. Remember though, it will ask for your Unit ID which you can get from Michael or Jeremy, as well as a username and password. Make sure to remember those, that way if someone else wants to input hours for the unit, they don't have to start new. If you have any other questions, please contact Michael or Jeremy at the office at 563-388-7233.

## Celebration Page

#### Boy Scouts' Religious Achievements Illustrate Strong Relationship Between Troop and Parish

A Boy Scout is called to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. In our age of aggressive secularism and banishing religious references from public view, we might be surprised to find "reverence" among the 12 virtues listed among the ideals of Boy Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America, however, have always relied upon their foundation in the Judeo-Christian faith

"From the beginning, religion and faith in God have been an emphasis in scouting," says Bob Graves, an assistant scoutmaster with Troop 109, which is sponsored by Sacred Heart. "One of the famous 12 points is reverence to God. Additionally, the Scout Oath includes the line, 'On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.' Scouting is famous for camping and being prepared, but faith in God is no less important for scouts."

Given the close ties between Scouting and the Christian faith, it comes as no surprise that Sacred Heart has a century-old relationship with the Boy Scouts.

"Sacred Heart is the chartered organization for Troop 109 and has been for 100 years," Bob says. "Throughout that entire time, the parish has given support mainly through providing a great facility for meetings, including the troop as one of the parish youth programs, and helping to provide people to assist in running the troop."

The relationship is favorable for the parish in several ways as well.

"Through the years, the troop has completed service projects for the parish, including many Eagle projects," Bob says. "I am also confident that the troop has helped develop many outstanding lifetime parish members."

Each year the parish joins with other Catholic parishes and other denominations in celebrating Scout Sunday. This year on Scout Sunday, Feb. 12, troop members served as lectors, altar servers and gift bearers at the 9 a.m. Mass.

During the Scout Sunday Mass, Mgsr. Wellman spoke to the scouts and distributed several religious emblems, marking achievements in religious related activities. This year, two members of the troop achieved a rare distinction in scouting by earning all four of Scouting's religious emblems. These two, Casey DeWitt and Ben Graves (Bob's son), became part of the less than one percent of all scouts to complete this achievement.

Bob credits the scouts in their perseverance and strong faith in achieving all four emblems, but also sights the extreme importance that their parents, their troop and their parish played in directing them.

"Both scouts showed strong self-motivation in earning these awards," Bob says. "Their faith is important to them and they have a desire to grow in it. Their parents' commitment to teaching them about faith in Jesus influences the importance they place on earning the awards. Finally, these young men would not earn these awards without a commitment from the troop, pack and the chartered organization, Sacred Heart. All these really need to come together for scouts to earn all four emblems."

Casey and Ben's achievements are a perfect indication that Scouting and Catholicism are mutually very beneficial in the lives of young Catholics, and that both are thriving at Sacred Heart.

"Many outstanding parishioners and citizens have come out of the troop, and our Catholic Faith has always been a key component of our troop," Bob says. "We look forward to continuing that tradition and sharing our faith with many future scouts."

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#### Do you have special news to share?

Perhaps a news article, volunteer you'd like to recognize for their hard work, photos of Scouts earning awards, special event photos. Please review the Sauklook Submissions section on page 2 and send us the details. This is a great format to recognize your youth and adults for their hard work.

This month we'd like to thank Sacred Heart Catholic Church for allowing us to rerun an article they posted in their monthly newsletter.

Congratulations to the young men that were recognized for their hard work towards religious emblem awards. Thank you to Bob Graves for creating an article that shows the positive relationship between Scouting units and their chartered organization.

