

Sauklook

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THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- Feb 9th - Commissioner mtg (6pm) Singing Bird Lodge
- Feb 9th - Roundtable - (7pm) Singing Bird Lodge
- Feb 16th - District Committee Mtg (630) Augustana College
- Feb 24th - Council Recognition Dinner (6pm) Hotel Black Hawk
- Feb 25-26 - OLS Training for Boy Scout Leaders (Camp Loud Thunder)
- March 8th Commissioner / Roundtable Mtg (6pm/7pm) Singing Bird Lodge
- March 15th - District Committee Mtg (630pm) Augustana College
- March 24th - Scouting for Food

Silver Beavers Announced

2012 Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Scouters, spouses, and guests are cordially invited to join us as we honor the many committed adults who make our Scouting program possible. You will have an evening of fellowship and fun as we thank and recognize the best of the best.... Crowning the evening with the 2012 Silver Beaver Presentations.

This will be a special night for the Saukenuk District as we will be celebrating several incredible achievements. First we will be accepting the District Journey to Excellence Gold Award. This is the first of it's kind and we are happy to be celebrating the highest level available.

In addition we will be celebrating two of our Key Leaders in our District that will be receiving the Council's highest award, the Silver Beaver. Congratulations to Dave Evans and Jim Coe on this significant accomplishment. These two gentlemen have helped shape the successes of our District that will have a lasting legacy for quite some time. Congratulations gentlemen!!!!

Other Silver Beaver Awardees include Will Moon, Realf Ottesen, Colleen Haberkorn and John Staack.

**Friday, February 24,
2012 at the
Hotel Black Hawk
In Davenport, IA**

**6pm Gathering
6:45pm Program and
Dinner**

[\(Click Here for Registration and Event details\)](#)



Beard Be Gone!

During the head shaving of our Council Scout Executive Tom McDermott for the successful completion of year end membership growth in 2010, Assistant Scout Executive Brad Bodoh challenged the Saukenuk District to achieve 2% growth in traditional membership during 2011. Though there were some challenges during the year the Saukenuk District pulled it together to achieve year end membership growth for the 7th consecutive year. In addition to growth the District reach 2.6% in traditional youth membership growth.

Thanks so much Brad for being a great sport and following through with your promise to the volunteers of the District that work so hard. Please enjoy the photos everyone:



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.



Chef Ben's Kitchen - Hudson Bay Bread

1.5 lbs (3cup) Margarine
 4 cups Sugar
 2/3 cup Karo syrup
 2/3 cup Honey
 2 Tbsp Maple Syrup
 15 oz (1 box) Raisins
 52 oz (1 big can) Peanuts
 84 oz Oatmeal (2box)
 (preferred is non instant)

Cream together the first 5 ingredients. Grind up the peanuts (food processor works nice). Then gradually blend in the last three ingredients.

Then press the mixture into a large sheet pan that has been sprayed with PAM.

Bake at 325 for 20 minutes. Do not over bake !

Remove from the oven and press the mixture with a tool so as not to burn your hands. The tighter it

is pressed the better. This will stop it from crumbling.

Cut into squares about 3.5 X 3.5

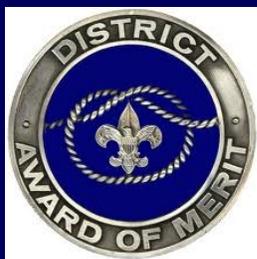
Mmm! Mmm! Delicious!!!

Makes 1 large camp cookie sheet (Feeds 36)

Scouting Quotes: Brave

“What lies before us and what lies behind us are tiny compared to what lies within us.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Internet Advancement & You

Lets talk about advancements. Everyone says advancements are easy... you fill out the form and turn it into the office, and then you can buy your patches and what-not. If Advancements are so easy, why do we have such a low advancement rate for both Cub Scouts advancing and Boy Scouts Advancing? You want to cut out the fuss of filling out those forms and bringing it to the office just to make sure someone actually turned it in? If that's the case, then Internet Advancement is just for you. Using Internet Advancement is easy for anyone to use, and it makes everything so simple. You log in, pull a roster right from the Council office (yes the days of writing down every kid who

earned something is over. You just choose a youth, use the drop down box, and pick the award and enter the date. Not only does it do rank advancement, but it now also keeps tracks of belt loops and activity pins! Huzzah! After you are finished with all the youth who received an advancement, you just click "Submit to Council" and Pfoosh! Its on its way straight to our office, you do not need to print it off and turn it in yourself; the computer already did that for you. Yes you will still have to print off a copy for your records, as well as a copy for the scout shop so you can actually buy your awards and patches, but that's all there is to it.

Lets look at the pro's and cons:

Pros:

Load a roster directly from Scout office or from Troopmaster or Packmaster
 Youth are already on there
 It records all advancements and awards
 Sends it in electronically so it doesn't get lost

Cons:

You... well... is there any???

For more information, please contact either Jeremy or Michael at the Scout Office, and they would be happy to help you out with all your Internet advancement needs.

District Award of Merit

The Saukenuk District Dinner will soon be upon us, so we are once again taking applications for the District Award of Merit.

The District Award of Merit is a highly acclaimed award only given to those that go above and beyond in their role for the District. Any adult can be nominated for the Award, but they can only receive it once. Applications can be found at [District Award of Merit nominations](#). Completed nominations should be given to Curt Champion mf3615@mchsi.com or to Jeremy or Michael at the Scout Office.

Requirements

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
 Note - The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.