

2007 National Quality District



Soaring Eagle

Serving Scout leaders in Western Omaha, Douglas County and Sarpy County west of I-80

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TRAIN-A-GANZA

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. So if you have yet to take any training or you are simply craving more Scouting knowledge, sign up for TRAIN-A-GANZA April 25-27. There are numerous courses being offered. For more details check out the council website at www.mac-bsa.org or contact the District Training Chair Wally Farley, at wfarley@nebook.com.

TIGERS AND BEARS AND WOLFS...OH MY!

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts alike are about having fun, learning values, and succeeding because you tried your best. By awarding rank advancements and achievements in a timely fashion, Scouts are getting the most out of their hard work. Report advancements, online and submit a hard copy to the Durham Scout Shop. If you would like to help the district continue its success with advancements, please contact Mike Wilson at mwilson@reaganomaha.com.

ARE YOU COMMITTED?

Gear up for 2008 Scouting for Food drive. It's one of the largest food drives in the state and brings in much needed product for the Omaha Food Bank. We strive to have every Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venturing Crew take part. Please pick up your bags at the March Roundtable. Contact Amy Rabinovitz at amy_r@cox.net.

ROUNDTABLE

This may sound like a funny name for a gathering of folks, but "Roundtable" is a monthly meeting for all and any Soaring Eagle leaders or parents looking for information and support. It's a

great place to run ideas past others facing the same obstacles or to pick up on the latest and greatest for the district. Hope to see you at Faith Christian Church on March 6 at 7:15 p.m. Questions, comments, concerns? Please contact Wally Farley at wfarley@nebook.com.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

THANK YOU to everyone who has done their FOS Presentation. All your contributions allow us to continue providing a top quality program for over 33,000 scouts. To those who have their presentations coming up this month, we look forward to seeing you wrap things up for us in a strong finish. If you still have pledges to be turned in, please make a point to get them in as soon as possible. For questions, please contact Connie Jones at cjonesx2cc@gmail.com.

SPRING RECRUITMENT

How are you going to let your soon-to-be Tiger Cubs know how much fun you have in Cub Scouts? This spring promote and invite everyone to all the fun activities you will be doing over the summer, including the Omaha Beef Camp and the new and improved Omaha Royals Camp. Spring recruitment is a major cornerstone for recruiting new families into Scouting. Plan for success. For questions, please contact Larry Singleton at Larry.Singleton@cox.net.

SCOUTS WANT TO GO CAMPING!

Getting outdoors is the best way our Scouts learn skills which will last them a lifetime, and to respect our environment. This year, we have the most awesome camping events ever! From our Day Camp at Chalco May 17 to camping with the Omaha Beef and Omaha Royals, and the Boy Scouts, this will be the best year yet for Cub Camping. Check out the Cub Camping Leader's Guide at www.mac-bsa.org, and get registered by April 25 to get free stuff at camp! Don't forget to apply your FOS or Popcorn discounts.

SHORT OF FUNDS?

Thanks to you and your Scouts, we had a successful popcorn sale

CALENDAR of events

MARCH

- 6 Roundtable, Program Preview, 7:15 pm
Commissioner meeting, 6 pm
Camping Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
Membership Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
OA Chapter meeting, 7:30 pm
Faith Christian Church, 2201 S. 132 St.
- 8 College of Commissioner Science, Stuart Hall, Iowa
Western Community College, Council Bluffs, IA
Registration will start at 8:30 am
- 28 Popcorn Sales Begin
- 29 Scouting for Food Bag Drop Off

APRIL

- 3 Roundtable, 7:15 pm
Commissioner's meeting, 6 pm
Camping Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
Membership Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
OA Chapter meeting, 7:30 pm
Faith Christian Church, 2201 S. 132 St.
Youth Protection Training, Roundtable
- 5 Scouting For Food Pick Up
- 14 Spring Popcorn Orders Due
- 24 Leadership Summit (CCC Meeting)
- 25-27 TRAIN-A-GANZA, Camp Cedars
- 26 Spring Popcorn Distribution

this past fall, which resulted in over \$300,000 put into the accounts of our Soaring Eagle packs, troops, teams, crews and Scouts! If your share of that wasn't quite enough to take care of your entire IYOS Scouting budget, get signed up for our Spring Popcorn Sale. Sale begins Feb 29 and final orders are due Mar 14. More information is online at www.mac-bsa.org. Please contact Melinda Auch at mauch@mac-bsa.org with any questions.

HELPFUL DISTRICT CONTACTS:

Please refer to the website, www.mac-bsa.org, and click on the Soaring Eagle district for a complete list of contacts.

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Trailblazer

Serving Scout leaders in Council Bluffs and Fremont, Mills, western Pottawattamie counties, Iowa.

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District Web Site: www.trailblazerdistrict.com

productive fun meetings, quality time with the Scouts, new games, etc. A better program delivers a better unit. A better unit results in a better person. A better person changes the world into a better place!

"The world is still full of willing people; some willing to lead and the rest willing to let them." For more information, to register for a class, or to get on the training email list, contact District Training Chair Brad Hyndman, 712-256-2935; spawned@cox.net.

ONLINE ADVANCEMENT

Use Internet Advancement (IA) to record and update awards and rank to unit records from any online location, including at home or at the office. It's an easy process with direct access to unit advancement information. Review records and submit advancement reports each month to ensure Scouts receive credit for their efforts. To ensure your Scouts records are complete, before the end of each December, submit a final report with anything not already recorded for the year. Two copies of your online advancement report are required to purchase recognition items. The printouts replace a multi-part form, and two copies are needed to process these records. For questions, please contact Lloyd

CALENDAR of events

MARCH

- 6 Escape to Islamorada: Adult Leader Recognition Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 8 MacHusker College of Commissioner Science, IWCC, 8:30 am
- 20 District Committee meeting, 7 pm, LDS Greenview Church
- 29 New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific; Fire Station, Malvern, IA
- 29 Scouting For Food Bags Delivered to Neighborhoods
- 29-30 Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills, Boehner Pond, Malvern, IA

APRIL

- 3 Roundtable, LDS Greenview, 7 pm
- 3 Youth Protection Training, LDS Greenview, 7:30 pm
- 5 Scouting For Food Bags Picked Up
- 9 Cope Instructor Training, Camp Cedars
- 12-13 Cope Instructor Training, Camp Cedars
- 17 District Committee Meeting, LDS Greenview, 7 pm
- 25-27 Train-A-Ganza, Camp Cedars

Jerome, TB district advancement chair, (712) 322-1863 or mrclean34@hotmail.com

TRAINING

Sat., Mar 8, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs. Registration begins at 8:30 am at Stuart Hall. Training for all commissioners, potential commissioners and district committee members. \$25 after Feb 29. For more information, contact Ricky Holbert, 402-291-7637, owlybear@cox.net. Find registration forms at <http://www.mac-bsa.org>. Why get trained? The impact you will have on youth is huge. You are a role model and a leader. Take advantage of the training available to you to get the skills and knowledge you should have. You will learn and be a more confident leader and better person. You want (need) to have fun, too! In short, you will be able to deliver a better program;