

The Voyageur



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ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER SET FOR JANUARY 27

The Voyageurs Area Council Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner is scheduled for January 27, 2007 in the Harborside Ballroom at the DECC in Duluth.

The Annual Recognition Dinner is our opportunity to recognize those Scouters who have made 2006 so successful for the Voyageurs Area Council.

The Council Annual Meeting will be held at 5:00 PM prior to the dinner. The Annual Meeting will also be held at the DECC.

Carole Hawkinson will chair the 2006 Silver Beaver Selection Committee. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award a Council can award to local volunteers

and is presented at the Annual Dinner.

The Council will also recognize District Award of Merit recipients for all Districts throughout the Council, new James E. West Fellows, and the chairmen of the various events.

An early bird discount registration of \$25 per person is available for any registration received in the Council Service Center by January 17, 2007. The regular registration fee is \$30 per person. A sign-up form for the dinner can be found on page 2. For more information on the Council Annual Recognition Dinner, contact the Council Service Center.

Scouting Around the World Cub Scout Day Camp 2007

You are traveling around the world. At each country you stop in, you are surrounded by hundreds of youth in a similar type of uniform that you are wearing. You might not understand the language or the customs, but you do understand the young Scout who wants you to join his Scout group in playing a game and then partaking in the food that is so mouthwatering you just want to step over to the table and try a few pieces of it now.

You won't want to miss a single fun-filled minute exploring "Scouting Around the World". All

of this is coming to a location near you. Plan right now to be on hand at your day camp as you trek the world in search of Scouting. Be with us for all the fun, adventure and excitement of Scouting Around the World.

Day Camps are being organized in every District of the Council. We will again be offering several specialty camps this summer. Look for these camps and many others when the Day Camp brochure comes out in late February. For a list of all Day Camps being offered this summer, see page 4.

SPRING WEBELOS ACTION CAMP

Come and join us for a great weekend of fun and activities at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (located off US Highway 2 on County Highway G, 2.5 miles west of Ashland) on May 4-6, 2007. Camp out with your fellow Webelos and cook a couple meals over your campfire. Everyone on the committee is working hard to

make this year's camp the best yet. Experience the wonders of camping out in a beautiful setting. Enjoy a nature walk along the boardwalk and rediscover nature and explore a cedar and black ash wetlands. The Visitor's Center will be helping us to provide a wonderful program for you to enjoy. Great surprises await you!

BARTA AND HAGLIN ASSUME NEW POSITIONS WITH COUNCIL



Senior District Executive **Allison Barta** and District Executive **Adam Haglin** will assume new positions with the Voyageurs Area Council. Allison

will begin working with the Appelget District. Appelget District covers the Grand Rapids and Itasca County area of the Council. Allison will also continue working with the Scouts and Scouters of the Paul Bunyan District.



Adam will assume leadership of the North Border District of the Council. North Border covers the International Falls and Baudette area.

He will also continue to work with the Scouters of the Sleeping Giant District.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Helping Deliver Scouting's Promise to Youth

Thanks to all those units that conducted a Family Friends of Scouting presentation in 2006. Your efforts to let the parents and family members hear Scouting's message allows our Council to fund the programs and services that we provide the units in northern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and the western upper peninsula of Michigan.

In 2006, the Voyageurs Area Council invested **over \$100** per registered Scout in the support of the council's units through its programs and services.

Congratulations to the following units and their families among the Packs and Troops/Crews in each of

the Districts that had the **highest giving average per registered Scout** in 2006.

North Star Average Gift per Scout

Pack 44	\$54
Pack 9	\$54
Troop 9	\$102
Troop 28	\$86

Great Bear Average Gift per Scout

Pack 152	\$32
Pack 180	\$22
Troop 171	\$46
Troop 152	\$42

Wah Da Bong Average Gift per Scout

Pack 331	\$52
Pack 343	\$35
Troop 342	\$49
Troop 43	\$43

Gitche Gumee Average Gift per Scout

Pack 202	\$32
Pack 221	\$24
Troop 213	\$47
Troop 212	\$24

Sleeping Giant Average Gift per Scout

Pack 121	\$59
Pack 103	\$47
Troop 119	\$98
Troop 1	\$81

Paul Bunyan Average Gift per Scout

Pack 32	\$55
Pack 80	\$48
Troop 25	\$98
Troop 80	\$80

Appelget Average Gift per Scout

Pack 30	\$27
Pack 21	\$20
Troop 30	\$36
Troop 41	\$24

North Border Average Gift per Scout

Pack 62	\$58
Pack 145	\$41
Troop 150	\$64
Troop 145	\$63
Troop 62	\$63



RED LANTERN AWARD

Congratulations to **Jen Maki, Stephanie Weidenbornen** and **Dave Possin** who are the latest recipients of the Council Red Lantern Award.

Jen and Stephanie helped organize Cub Scout Pack 46, sponsored by Kelliher Parent Group.

Dave helped organize Cub Scout Pack 74, sponsored by the Laporte-Benedict Lions Club.

Congratulations to Jen, Stephanie and Dave for the great work they have done organizing these new units and providing the Cub Scout program to youth in the Voyageurs Area Council.

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HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS - 2008

The Council is working to organized four high adventure treks for the summer of 2008. All Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members are invited to be part of any one of these treks.

- **Philmont Scout Reservation** - A ten-day trek hiking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.
- **Finland Trek** - Tour Finland while stay in a youth hostel and/or with Finnish Scouting families.
- **Bissett** - Fly into a remote lake in Manitoba for a wilderness canoeing/fishing trip.

- **Florida Sea Base** - Spend a week on a large ship sailing around the Florida Keys.

The Council is also looking adults who would be interested in leading any of these expeditions.

If you are interested in any of these treks, complete the hold-a-spot form found on our Council website (www.vac-bsa.org) or you can pick one up at the Council Service Center and return it to the Council Service Center along with a \$75 Hold-A-Spot deposit.

2007 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2007

DECC, Duluth, MN

____ Reservations at \$25.00 Early Bird Discount if Registered by
January 19, 2007 \$_____

____ Reservations at \$30.00 - Regular Registration \$_____

Names of those attending: _____

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**Commissioner's
Corner**
Rock Gillson
Council Commissioner

Happy Holidays! What a terrific time of year for Scouts to do a Holiday Good Turn. As you complete your year, be sure to record and submit your service hours to goodturnforamerica.org--what a difference your unit has made this year!! Remembering that 2006 was a fantastic year of opportunities and events for many units: Philmont, Sea Base, Canoe Base, Summer Camp, Day Camp, Expo, Klondike, etc.

We want to thank each Scout and adult that made our Popcorn Season a Success! It is the efforts of each person that helps Voyageurs Area Council deliver a quality program to every corner of the Council.

2007 will see the beginning of the New Centennial Quality Unit Award! Be sure to get the details from your Unit Commissioner. They are prepared and ready to help you achieve your realistic goals. This program is designed to help units strengthen and expand. Registration and Friend of Scouting are coming! It would be fantastic to have both completed in the first three months of 2007.

Winter is an Outstanding time for lots of Activities---indoors or out! Be sure to participate in your District events: Klondike, skating, swimming, Expo planning, Day Camp planning, or whatever is created! Enjoy the moment and explore the possibilities---they are truly endless and the FUN is immeasurable. Remember to celebrate Scouting in February with Scout Sunday, a Blue & Gold Banquet, perhaps a Scout Week

storefront display, a special Court of Honor, or something your unit designs. Scouting is preparing for a celebration in England the summer of 2007--100 years of volunteers taking time to touch the lives of young men and women. Your efforts will not go unnoticed--the values you teach; the character you have helped develop; the community spirit that you have inspired will be shared for years to come. Keep doing the tremendous job that you do to make a difference in every youth served and those that are touched!

Keep the Spirit of Scouting alive and continue to share the experience with ALL that you meet. I would like to take this opportunity to wish every Scout a Wonderful and Blessed Holiday Season!

On the Trail,

Rock

MERIT BADGE CAMP SCHEDULED

The annual Merit Badge Camp has been scheduled for June 23-24 at Camp Horace Johnson. The goal of the Merit Badge Camp is to allow Scouts to start earning the merit badge selected. If they have already started or partially completed the merit badge, they may be able to complete it on this weekend. The program will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday and will conclude at 2:30 PM on Sunday.

Scouts must be approved to participate by either their Scoutmaster or Troop Advancement Chair. Scouts must pre-register through the Council Service Center. Registration packets will be distributed in April. Expected cost will be \$15. Contact Merit Badge Camp Director, **John Werner**, at (218) 727-0813 for more information.

BOY SCOUT LEADER BASIC TRAINING WITH OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

The Boy Scout Leaders Basic Training with Outdoor Leader Training Skills will be held April 20-22, 2007 at Camp Horace Johnson. This training program is open to all registered adult leaders. Courses offered that weekend are:

- **New Leader Essentials** - Friday, 7:00-9:00 PM
- **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leaders Specific Training** - Saturday, 8:30 AM—5:15 PM
- **Troop Committee Training** - Saturday, 8:30—11:30 AM
- **Outdoor Leadership Skills Training** - Saturday, 6:30 PM—Sunday, 4:00 PM

Cub Scout leaders that attend the Outdoor Leadership Skills Training course are given credit for attending **BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)**.

Costs for the weekend are:

New Leader Essentials: N/C

Scoutmaster Specific Training: \$10.00
Outdoor Leader Training: \$10.00
Troop Committee Training \$2.00

Registrations can be made through the Council Service Center. Pre - registration is required by April 14. When you register, identify the sessions you will be attending and meals for which you will be joining us.

MEMORIALS

The Voyageurs Area Council Tribute Fund is a program through which donors may acknowledge a friend, relative, or business associate in the form of recognition or congratulations or as a memorial in the time of sorrow.

The Voyageurs Area Council has received the following memorials:

IN MEMORY OF JOHN EVANOFF
William Betzler

IN MEMORY OF BERT ANDREAS
William Betzler

2006 FALL POPCORN SALES A HUGE SUCCESS FOR UNIT PROGRAMS

Barry Bergquist announced that the 2006 Fall Popcorn Sales were the largest in the Voyageurs Area Council. \$550,484 of Trail's End popcorn was sold this year. The 129 units selling averaged over \$4,200 in sales and over \$385,000 (70% of the sale) in Scouting commissions was raised to provide program funds for the youth of the Voyageurs Area Council. Congratulations to all the units for bettering their programs through the Council popcorn fundraiser. Barry also thanked the District Popcorn Chairs for their leadership in this record year.

Congratulations to the following units among Packs and Troops/ Crews in each of the Districts that had the **highest sales average per registered Scout**.

<u>North Star</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 24	\$271
Pack 73	\$268
Troop 157	\$639
Troop 25	\$298
<u>Great Bear</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 176	\$302

Pack 149	\$194
Troop 152	\$206
Troop 169	\$176

<u>Wah Da Bong</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 323	\$242
Pack 350	\$178
Troop 342	\$153
Troop 344	\$74

<u>Gitche Gumee</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 221	\$220
Pack 256	\$198
Troop 240	\$239
Troop 204	\$187

<u>Sleeping Giant</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 103	\$362
Pack 18	\$325
Troop 126	\$555
Troop 129	\$519

<u>Paul Bunyan</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 67	\$420
Pack 47	\$239
Troop 23	\$238
Troop 25	\$174

<u>Appelget</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 45	\$169
Pack 42	\$153
Troop 84	\$167
Troop 40	\$119

<u>North Border</u>	<u>Average Per Youth</u>
Pack 432	\$432
Pack 145	\$209
Troop 150	\$630

2007 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMPS

French Club, Cotton	June 13-14
Eveleth Veteran's Park	June 12-13
Camp Superior, Ironwood	June 16-17
Carlton Co Fairgrounds Barnum	June 19-21
Rainy River Community College, Int'l Falls	June 23
Prentice Park, Ashland	June 23-24
Oak Hills Christian College, Bemidji	June 25-26
Great Lakes Aquarium	June 28
Sundew Overnight 1	June 28-29
Itasca Co Fairgrounds Grand Rapids	July 9-10
Camp Horace Johnson 1	July 9-11
Fortune Bay Fishing Culture Day	July 12
Grand Marais	July 12-13
Sundew Overnight 2	July 17-18
Pattison Park, Superior	July 21-22
Canal Park 1	July 24-25
Sleep with the Otters Great Lakes Aquarium	July 24-25
Canal Park 2	August 1-2
Snooze at the Zoo	August 2-3
Cardboard Boat Family Camp	August 3-5
Harley Nature Center Solar Cars	August 7-8
Camp Horace Johnson 2	August 14-16

ECHO TAPS WORLDWIDE

A national program is being planned that will stage EchoTaps at each of the 123 National Cemeteries across the United States on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 19, 2007. The Military Salute Project, based in Woodbury, is coordinating the event at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The program will include patriotic music, a Parade of Colors, a rifle squad and a cascade of "Taps" performed by bagpipers and horn players. Boy Scout are invited to participate in this event as part of the "Echo Taps", color guard or escorts for dignitaries and guests.

For more information about the EchoTaps Worldwide, and especially the Fort Snelling National Cemetery event, go to: <http://home.att.net/~militarysalute4/index.html>.

SCOUT ANNIVERSARY WEEK February 4-10, 2007

It is time to plan for religious organization observance of Scouting. As a part of Scout Anniversary Week, February 4-10, be sure to involve your church by encouraging them to conduct a special observance on Scout Sunday, February 4.

Work with your Chartered Organization Representative, Commissioner and Unit Leader to plan the service. If this will be the first time for such an event, keep the observance simple and build on its success the following year. Strive to involve members of the church. Youth members may sing, usher, greet, pray, and read.

Occasionally, a youth is allowed to prepare the sermon for the service. Ask all members in Scouting to wear their uniforms so they may be recognized during the service.

There are a variety of materials to support Scout Sunday efforts, including a suggested order of worship for Scout Sunday titled "A Scout is Reverent," No. 5-961, that may be adapted to meet your needs. This publication includes hymns, prayers, responsive readings, quotes, and benedictions. In addition, the Council Service Center can provide religious service program covers and one-page inserts.

WOOD BADGE for the 21st CENTURY

The next Wood Badge Course (for all Scout leaders) will be held February 26-March 3, 2007 at The Charles L. Somers High Adventure Base near, Ely.

What is Wood Badge? Some people have described it: "It's fun; It's a learning experience; It's a motivational experience, and "It's a tool!" Wood Badge was originally

presented by Baden-Powell as a means of strengthening and preserving the Scout movement in each country. It is the oldest and most advance form of training available to Scout leaders. Its object is to demonstrate, in a practical way, the aims and methods of Scouting and to develop Scout spirit through a program of

activities. Each participant learns by doing hands-on activities and sharing ideas with other participants.

Applications and an explanatory video are available at the Council Service Center. For more information, call the Service Center or Course Director, **Tom Meyer**, at (218) 722-9163.

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January 2007

- 11 Re-Charter Party, 5-8PM, Council Service Center
- 11 All Leaders Roundtable, 7-8:30PM, Council Service Center
- 17 District Key -3 Meeting, 6PM, Council Service Center
- 25 District Meeting, 7PM, Council Service Center

February 2007

- 3 Fishing Derby, TBA
- 8 All Leaders Roundtable, 7-8:30PM, Council Service Center
- 22 District Meeting, 7PM, Council Service Center

March 2007

- 3 Klondike Derby, TBA
- 8 All Leaders Roundtable, 7-8:30PM, Council Service Center
- 22 District Volunteer Recognition Dinner, 6PM, Elim Luth. Ch., Duluth
- 24 First Aid Merit Badge Camp, TBA
- 31 Tri-district EXPO at Mariner Mall, Superior

SCOUT EXPO & PINWOOD

DERBY-This year we will be combining the North Star, Gitche Gumee, and Great Bear District's Expo event. We hope that every unit will be able to participate. The Expo will be held at the Mariner Mall in Superior on Saturday, March 31. A special Scout Expo brochure, including booth ideas, Pinewood Derby Championship information and a registration form, will be sent to all units in February. To help us in planning the Expo, we ask that you select your booth idea and return the

completed registration form at the March 8 Roundtable meeting. For more information contact Chairman- **Scott Tollefson** (218-628-3580)

Please join us for the annual
North Star District Volunteer Recognition Dinner- Thursday, March 22, 2007, 6:00 PM, Elim Lutheran Church (West Duluth). As part of the program, you can present "Spark Plug" awards to volunteers from your unit that have done much to make Scouting happen this year. Other awards that will be presented include the "Big Paddle", "Big Hat", "Polaris Award" and the District Award of Merit - the highest award that can be presented by the District. Nomination forms for any of these awards are available from at the Council Service Center, and are available on the website, www.vac-bsa.org.

SAFE SWIM DEFENSE & SAFETY AFLOAT TRAINING

Dave Blazevic, Scoutmaster for Troop 13, will be conducting a Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training program at the May 10 All Leader's Roundtable. The training is required for most summer activities involving water. There is no fee to participate. For more information, **Dave** can be reached at 626-3478.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP- Scouting Around the World!

- The Day Camp programs are designed to teach skills and develop attitudes that make every Cub Scout more self-reliant and more at home in the out-of-doors.

A packet of information will be mailed to each Cubmaster and Committee Chairperson, and brochures will be mailed to each registered Cub Scout in late February. A list of Day Camp dates is in the Council section of this newsletter.

Life to Eagle Orientation - The next session will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at the Council Service Center starting at 7 PM. The session is designed to help Star and Life Scouts understand the process of advancing to the rank of Eagle. This is a great chance for Scouts, parents, Scoutmasters and Troop Advancement Committee members to get answers to their questions about what is ahead.

Charter Renewal Reminder - Our Commissioner Staff would like to remind all units that their annual charter renewal applications should be completed and turned in to the Council Service Center no later than mid-January. To make it easier, we've schedule a Re-Charter Party on Thursday, January 11, 5:30 pm through 8:00 pm at the Council Service Center (All Leaders Roundtable starts at 7PM). If your having trouble - bring your packet, your unit roster, and your unit checkbook to the party. Commissioners will be there to help you complete your packet. The process should take about 15-20 minutes.

Friends of Scouting Campaign. In the months of January,

February or March, the North Star District would like to conduct a Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation at your Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor or Parent Meeting. If you have the date when you would like the presentation to be made, please contact **Barry Schull** at the Council Service Center as soon as possible.

A LEADER TRAINING THANK YOU! - A special Thank-you to **Scott Byykkonen** and his staff for the exceptional training programs have been offered to our Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, and

committee members this fall. If you have unit people that still need training contact Scott or Barry to arrange a special presentation.

Fishing Derby – The Cub Scout & Boy Scout Fishing Derby returns this year on Saturday, February 3, on Pike Lake. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (along with their family members) are invited to participate in the event. **Grant Forsyth** is coordinating the derby this year and has some fun programs and prizes lined up. If you are available to help, please call Grant at 218-624-1626.

Popcorn Sale – Our District Popcorn Chairman, **Pam Evans**, is pleased to announce that the 2006 Trails End Popcorn Sale was a big success. The Scouts in our District sold almost 13,000 containers of popcorn! At this time, we haven't determined the top salesman, but he will be recognized for his achievement at the District Recognition Dinner. We want to thank every Pack and Troop that participated in the sale – your support of the district and council is greatly appreciated.

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- 11 Leaders Roundtable, 7PM, District Meeting, 8PM, Moose Lake Methodist Church

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- 8 District Volunteer Recognition Dinner, 6PM, Our Saviors Luth Ch., Cloquet
- 31 Tri-district EXPO, Mariner Mall, Superior WI

Roundtable & District Meeting Update – This School-year, the Leaders Roundtable meetings will be held on the Second Thursday of every month at the Moose Lake Methodist Church starting at 7PM.

Family Friends of Scouting Presentations - In the months of January, February and March, our District Committee will be conducting Friends of Scouting presentations at Pack and Troop meetings. If your unit already has the date set when you would like to have the presentation held, please contact **Barry Schull**, Great Bear

District Director (729-5811).

Popcorn - Thanks again to **Melinda Ferrell** and her amazing leadership in this year's popcorn sale! As of this writing we don't have the totals but it looks like we will exceed last year's sale! Great job Scouts and all of the fine leaders for making it such a success!

District Recognition Dinner - Join us on the 8th of March as we congratulate some of the outstanding Scouters in the Great Bear District. The dinner will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Cloquet and will start at 6 p.m. **Mark Quiram** will be our chef for the evening, so you don't want to miss out! Recognition information will be out in the mail in January. If you don't get a nomination in on time, don't fret, the Sparkplug Awards will be back again!

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Committee Chairperson, and brochures will be mailed to each registered Cub Scout in late February.

Also, there has been a change in our weeding good turn for the fairgrounds. As you probably know we plant, weed and water flower gardens at the Barnum Fairgrounds as payment for using the fairgrounds for day camp. This year every pack will get another week to weed and water due to the fact that the fairgrounds would like us to keep the flower gardens up

until the first frost. So each pack will have two different weeks to weed and water. In the first part of March each Cubmaster and Committee Chairperson will get a copy of the planting, weeding schedule and have a chance to change dates if need be. Remember this is to help us keep your costs down.

Charter Renewal Reminder – Our Commissioner Staff would like to remind all units that their annual charter renewal applications should be completed

and turned in to the Council Service Center no later than mid-February. To make it easier, we've schedule a Re-Charter Party on Thursday, February 9, 5:30 pm through 8:00 pm at the Moose Lake United Methodist Church (All Leaders Roundtable starts at 7PM). If you're having trouble-bring your packet, your unit roster, and your unit checkbook to the party. Commissioners will be there to help you complete your packet. The process should take about 15-20 minutes.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 5 Nominations for District Awards due to Judge Madden, Todd Reynolds, or Stephanie
- 12 District Dinner, Knights of Columbus, Ironwood, 6:00-9:00 PM
- 12 Finance Campaign Kickoff
- 17 **HURLEY** - Re-charter Party **and due date**, Hurley Courthouse, 5:30-6:30 PM
- 17 **ASHLAND** - Re-charter Party **and due date**, Ashland Presbyterian Church, 7:00-8:00 PM

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 16 District Meeting, Ashland Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM
- 18 Boy Scout Klondike Derby, Ironwood, 9:00 AM

MARCH CALENDAR

- 16 District Meeting, Hurley Courthouse, 7:00 PM
- 18 Spring Scouting for Food Drive

APRIL CALENDAR

- 21-24 Boy Scout Leader Training & Outdoor Training
- 27 District Meeting, Ashland Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM
- 29 Expo & District Pinewood Derby, TBA

Klondike Derby - Come bring your Webelos and Boy Scout Troop to test their skills and have a great time in the outdoors. The Derby is set for February 10. Let's all think snow! Preparations are underway and we are looking to have a great time at Norrie Park in Ironwood. Flyers will be sent out with details and directions. This year, Webelos are invited to participate. The registration fee will be \$4 for Scouts and \$2 for adults if received in the Council Service Center by January 16. (Note: Any adults who volunteer to serve as judges at one of the cities do not have to pay!) Please send Troop number, patrol names, and a roster of Scouts by patrol with your registration fees. There are plans to camp out the night before (the 17th) for those who would like to earn their OA Zero Hero award. For more information, Contact **Ron Zaleski** at (906) 663-4453 or **Stephanie** at the Council Service Center.

District Recognition Dinner - It is the time to give credit where credit is due. The dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ironwood on January 11 at

6:00 PM. The charge will be \$12 per person. You should have received the nominations forms for this year's awards. Please return them by January 5.

Webelos Action Camp - On the weekend of May 12-14, 2007, join us for a great weekend of fun and activities at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (by Ashland on Hwy 2). Camp out with fellow Webelos and cook a couple of meals over your campfire. **Todd Reynolds** is the Spring WAC Chairman again and is working hard to make this year's camp the best yet.

Leader Training - The Wah Da Bong District Training Team reminds all unit leaders, the National Quality Unit requirements state that the Cubmaster and 50% of the Den Leaders and Webelos Leaders must complete leader specific training. Give **Marlene Zaleski** an e-mail if you need training. She can let you know when some possible training dates are coming up or arrange for a trainer that can meet your needs. **Marlene** can be reached at snowbird2606@hotmail.com.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 4 Leader Roundtable (Boy Scout & Cub Scout) - United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM
- 9 Scout Swim, Superior High School Pool, 6:45 -8:00 PM
- 12 District Leader Meeting, United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM
- 16 Scout Swim, SHS Pool, 6:45-8:00 PM
- 19 Recharter Turn In & Due Date,

- WITC, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 6:00-8:00 PM
- 21 Klondike Derby, Superior School Forest, 9:00 AM
- 23 Scout Swim, SHS Pool, 6:45-8:00 PM
- 30 Scout Swim, SHS Pool, 6:45-8:00 PM

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 1 Leader Roundtable, United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM

- 3 Finance Campaign Kick-Off, TBA
- 9 District Leader Meeting, United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM
- 18 Cub Scout Basic Leader Training, TBA

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Leader Roundtable, United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM
- 1 Nominations for District Awards due to the District Committee
- 4-5 Boy Scout Ski & Swim, Ironwood
- 9 District Dinner, United Presbyterian, 6:00 PM
- 18 Spring Scouting for Food Drive

APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 Scout Expo & Pinewood Derby, Mariner Mall, 9:00 AM
- 5 Leader Roundtable, United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM
- 13 District Leader Meeting, United Presbyterian, 5:30 PM
- 21-23 Boy Scout Leader Training & Outdoor Training

Leader Training - The Gitche Gumee District Training Team reminds all unit leaders—the National Quality Unit requirements state that the Cubmaster and 50% of the Den Leaders and Webelos Leaders must complete leader specific training. The Scoutmaster and 50% of the Assistants also must complete leader specific training. Give **Lynne Smith** an e-mail if you need training, she can let you know when some possible training dates are coming up or arrange for a trainer that can meet your needs. **Lynne** can be reached at thegronks1@clearwire.net.

Boy Scout Klondike Derby - The Derby will be held at Superior

School Forest this year on January 21. Flyers will be sent out with details and directions. This year Webelos are invited to participate. The registration fee will be \$4 for Scouts and \$2 for adults if received in the Council Service Center by January 16, 2007. (Note: Any adults that volunteer to serve, as judges at one of the cities, do not have to pay!) Please send troop number, patrol names, and a roster of Scouts by patrol with your registration fees.

District Recognition Dinner - The time has come where we give credit where credit is due. The District Dinner is the one place that we can gather and celebrate our past year of Scouting. The dinner this year will be held on March 9 at the United Presbyterian Church in Superior. The charge will be \$12 per person. Please get your nominations in to Stephanie by March 1st, 2007 for the District Award of Merit, Silver Scouts, and the Unit Award nominees.

Scout Expo & Pinewood Derby - The annual Scout Expo and District Pinewood Derby will be held on April 1 at the Mariner Mall from 9 AM to 4 PM, 8:30 AM for setting up. This year we have invited North Star and Great Bear Districts to join us on our turf. To race in the Pinewood Derby units will have to have a booth at the event. Boy Scouts, adults, and non-Scouting regulation (Outlaw Division

Race) cars will also be eligible to participate in the Pinewood Derby if their unit has a booth at the expo. Information will be out in February. For more information please contact **Brad Edstrom** at 218-940-1561 or **Stephanie DeVlieger** at the Council Service Center.

Webelos Action Camp - On the weekend of May 4-6 2007, join us for a great weekend of fun and activities at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

January Scout Swim - The last four Mondays in January at Superior Senior High School, we will be holding our District swim event. The dates are the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. We have the pool from 7-8 PM. The first three nights of the month we will have instruction. On the fourth Monday we will be having a fun night. Webelos are welcome. Please contact your area Troop for information.

Scout Ski & Swim - The Gitche Gumee District is sponsoring another weekend ski trip. The dates will be March 4 and 5. We will be heading to Ironwood, MI for some skiing and some swimming at Gogebic Community College that evening. There will also be plenty of pizza, free time and hopefully a good nights sleep in the area. After breakfast on Sunday we leave for home. Contact your Scoutmaster for more details.

SLEEPING GIANT

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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 4 Roundtable
- 11 District Commissioner Meeting
- 11 District Committee Meeting
- 20 District Dinner
- 26 Community FOS Breakfast

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 1 Roundtable
- 3-4 Klondike Derby
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting

- 8 District Committee Meeting

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 Leader Essentials/Specific Training
- 6 Roundtable-Re-charter Celebration
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting
- 8 District Committee Meeting
- 10 Merit Badge Extravaganza
- 17 Merit Badge Extravaganza
- 24 Merit Badge Extravaganza

APRIL CALENDAR

- 5 Roundtable
- 12 District Commissioner Meeting
- 12 District Committee Meeting
- 28 Scout Expo, Hibbing Irongate Mall

The Race to Scouting - Congratulations to everyone in the Sleeping Giant District for such a great Race to Cub Scouting. After

a month of coordinating our pre-race plan, we came flying out of the gate to yet another successful kickoff. The Packs of Sleeping Giant were able to bring in over 160 youths into the program. Much of the success of this can be attributed to the efforts of **Lee Iverson**, who coordinated much of the Drive for Five and our collection night. Thanks to her effort and organization, we are now poised to have another great year of Scouting.

And The Winner Is Congratulations to Troop 128 from

Cook for bringing home the coveted traveling trophy of the Sleeping Giant Camporee. This year's Camporee presented some of the most extreme weather and outdoor activities ever encountered by the Troops of Sleeping Giant. One of our biggest events this year was the Patrol Cooking Competition, which featured foods as exotic as the Lobster, to the simplistic as Wild Rice. Overall, it was Troop 20 from Penguilly who bested the competition this year with their Porketta and Blueberry Muffins.

Much of the success of this event is directly related to the amount of effort put into it by the Sleeping Giant Camporee coordinator **Chad Buggert**. Chad's efforts allowed for a positive camp environment and good time to be had by all. Sleeping Giant would also like to thank the Green Mill for coming all the way to Camp Nooden to make everyone freshly hand tossed pizza. We hope everyone had a

good time, and look forward to the next time!!

The Life to Eagle Seminar - Sleeping Giant would like to thank **Diane Blight** for putting on the annual Life to Eagle training at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron. This seminar is designed to help Star and Life Scouts understand the process of advancing to the rank of Eagle. It provides all of the important information needed to complete a quality Eagle project, plus review the application process.

Awards Extravaganza - Don't miss the 2006/07 Sleeping Giant District Dinner and awards ceremony. This year we will be celebrating another great year of scouting by gathering at Messiah Lutheran Church on January 20 for a festive evening with the greatest Scouters in northern Minnesota. Registration forms are still being accepted, and don't

forget to nominate those who have done the most for your Pack/Troop. For more information contact either **Adam Haglin** or **Ione Martin**.

Popcorn Totals are In - It has been another great year for popcorn in the Sleeping Giant District, and we would like to thank our new Popcorn Kernel, **Jerilee Buggert**, for her part in carrying out such a hefty task. This year we sold over a \$150,000 dollars as a District (WOW), exceeding our previous years total by almost twenty thousand dollars. The top five sellers were -

1. Pack 103 - \$22,056
2. Pack 4013 - \$10,128
3. Troop 129 - \$9,888
4. Pack 10 - \$7,520
5. Troop 114 - \$7,020

Congratulations to everyone for such a great year. You helped to make Sleeping Giant # 2 for sales in the Voyageurs Area Council.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 11 Pepfest, Calvary Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM
- 20 Polar Daze Build Your Own Sled Derby, 1:00 PM
- 20 District Dinner, United Methodist Church, Bemidji

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 8 Pepfest, Calvary Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM
- 16-18 Klondike Derby, International Falls

MARCH CALENDAR

- 6 Re-charter Night, Burger King West
- 8 Pepfest, Calvary Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM
- 10 Scouting For Food
- 13 District Swim Night
- 17 Scouting for Food

APRIL CALENDAR

- 12 Pepfest, Calvary Lutheran Church, 7:00 PM
- 14-15 Webelos & Scoutmaster Specific Training & Outdoor Leader Training, Camp Kwitcheyberbellyyakin
- 20-22 Spring Camporee

29 District Pinewood Derby Race, Bemidji Mall

Happy New Year - Happy New Year Paul Bunyan District. Where did 2006 go? We were all so "Hooked on Scouting," the time flew by! Our District is growing and getting stronger each year thanks to all the devoted adults in our program. The fun, learning, and fellowship at our monthly Pepfest meetings is successfully getting back to be shared with our units and youth members. Great job everyone! Now it's time to celebrate those success with our annual District Dinner and bring in the new theme for 2007 on January 20.

2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign - Paul Bunyan Friends of Scouting campaign kickoff will be Thursday, January 11. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in 2006. Paul Bunyan District achieved their goal; that was great! **Marie Hamre** and her presenter team for the family campaign did an outstanding job and that put us

over the top. Our 2007 goal is to be done by March 8 Pepfest. We can do it!

District Dinner - Attention all Scouters! We've all been "Hooked on Scouting," now it's time to celebrate our catch! Come enjoy a great meal hosted by Boy Scout Troop 82 at United Methodist Church. The cost is a mere \$10.00 if you register by January 13 (after that it is \$15.00). We are able to lower our dinner cost thanks to **Judy Kretzschmar** who donated money in memory of **Dave** to pay for the awards. What a wonderful gift! It will be an exciting evening, with the presentations of the two highest awards of our District to our devoted leaders, the Silver Scout and District Award of Merit. Don't miss it! Send your registration to the Council Service Center today!

Polar Daze build Your Own Sled Derby - January 20 will be a really fun Scouting day. First, the Build Your Own Sled Derby Staff will once again present a fun day

for not only the Scouts of our district, but for all the children of the Bemidji area. Second, we will all enjoy a fun night at the District Dinner. Staff members will arrive at 12:00 Noon to help set up and get organized. The Derby registration begins at 1:00 PM. Cost is \$2.00 per child, with participation ribbons for everyone. A lot of Packs and Troops are busy making sleds already, so we are expecting this to be a fantastic event. Special thanks to our dedicated, fun and crazy Derby staff!

Klondike Derby - Klondike 2007 will be hosted by the North Border Troops in International Falls. The preliminary flyer has gone out via e-mail, with specific details coming shortly. Hope all Troops and Webelos dens have marked February 17 to attend this great event. If you have any questions, contact **Frank Edwards** at (218) 285-5724 or (218) 283-8909.

Re-charter Night - It's that time again - **March 6!** The dreaded re-charter night is one of the best things that has happened to Paul Bunyan District. It's a great success for all units. The object of the night is for all units to turn in their completed charters. **Lezlie Grubich** and her Commissioners take time to check through each charter to ensure it is

correct. Your goal as a unit is to not ignore your charter. Open it up today and get it done. We find that the signatures needed to recharter are the worst nightmare in this process. Don't wait until one day before re-charter night to find signatures, because it doesn't happen. Make a goal for yourself to have all the adult applications with signatures done in January and then your charter will be a breeze. If you don't understand it, don't wait! Call **Lezlie Grubich** today at (218) 444-5566. She can guide you to success!

District Swim Night - Keep your swimming suit handy, or go get your new suit for 2007 before March 13, because that's the night that all of Paul Bunyan District leaders and Scouts enjoy the fun of District Swim Night under the leadership of **Kevin Breitbach**. Plans are being made now, so if you have any fun ideas to add to this great event, call Kevin at (218) 444-8794 or e-mail him at breitbach5upnorth@msn.com.

Scouting for Food - March is annual Scouting for Food campaign for our District. We are happy to say that every year as we have been collecting more and more food. Every Pack, Troop, Crew and Post should be involved. Please make a point in attending the February Pepfest so that you may

be involved in the planning of this big community service project.

Webelos/Scoutmaster Specific & Outdoor Leader Training - Looking at the calendar, this training will be April 14-15 at Camp Kwitichyberbellyakin (Allison's place). If you are a Webelos Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant and are not trained, mark your calendars and make this a priority to attend. Call **Dave Possin** at (218) 444-4890 to sign up.

We're Online - Attention Paul Bunyan District Scouters! Paul Bunyan District leaders are on line and getting information faster than ever! If you are not receiving District information via e-mail, please e-mail **Dave Possin** at dpossin@paulbunyan.net. Get on the e-mail list today! Also check out our Council and District website at www.vac-bsa.org. If you don't have e-mail and aren't receiving District information, please call **Dave** at (218) 444-4890 or **Allison** at (218) 335-6650 and leave your name, unit number, address and phone number. Communication leads to organization which leads to success! **Allison** has a new email address: abarta@vac-bsa.org.

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- January Calendar**
- 4 Roundtable
 - 4 District Committee Meeting
 - 20 District Dinner

- February Calendar**
- 1 Roundtable
 - 1 District Committee Meeting
 - 16-18 Klondike Derby

March Calendar

- 1 Roundtable
- 1 District Committee Meeting

- April Calendar**
- 5 District Committee Meeting

Most of you have already heard by now that at the end of December, I will be stepping down as the Professional Scouter in Appelget District. I am looking forward to the change of spending more time in my business and with my family, who have all been very patient with my hectic schedule.

Though, it has been hectic, I have also had the opportunity to meet some really great people through Scouting. All people, who embrace the values that Scouting holds

dear and know what true friendship is. Folks who come together when one is sick, or when one needs help. They listen, they talk, they share experience, they look for the opportunity to do the right thing, they feel sorrow for the pain of their brother or sister, they care, they forgive and sometimes they even forget. I have felt that my duty to them - to be of service to them- was important because I could try to make all of the tough stuff a little easier. Figure it out, work it out, figure out how to work it out, so these great people could go back to focusing on the stuff they do best. Working with boys, setting an example, offering a

hand, offering fellowship and contributing to the cause.

We have been through some interesting times in the last three years. Our District has grown and changed a lot. We now have a functioning District Committee that not only meets, but I think, looks forward to meeting! **Rick**, our District Commissioner, has been instrumental in keeping us on course. It has been a great experience getting to know and work with him. He is a true example of what happens when

Boy Scouts grow up. Just whatever you do, don't give him chocolate. Your meeting will last until 11PM! **Tom Engel** has also been a great help. He has been helping with some of the District duties since our District Chair left last January. I can't remember ever asking him to do anything, he just offers and does it. He is a testament to those great people I spoke of earlier. **Rick** has recruited me to help him with some Commissioner stuff and I have agreed as long as I am not

chained to just one unit. They are all good ones! The ones where everyone has dropped, just haven't re-started yet. The ones with not enough Scouts, just haven't found them yet. The ones with only two dens, just haven't discovered the other three. The ones who don't get the boys who graduated Cubs, just haven't figured out how to get them to cross yet. If we can come back from where we have been, there is always hope. When you believe in something, it is easy to find hope. Keep believing!

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JANUARY CALENDAR

9 Re-charter Day
12:00 Baudette, Wok Restaurant
6:00 PM International Falls, Faith United Church Basement

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

13 Roundtable
12:00 Baudette, Wok Restaurant
6:00 PM International Falls, Faith United Church
17 Klondike Derby, International Falls
20 District Dinner, Indus School

MARCH CALENDAR

13 Roundtable
12:00 Baudette, Wok Restaurant
6:00 PM International Falls, Faith United Church

APRIL CALENDAR

10 Roundtable
12:00 Baudette, Wok Restaurant
6:00 PM International Falls, Faith United Church
17 Tiger Cub Join Us Night
20-22 Spring Camporee

Happy New Year! - Happy New Year to all Scout leaders and their families in North Border. Thank you to each and every one for your dedication to the Scouting program in 2006. With **Lois Averill's** leadership as the new District Chairman, and the great team she put together, 2006 was a great year and 2007 will be even better.

2007 Friends of Scouting Campaign - January 9 is the kickoff date for the Friends of

Scouting Campaign in North Border. We were the first district to complete our goal in 2006. Let's lead the way again!

District Dinner - This year's North Border District Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at Indus School. The District Award of Merit and Silver Scout Awards will be presented this night. This is our time to celebrate another memorable year of Scouting. Encourage all leaders to attend. Registrations will be sent via e-mail. In reply, send your registrations with payment to the Council Service Center.

E-mailing and District Web Site - Thank you to **Julie Joslyn** for doing a great job on getting the North Border website on line. With the District e-mail system and now our own District site for us and the Council to use, we are really on it! Thanks again, Julie!

Klondike Derby - February 16-18 is the Tri-District Klondike Derby. Troops 150, 145 and 62 of North Border are hosting this year's event. All three Districts have received preliminary information and are looking forward to another fun Klondike. Don't forget to invite your Webelos to attend. Any questions, call **Lois Averill** or **Frank Edwards**.

Scout Expo - March 24 is Scout Expo for North Border. This is a fun day for all the units to come together to show the area that

Scouting is alive! It's also the day the District Pinewood Derby is held. So mark your calendars, notify your boys and plan on attending! Once again, we will be at the International Falls Mall. Don't miss January and February Roundtables, as we will be making plans for this fun event.

Good Turn for America - With a new year here, it's time to earn the 2007 year rocker for the Good Turn for America program. This is the fourth year for Scouts across the nation to be part of this program. Millions of hours and thousands of good turn projects from across the United States have been reported to the National Good Turn website. Voyageurs Area Council is proud to be part of that program. A good turn was responsible for the beginning of Scouting here in the United States. Your good turns leave lasting memories in the hearts of Scouters and to those who receive them. Thanks!

Tiger Join Us Night - April 17 is on the calendar for Tiger Cub Join Us Night for all the Cub Scout Packs in North Border. This is the time when we can meet with kindergarten boys and their parents and present the Cub Scout program to them. What a great concept! Boys join Tiger Cubs in April and are eligible to come to Cub Scout Day Camp! So check you school calendars to make sure this is the best date and let's plan a great Tiger Cub Joins Us Night!

TRADING POST HOURS

8:30 AM—5:00 PM
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Saturday

Trading Post Closed on Saturday
June-August

NOTICE

Starting January 1, 2007, the Trading Post will be open until **6:00 PM** on Wednesday.

ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Cub Scout Den Leader Award
Steve Kettlehut

North Star



EAGLES' NEST

We are proud to announce that the following Boy Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Voyageurs Area Council since September 2006:

Addison Hendricks	S4114	Virginia
Joseph Leoni	S4114	Virginia
Jason Hildebrandt	S0028	Duluth
Matthew Johnson	S0009	Duluth
Gary McKeever	S4111	Makinen
Matthew Overby	S0106	Hermantown
Matthew MacLean	S0043	Duluth
Karl Wegler	S0043	Duluth
Eric Mandelin	S0043	Duluth
Anders Silverness	S0043	Duluth
Travis Cunningham	S4170	Ely
Lukas Dahlin	S4170	Ely
Joshua Hway	S4170	Ely
Kyle Parker	S0157	Silver Bay
Joshua Stewart	S4111	Eveleth
Evan Erickson	S4017	Chisholm

We congratulate these fine young men on earning Scouting's highest honor.

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1-2 New Year's - Office Closed
- 7-10 Staff Planning Conference
- 12-14 Winter Conclave
- 13 Scout Night with Bulldog Hockey
- 13-15 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 16 Executive Board Meeting
- 18 Council Venturing Committee Meeting
- 27 Council Annual Meeting
- 27 Annual Recognition Banquet, DECC

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 3 Fishing Derby
- 4 Scout Sunday
- 15 Council Training Committee Meeting
- 17-19 Office Closed—President's Day

MARCH CALENDAR

- 15 Council Venture Committee Meeting
- 23-24 Executive Board Retreat

APRIL CALENDAR

- 6-7 Office Closed—Easter
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting
- 19 Council Training Committee Meeting
- 20-22 Scout Leader Outdoor Training Weekend
- 24 First Aid Merit Badge Camp



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