

## **OXCART TRAILS DISTRICT #3 NEWS**

**September, October, November 2017**

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### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Popcorn Show & Sell Orders due by 1pm
- 6 Roundtable, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 7pm
- 14-16 Merit Badge Weekend, Camp Wilderness
- 21 Popcorn Sale Starts
- 22 Day Camp at Wahpeton Community Center Check-in Starts at 9AM 10-4
- 22 Cub Scout Leader Training Wahpeton Community Center time?
- 25 Cub Scout Leader Training Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 6:30pm
- 27 District Committee Meeting, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 7pm
- 27 District Commissioners Meeting, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 8pm

### **OCTOBER**

- 4 Roundtable, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 7pm
- 12-14 Webelos Weekend, Camp Wilderness
- 25 District Committee Meeting, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 7pm
- 25 District Commissioners Meeting, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 8pm
- 26 Popcorn Sales End

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Popcorn Final Order Due (Council Office open until 7pm to take Orders via Phone)
- 1 Roundtable, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 7pm
- 29 District Committee Meeting, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 7pm
- 29 District Commissioners Meeting, Augustana Lutheran Church, FF 8pm

### **ADVANCEMENTS**

#### **Eagle Scouts**

Caleb Boehm	Lone Scout
Benjamin Nuss	Troop 302

#### **Other Ranks**

5 Lion Rank	22 Scout Rank
26 Bobcat Badges	23 Tenderfoot Rank
58 Tiger Rank	11 Second Class Rank
37 Wolf Rank	14 First Class Rank
45 Bear Rank	5 Star Rank

50 Webelos Rank  
23 Arrow of Light Rank

2 Life Rank  
222 Merit Badges

### **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE CORNER**

This summer has been full of great experiences for our scouts, and I am so proud of all they have done! From our Lions learning how to use a bow and arrow for the first time to Eagle Scouts going on amazing adventures all over the country, there have been amazing once in a lifetime opportunities for everyone. Everyone got to enjoy time camping, and I love hearing about the experiences you all had at camp! As our summer draws to a close, I am looking forward to seeing how we can come together in the fall to push our movement forward, and to keep Scouting at the forefront of all we do. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of our movement once said, "The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light." This is a great way to think about all the people we effect with the Scouting, and we should encourage our youth to shine. All of you are important to what we do, and we would not be able to achieve the greatness that Scouting has to offer without all of you, the adult leaders and parents who make Scouting happen. There are a lot of remarkable things happening within the movement right now, and it is going to be an exciting Fall.

- Lindsay Aune, District Executive

### **JUNE DAY CAMP AT OTTER TAIL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Our first day camp of the summer went off without a hitch! The theme was Galactic Adventures and the Scouts went on an amazing Adventure! Jaime Brause, Day Camp Director, along with an incredible Day Camp Staff put on amazing event for Cub Scouts from across the District. There were several stations. Missy Hermes was on hand for Rocket Banks. Mike Partain, Mark DeMartelaere and Mark Sundberg oversaw Shooting Sports. Jenni Brause taught the Scouts about Constellations. Teresa Jaskiewicz from the Prairie Wetlands led a station on Aliens in the Prairie, about invasive species in our area. Our lunch Program was led by the Hermes Brothers, as well as some very dedicated den walkers! The weather started out a little rough, but it ended up to a wonderful day. Thank you so much to all our wonderful leaders who spent the day with our Scouts, and a special thank you to Jaime Brause our Day Camp Director for our June 2018 Day Camp! See you all on September 22 when Kristina Badgley takes the helm for Fall Day Camp in Wahpeton!



## FALL RECRUITMENT TIPS

Fall Recruitment is fast approaching, and we have some dates scheduled for our Boy Talks and Round Ups! On August 9<sup>th</sup>, we had our Fall Recruitment Training, where adult leaders shared their best recruitment tips for signing up new boys into Cub Scouts! Here are some of our favorites!

- Have scouts wear their uniform to school the day of Fall Round up!
- Have scouts invite their friend to sign up night!
- Use the Yard Stick Story to talk to Parents about Scouting. Don't know what that is? Ask your District Executive.
- Have a pack plan to get the boys involved and active early! A Scout who is active will stick around longer!
- Have a cub scout recruitment packet ready with information for parents when they come!
- Share the video "Does Scouting Work?" with Families

- Use Radio Station PSAs to get the word out
- Send Pictures of your Scouts doing activities to your Local Newspaper

### **POPCORN SALE IDEAS**

As always, with fall comes Popcorn Sales. This is one of the most fun times to be in scouting, as we really are selling adventure to help fund a scout's year in Scouting. This year our selling season starts on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and we are excited to see scouts out there selling popcorn! We will have our Fall Popcorn Training on September 6<sup>th</sup> Here are some great ideas on how to increase your sales!

- Create a door hanger for houses that are missed when selling popcorn. (Lindsay has some, just let her know if you want one!)
- Make it fun and give them incentives to sell popcorn. For example, if they sell \$800 worth of popcorn, they can through a pie in their District Executives face! (Yes, Lindsay is up for that!)
- Boy Scouts can work on their Salesmanship Merit Badge while selling!
- Create an order sheet for the online only products. Your Popcorn Kernel can place one big order and deliver it with the other popcorn!
- Have the scouts dress in their uniforms while selling. It is great for the community to see what our future leaders will look like!
- Talk to Businesses about Corporate Gifts that they might do for their employees. Example: A Business buying Popcorn as a gift for their employees for Christmas gifts for their clients.

### **FALL DAY CAMP**

Our Fall Day Camp is fast approaching! Our theme of Galactic Adventures will continue through to the Wahpeton Community Center on September 22, 2018. Cub Scouts who are in Kindergarden-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come out and have fun! Kristina Badgley is heading things up, so we can expect great things! We will have Archery, BB Guns, many crafts, and even an obstacle course! Cost will be \$35 before September 15<sup>th</sup>, and after it will increase to \$40. Registration includes a t-shirt, a patch, and a lifetime of experiences. Sign up now at [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org)!