

OX CART TRAILS DISTRICT #3 NEWS

MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY 2019

Serving Grant, Otter Tail, Richland, and Wilkin counties in Minnesota and North Dakota.

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MARCH

- 7 Eagle Board of Review and Project Approval (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 7pm)
- 7 District Roundtable Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls (7pm)
- 16-23 Scouting for Food
- 28 District Committee Meeting (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls 7pm)
- 28 District Commissioners Meeting (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls 8:15pm)

APRIL

- 4 Eagle Board of Review and Project Approval (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 7PM)
- 4 Roundtable – Program Planning (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 7:00pm)
- 25 District Committee Meeting (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 7:00pm)
- 25 District Commissioners Meeting (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 8:15pm)

MAY 2019

- 2 Roundtable (Cub & Scout BSA Scout Leaders Augustana Lutheran, 7:00pm)
- 2 Eagle Board of Review and Project Approval (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 7pm)
- 3-5 Spring Camporee (Dayton Hollow, Fergus Falls, MN)
- 10-12 Spring Conclave (Camp Wilderness)
- 23 District Committee Meeting (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 7pm)
- 23 District Commissioners Meeting (Augustana Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, 8:15pm)

ADVANCEMENTS

Eagle Scouts

Ian Froslee Troop 397
Vincent Rose Troop 397

Other Ranks

1 Lion Rank Scout Rank
Bobcat Badges Tenderfoot Rank
1 Tiger Rank Second Class Rank
2 Wolf Rank First Class Rank
3 Bear Rank Star Rank
2 Webelos Rank Life Rank
6 Arrow of Light Rank 2 Eagle Rank
1 Merit Badges

LOOKING AHEAD

A beginning of a new year is a time to bring about new habits and changes. New Year's Resolutions have already passed us, but we still have an opportunity to make goals and keep them. At the District Planning Conference held at Glendalough State Park on January 26, 2019, several District Committee members looked at the goals of the district and how we can improve Oxcart Trails. We all agreed that we can offer a better program for all the youth in our area and we can make the Scouting Experience more impactful for the adult leaders.

You will be seeing more things coming out soon on how to enter advancements more easily, more training opportunities, planning and budgeting your scouting year, and other opportunities to make your scouting units successful. If we do this together, we'll see more youth being reached through our program, more advancements being earned, more fun being had, and more impacts being made on tomorrow's leaders.

- Lindsay Aune, District Executive

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Throughout the year, there are many families that worry about how they are going to make ends meet and keep food on their table. "Do a good turn Daily" is a THE slogan of the Boy Scouts of America, one that we install into each of our youth that participates in Scouting. We also teach them how they can make a difference in the lives of others. The Northern Lights council's annual Scouting for Food (SFF) drive is one way in which we can make a larger impact on a very serious problem occurring in our local communities. Starting March 16th-23rd, all units and their Scouts are encouraged to take part in this year's Scouting for Food campaign. We will have more information at the February and March Roundtables. Please plan to have your unit be a part of this council-wide community service project.

Every year Oxcart Trails District Collects nearly 7,000 lbs. of food for local food pantries during our annual Scouting for Food Drive. To see the difference that Scouts can make in just one short week is truly remarkable!

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE (JTE)

Volunteer leaders, Scouts, and their families have fun together as they participate in the Scouting movement and help shape a stronger, brighter future for our communities and our country. The Boy Scouts of America recognizes those Scouting units where Scouts, their families and their leaders make the program stronger and more fun for everyone. Units can achieve one of three levels of the Journey to Excellence Recognition Award; Bronze, Silver, or Gold. If you would like to see a copy of the JTE scorecards, please go to <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/> to find the most relevant one for your program unit.

SCOUTBOOK

As of January 1, 2019, Scoutbook has become free to all units to use! What is Scoutbook? Scoutbook is a web application designed for mobile devices. Scoutbook

delivers a suite of easy-to-use Web-based tools that are helpful to Scouts, parents and unit leaders. It enables units to better communicate, update records, track advancement and manage activities. Scoutbook is a Scout's "Advancement Book in the Cloud" – It connects Scouts, Scouters and other leaders. With Scoutbook, you can discover the latest Boy Scouts of America (BSA) news, thousands of Scouting videos, all the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA references and much more right at your fingertips. Track your Scout's advancement as they advance from Tiger all the way to Eagle Scout and beyond with this advancement tracking web app.

SPRING PRODUCT SALE

We are excited to announce improvements to the Jack Links variety beef snack product sale. The spring sale is set up to help Scouts earn money to pay for Day Camp, Cub Resident Camp, Scouts BSA Summer Camp, and High Adventure trips. The features of this sale are:

- NEW – RETURN POLICY! (Up to 10% of Product Returns!!)
- NEW – PACKAGING
- NEW – PRICING!!!

HOW MANY CASES DO I NEED TO SELL TO ATTEND CAMP

(Based on paying for camp after May 1. Actual cost may be less)

- Day Camp • Sell just one case of beef snacks! Camp is 100% paid!
- Cub Resident Camp at Butler Wilderness Outpost • Sell four cases of beef snacks! Camp is 100% paid!
- Cub Resident Camp at Heart Butte or Big 4 • Sell three cases of beef snacks for Heart Butte or 2 Cases for Big 4! Camp is 100% paid with a little left over for the trading post!
- Scouts BSA Summer Camp • Sell 8 cases of beef snacks! Camp is 100% paid!

Jack Links approached the Northern Lights Council and has offered better logistical support, superior packaging, and an appealing assortment of delicious beef snacks! Orders will be due on Monday, February 18 to arrive for the March Roundtable and Monday, March 18 to arrive for the April Roundtable. For more information on the spring product sale, contact our District Sasquatch, [Ben Smith](#) at (218) 791-7353. You can find the Sales Guide and order form on the Council website.

Spring Recruitment

We are excited to invite new Cub Scouts into the program year-round! Now is the time to start inviting new Cub Scouts into the program, so they can get ready to join your pack on your adventures at Summer Camp or Day Camp! Just like at Fall Recruitment time, there are so many great resources that you can use to help to make sure your pack has a successful Spring Recruitment!

- The first step to take is to make sure you have a great summer program! Our District Roundtable in April will focus on Program Planning, which will help make sure that the pack has a great Summertime Activities!
- Fill out the [Pack Open House Form](#) on our [and](#) let us know when you want to have your Pack Open House! We will create fliers and distribute them to the schools, hang up posters, and even put yard signs in the snow!
- Visit the National Resource page on the [Cub Scout Program](#) to get more information! Let us know what you find!

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for all adult leaders at the time of registration. Paper applications from new leaders must be accompanied by a Youth Protection Training completion certificate, which must be filed with the application. Go to my.scouting.org to take the training or contact any one of our Youth Protection Champions. Youth Protection Champions are certified Youth Protection trainers that have taken the training and are committed to helping every unit reach 100% Youth Protection Trained!

SUMMERTIME PACK AWARD

The National Summertime pack award is a great way to get your pack moving, and active in the summer! Many packs already participate in the Summertime Pack award, but it is a great way to get more involvement from your Scouts in a summertime program, which is a great time to be a Cub Scout! The requirements are simple. They are:

The pack can qualify for the certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August.

- June Idea - Day Camp (June 15, 2019)
- July Idea - Picnic for the Pack
- August Idea - Scout Day at the Redhawks (August 3, 2019)

Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events are eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon. Scouts who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin, which they can wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform.

It truly is an easy way to get activity from your Scouts in the summer, and many packs have done so! If you have any questions regarding this or any other activities, please contact Mark DeMartelaere.

SPRING CAMPOREE – ARROW OF LIGHT

Webelos and Scouts BSA, get ready for Spring Camporee May 3-5 at Dayton Hollow, near Fergus Falls, MN. Webelos dens are encouraged to come camp with the Scouts BSA troops on Friday evening only. Arrow of Light is invited to stay all weekend, as we have a special ceremony for you and your parents on Saturday evening. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity. You won't want to miss it!

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Jaime Brause and Jessica Gible are heading up our Day camp in Fergus falls which will be held on June 15th. Our theme is Passport to Adventure and will be an adventure with the worth the travel! You do not need to get your passport or pack your bags, but you may get to go around the world! It will be a grand adventure, without the jet lag. Watch for more details to come to you soon!