June 2, 2020 E-NEWS

National & Council Camp In

May was an amazing month of Scouting we had our first ever council and national Camp-In with 681 Scouts and adults having a great time.

As a part of that there was over 150 Scouts who worked on merit badges.

Many families and Scout units shared great examples of Scouting, while doing service projects and getting outside. Thank you to all of you who kept on Scouting while keeping our communities healthy.

A Message about National BSA Membership Fees

To all Council Members,

We received written confirmation on June 1 that the National Executive Board voted for an increase of $6 for all annual membership fees at the recent National Annual Business meeting in May. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs have continued to rise and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase the fee to maintain the program. To ensure they have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the updated national membership fees are:

- $66 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants
- $42 for Exploring participants
$30 for council-paid memberships  
$42 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)  
$75 for a unit charter fee

The membership fees will take effect August 1, 2020 for new members in the 2020-2021 program year. For renewing members, the new fee will take effect on October 1, 2020. The updated unit charter fee will take effect August 1, 2020, for all new and rechartering units.

Starting August 1, 2020, there will also be a one-time $25 joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts; however, there is no joining fee for Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, those transferring from one program to another, council-paid memberships, or adult volunteers.

We wanted to get this information out to everyone as quickly as possible to allow for proper budgeting and planning for fall recruitment.

For answers to FAQ's CLICK HERE. If you have questions or comments, CLICK HERE.

As always, the Northern Lights Council will assist those in need with paying the registration fees. We won’t turn away any youth that wants to participate in Scouting.

Richard McCartney  
Scout Executive

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**Current Updates**

The council will continue to be proactive and make decisions that will protect the communities and families we serve. As this situation continues to evolve, we will evaluate daily and share any updates as they become available on the Scouting Update page and through our social media channels.

**All Scout units in the council may begin having meetings** with the following stipulations:

- The charter organization approves use of their facilities for meetings
- Follow social distancing and state specific guidelines in place

**Scouts BSA Summer Camp & Cub Scout Adventure Camp** updates have also been posted.

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**Medora Service Project**  
**First Session Delayed to June 28**

We have again partnered with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF) for the 2020 season. Troops will provide volunteer service including flag raising and lowering ceremonies and other service projects as needed. In return, the TRMF will provide a Campsite at the Medora Campground, Mini Golf coupon, swimming at the Elkhorn Quarters Pool and tickets to the Pitchfork Fondue and the Medora Musical. **There are still sessions available between June 28 and September 5, 2020.**
Continue Scouting at Home

Visit our Home Base Camp to check out activities to do at home and still earn advancements. Scouts will even earn a free patch by completing just three activities!

With the success of the NLC & National Camp In, the council is exploring the possibility of offering a council-wide Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in late June.

Troop Custom T-Shirts

Deadline extended to June 7th

Your Troop will have the opportunity to order customized camp shirts with your Troop number. These shirts are only available in the pre-camp order.

This is a great way for your Troop to show off its camp spirit! The shirt orders will be due by June to allow time for printing. The shirts will be mailed directly to your troop before camp.

Order Today!

Camping Updates

News about exciting camping events from around the Northern Lights Council.

Merit Badge Weekend - Rescheduled

June 13 at the Jon L. Wanzek Center for Scouting.

Classes will be: Aviation, Cit in the Nation, Communication, Reptile Study, and Journalism
Wilderness First Aide

Merit Badge Event Registration

Scouts BSA Summer Camp

- Early bird deadline for summer camp has been extended to July 1
- The new Scouts BSA Camping season will be 5 weeks starting July 5 and ending August 8.
- Session 1 July 5-11
- Session 2 July 12-18
- Session 3 July 19-25
- Session 4 July 26-August 1
- Session 5 August 2-August 8 (New)
Troops signed up for a June camp session should reach out to Emilie Frenzel at your earliest convenience via email at emilie.frenzel@scouting.org or phone (701-293-5011) to select a different session of camp and update your group’s estimated contingent size.

**Scouts BSA Summer Camp Registration**

**Cub Adventure Camp**

Early bird deadline for adventure camp has been extended to **July 1**

- **Butler Wilderness Outpost**
  - Session 1 July 6-9
  - Session 2 July 10-13
  - Session 3 July 13-16
  - Session 4 July 17-20 (New Dates)
  - Session 5 July 20-23 (New Dates)

- **Heart Butte Scout Reservation**
  - Session 1 July 27-30 (New Dates)
  - Session 2 July 31-Aug 3 (New Dates)

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**Camperships - June 15th Deadline**

Camperships are camp scholarships for Northern Lights Council Scouts who would otherwise be financially unable to attend camp. Use the link below to apply.

**Campership Assistance**

**June Work Weekend Canceled**

The work weekend scheduled for June 5-7 at Camp Wilderness was canceled.

**Message About COVID-19**

*Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Northern Lights Council top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions at camp on top of our long-established health and safety measures.*

Please note that the COVID-19 situation is still fluid, and changes are to be expected. We will be releasing additional information by June 5.
Cub Scout Day Camp is going Down on the Farm with fun exciting programs this summer. Come Join us for fun, laughter, and all things scouting! Cub Scout Day Camp is a Camping program for Lion Cubs, Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Webelos in our local area!

July Schedule
July 14, 15 & 16 at Kensington Runestone Park in Lakes District

August Schedule
August 5 & 6 at Blue Eagle Park, Barnesville in Northern Sky District
August 6, 7 & 8 at Big 4 Camp in Tomahawk District
August 7 & 8 at Patterson Lake in Roughrider District
August 8 in Great Plains District (Plentywood)
August 11, 12 & 13 at McDowell Dam in Frontier Trails District
August 12 & 13 at Heritage Village in Lake Agassiz District
August 29 in Great Plains District (Epping)
August in Oxcart Trails District
  • New dates to be determined

Day Camp Information and Registration Links

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Canceled

The Council Training Committee in conjunction with the NYLT Course Director. Made the very hard decision to cancel the NYLT Course for July 2020.

This was not an easy decision to make but we wanted to make sure if we are holding a course it is one of great quality and without being able to do the required staff preparations this spring and demands on staff time that have changed it is the best decision for staff and for the participants.

On the plus side, we have scheduled the 2021 NYLT course for the same time period in July so stay tuned for more details!
The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. We are pleased to announce the 2020 recipients of the District Award of Merit in the districts listed below:

**Oxcart Trails**
- Ben Smith

**Lakes**
- Mike Henning
- Mike Morton

**Northern Sky**
- Travis Johnson

**Lake Agassiz**
- Amanda Larson
- Jasmine Hurley

**Roughrider**
- Levent Kilic

**Tomahawk**
- Jodi Walker

**Frontier Trails**
- Jennifer Fried
- Sheila Herman

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**2021 National Jamboree Application**

The Northern Lights Council is currently looking for both Scouts and adults to attend the 2021 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve July 21 - 30, 2021. Scouting’s flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It’s a gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members. Held every four years, the Jamboree is an amazing opportunity for participants, volunteers, and visitors to experience the best of Scouting, all in one place. Features include; one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more!

The Jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifications to attend the National Jamboree include:
- Registered member of a Scout Troop, who has completed the 6th grade, or will be at least 12 years old (but who has not yet reached their 18th birthday by 8/1/2021) and a first clas Scout by July 1, 2021 - OR -
- Registered member of a Venturing Crew (but has not reached their 21st birthday by 8/1/2021)
- Must live and abide by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Must abide by the Jamboree Code of Conduct

Register Today
Popcorn Sale

Visit the council popcorn page now to view the 2020 timeline. Check back often for updates as they are posted in June and July.

If you are a unit "popcorn kernel", don't forget to sign up your unit to participate in the sale no later than June 30 to be entered in a drawing for a $50 Scout Shop gift card!

Popcorn Website & Link to Registration

What's Happening in your District?

Click the link to find out!

D3 Oxcart Trails - Fergus Falls, Wahpeton
D4 Lakes - Alexandria, Morris
D5 Northern Sky - Fargo, WF, Moorhead, Jamestown, Detroit Lakes
D8 Lake Agassiz - Grand Forks, EGF, Devils Lake, Thief River Falls,
D10 Roughrider - Dickinson
D11 Tomahawk - Minot
D13 Frontier Trails - Bismarck, Mandan
D14 Great Plains - Williston, Plentywood

Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 2020
13 Merit Badge Weekend at Wanzek CFS
16 Council Advancement Meeting
23 District Operations Meeting
25 District Popcorn Kernels Meeting
28 Medora Session 7 (space available)
30 Unit Popcorn Registration due

July 2020
5 Scouts BSA Camp session 1
5 Medora Session 9 (space available)
6 Butler Cub Camp session 1
8 Medora Session 10 (space available)
10 Butler Cub Camp session 2
12 Medora Session 11 (space available)
12 Scouts BSA Camp session 2
13 Butler Cub Camp session 3
15 Medora Session 12 (space available)
17 Butler Cub Camp session 4
19 Scouts BSA Camp session 3
19 Medora Session 13 (space available)
20 Butler Cub Camp session 5
22 Medora Session 14 (space available)
26 Medora Session 15 (space available)
26 Scouts BSA Camp session 4
27 Heart Butte Cub Camp session 1
29 Medora Session 16 (space available)
31 Heart Butte Cub Camp session 2

August 2020
1 Council Contingent to the Summit
2 Scouts BSA Camp session 5
5 Medora Session 18 (space available)
14 OA Conclave at Heart Butte
15 Council Recognition Luncheon in Bismarck
16 Medora Session 21 (space available)
19 Medora Session 22 (space available)
23 Medora Session 23 (space available)
24 Popcorn Order Due
26 Medora Session 24 (space available)
30 Medora Session 25 (space available)
31 National Jamboree 2021 Application due