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Scout Executive Message


Also an announcement about staffing changes.

View the Video Message

Staffing Changes

Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor a council can give a registered Scouter. This year we were not able to hold the annual reception in April to recognize our recipients. Join us in thanking these wonderful volunteers for their support of Scouting. Presentations will be made locally in the near future.

Silver Beaver Class of 2020
Cameron Carlson  
Michael Denke  
Gordon Herman  
Jefri Jones  
Diana Rommel (not pictured)  
Michelle Schock  

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Virtual Cub Scout Day Camp in October

The highlight activity for Cub Scouts each year is Day Camp. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, many of the locations we had reserved notified us that they are not allowing groups to use their facilities.

There is still one location that is still allowing us to conduct camp (see below).

To make up for this highlight activity, we are planning a council-wide Virtual Day Camp on Saturday, October 3. Cub Scouts that want to participate in the Virtual Day Camp will need to register online to receive a craft project, t-shirt and patch along with information about how they can do activities home.

Day Camps to be conducted as Scheduled

- **August 22** at Pioneer Ground, **Perham** in Oxcart Trails District
- **September 26** at MB Johnson Park, **Moorhead** in Northern Sky District
- **October 10** at Dunton Locks County Park, **Detroit Lakes** in Northern Sky District

Canceled Day Camps

- **August 29** at **Epping** Fire Company in Great Plains District

Cub Scouts that were registered for one of the camps that was canceled will receive a full refund. To participate in the Virtual Day Camp, those Cub Scouts will need to register for the new event.

Wilderness Adventure Weekends for Scouts BSA

These weekends are designed for a troop to attend camp as a group, similar to a regular troop campout, with the added benefit of having staff and merit badge counselors running activities and teaching merit badge classes. Meals will also be provided in the dining hall. The troop will required to have two-deep leadership and follow all BSA policies related to troop camping (including having health forms in possession).

- Individual Scouts can also register to participate, but they must be accompanied by a parent for the weekend (no exceptions).

We will be following procedures for COVID-19 similar to summer camp. Participants must have the following items when they check in:

- Waiver form signed by a parent - download the waiver form

New Events at Camp Wilderness!

Scouts will have more opportunities to get outdoors, have fun and learn new skills at camp.
• Face mask (to wear when indoors)

Everyone will be checked for COVID-19 symptoms when they check in (including a temperature check).

August 21-23
• Rifle
• Shotgun
• Swimming
• Canoeing
• Kayaking

August 28-30
• COPE
• Shotgun
• Swimming
• Canoeing
• Kayaking
• Citizenship in the Nation

September 11-13
• COPE
• Rifle
• Shotgun
• Citizenship in the Nation

September 18-20
• COPE
• Rifle
• Shotgun
• Citizenship in the Nation
• Communications
• Wilderness First Aid
• Weather

September 25-27
• COPE
• Rifle
• Shotgun
• Citizenship in the Nation
• Communications
• Weather

Friends of Scouting

2020 has been a challenging year! We need your support more than ever to continue providing resources and staff assistance for our units, leaders and Scouts.

The pandemic hit right in the heart of our Family FOS season, with many units not having the opportunity to conduct presentations. As a result, our Family campaign is behind $98,000 compared to last year.

Recently, many of you may have received a letter from the council asking for your continued support. Please consider giving what you can.

Make an FOS Contribution Online
Medora Service Project

Troops provide volunteer service including flag raising and lowering ceremonies and other service projects as needed. In return, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation 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 starting August 23, 26 and 30!

Popcorn Sale

The final popcorn Key Leaders Briefing will be conducted this evening at 7 pm via webinar only. Register for the webinar on the popcorn page.

Initial Popcorn Orders are due by August 19 at 1 pm - either online or by calling the Center for Scouting in Fargo. There is an Initial Order worksheet on the popcorn page to help determine the quantities of popcorn items to order.

What's Happening in your District?

Click the link below 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

August 2020

18 Popcorn Key Leader Briefing
19 Popcorn Order Due
20 Council Training meeting
21 Council Executive Board meeting
21-23 Wilderness Adventure Weekend
23 Medora Session 23 (space available)
25 Council Commissioner meeting
26 Medora Session 24 (space available)
28-30 Wilderness Adventure Weekend
30 Medora Session 25 (space available)

September 2020

2 Medora Session 26 (space available)
4 Fall Camporee @ Big 4 (D11)
7 Offices Closed (Labor Day)
10-11 Popcorn Initial Product Distribution
10 Devils Lake Breakfast for Scouting (D8)
11-13 Wilderness Adventure Weekend
11 OA Conclave (East) at Camp Wilderness
11 Work Weekend (CW)
12 Scouts BSA Leader Fundamentals and Intro to Outdoor Skills (D11, 14)
15 Council Advancement meeting
15 Grand Forks Breakfast for Scouting (D8)
17 Fergus Falls Breakfast for Scouting (D3)
17 Alexandria Breakfast for Scouting (D4)
18 Detroit Lakes Breakfast for Scouting (D5)
18 Council Executive Committee meeting
18-20 Wilderness Adventure Weekend
22 Council Commissioner meeting
24 Council Camping meeting
25 OA Conclave (West) at Big 4 Scout Camp
25-27 Wilderness Adventure Weekend
25 Moorhead Breakfast for Scouting (D5)
26 Cub Scout Day Camp Moorhead (D5)
26 Fargo Breakfast for Scouting (D5)