



The *BLACKHAWK* COURIER

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Newsletter for Blackhawk Area Council Families and Leaders



BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL

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THANK YOU Volunteers!

We can't do it without you!

Thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, supporters, and parents who have given their time and energy to helping young people have once-in-a-lifetime opportunities!

While others work their way towards being different, you strive towards making a difference. Your passion and energy are unparalleled, and we respect your spirit of volunteerism immensely.

Your contributions have enabled Scouting programs to thrive, often during times of tremendous difficulty for our families. You are the backbone of every aspect of Scouting.

Please know that we could not do this without your hard work. We are forever thankful for the time you have given us in making not only Scouting but our world a better place to live.

“Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have a potential to turn a life around.” *Leo Buscaglia*

Membership Update

Over the summer, Blackhawk Area Council shared with all council, district, and unit leaders the Recruitment Playbook and the Equipment Locker Room filled with the tools units need to have a successful recruitment. Since that time units have been putting together recruitment events like never before! So far this Fall Blackhawk Area Council units have recruited 580 new Scouts to the program as of October 27th!

To put things into perspective, last year (2020), 290 new Scouts were recruited August – December. This is an amazing example of Scouting being present and thriving! Recruiting is a 12-month season. You can help by extending invitations for others to join your unit. THANK YOU to all who helped recruit these new Scouts and their families!

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Legacy of Service Award Luncheon Rescheduled!

The Blackhawk Area Council is proud to honor [Gigi's Playhouse Rockford](#) and [Mustafa Abdall](#) at the Rockford Legacy of Service Awards Luncheon.

We are rescheduling the Rockford Legacy of Service for Spring 2022. Save the date...Thursday, May 12!

We are grateful for the longtime support of the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center where the event will be held again. Dylan Srocki, an Eagle Scout who is a reporter at WTVO Fox News Rockford, will emcee the event. Rockford's new police chief, Carla Redd and new fire chief, Michele Pankow, will be the keynote speakers.

Upcoming Events:

**Camp Lowden Sporting
Clays Days**
Saturday, November 6th
9:00am to 12:00pm

**Silver Beaver
Award Nominations**
Monday, November 1st
DEADLINE

OKPIK Training
LAST DAY TO REGISTER
November 1st

Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, November 30th
8:30am to 6:00pm





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POPCORN!

A Big Thank You!... to all the units that participated in this year's Fall Popcorn sale. Through your efforts, Scouts will be able to fund their scouting experience for the upcoming year. Popcorn Distribution for Take Orders will be on Friday, November 12th. Take Order payments are due in full at that time. The final payment checks will be deposited on November 19th. Finally, prize orders are due on Friday, December 10th.

OUR \$1,000 SELLER DRAWING WINNERS

- Jayson L. – Troop 1: See Jayson's video [HERE](#)
- Patrick S. – Pack 267: See Patrick's video [HERE](#)
- Bryan B. – Pack 150: See Bryan's video [HERE](#)
- Logan J. – Pack 267: See Logan's video [HERE](#)
- Jaxon M. – Pack 347: See Jaxon's video [HERE](#)
- Aidan S. – Pack 267: See Aidan's video [HERE](#)

DISTRICT TOP SELLERS:

Arrowhead

- Declan F. Pack 73
- Calvin J. Pack 848
- Aleczander J. Troop 180

Sycamore

- Dylan W. Pack 455
- Jameson S. Pack 150
- Zachary P. Troop 155

Wanchanagi

- Jayson L. Troop 1
- Maia C. Pack 418
- Abe M. Pack 139

Wetassa

- Conor K. Pack 91
- Lawrence D. Pack 91
- Tristan S. Pack 48

White Eagle

- Michael B. Pack 147
- Brayden S. Pack 85
- Levi P. Pack 85

Overall Blackhawk Area Council TOP SELLER!

- Robert L. Pack 194

DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS:

Arrowhead (2 locations): Krone America, 1625 US-151 BUS, Platteville, WI and Family Fresh Pack, 520 Pratt Rd., Monticello, WI

Sycamore: Chicago Plastic Systems, Inc., 161 S. Virginia Rd., Crystal Lake, IL

Wanchanagi: Blackhawk Program Center, 7194 Vandiver Rd., Rockford, IL

Wetassa: Helm Group, 2283 US 20 Business Route E., Freeport, IL

White Eagle: E.D. Etnyre & Co., 1333 Daysville Rd., Oregon, IL

NEW POPCORN REWARDS!

Get your reward orders submitted no later than December 10th. Steps for placing your Rewards order:

1. Log into your leader portal on the Trail's End site.
2. Select the rewards option from the menu on left side of the screen.
3. Scouts must be registered with Trail's End account to qualify.
 - Make sure you have submitted all American Hero Donations to your council.
 - The total of all Scout sales cannot exceed the total value of popcorn ordered from your council plus online sales.
4. Once all Scout sales totals are correct, click the "Submit Scout Rewards" button.
5. If unit invoice is not paid in full with your council, your unit Rewards order will remain in pending payment status until paid in full.
6. Scouts' Amazon.com Gift Cards will be released for redemption in their Trail's End Scout account 5 days after submission, unless unit invoice is not paid in full and if order requires additional review.
7. You may recall your Rewards submission within the 5 day window to make changes; however, resubmitting restarts the 5 day approval process.
8. All gift card amounts are final once released.
9. Scouts can continue to reach additional Rewards levels after the first submission if sales qualify them for the next level. If this happens, you will need to submit an additional order for these Scouts.
 - Once a Rewards Order is submitted, only sales occurring after the order submission date can be adjusted.



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RE-CHARTER NOW PACKS|TROOPS|CREWS

Re-charter packets are ready for pick-up at your Roundtable, or by contacting your District Professional.

Every December, all units (packs, troops, teams, crews, posts) are required to renew their affiliation with Scouting. The BSA issues charters to community organizations enabling them to offer the Scouting program under their own leadership as a service to their children, youth, and families. Re-chartering is the process of renewing the charter agreement between the BSA and the organization, renewing the registration of youth, and renewing adult members.

RE-CHARTERING ON TIME IS CRITICAL FOR:

- Unit Journey to Excellence
- Continuing registration without interruption
- Ensuring all Scouts are registered, which is critical for receiving rank advancement and other awards
- Insurance coverage for all members

This year, units can access the online re-chartering system through [Internet Advancement](#). Leaders use the same login credentials as my.scouting.org (which is where online Youth Protection Training can be taken). Units will be receiving online re-chartering instructions at Roundtable and with their Unit Commissioners. For more information and resources, you can visit our [Blackhawk Area Council Charter Renewal Page](#). Watch the video to see the new system!

Please ensure that all registered adults have YPT training valid for the duration of your 2022 charter.

To be considered for having an “on-time” charter, please complete **your unit’s Re-charter by December 10, 2021.**

I SUPPORT



2022 FOS “PACESETTER” UNIT

To qualify as a “PACESETTER UNIT”... all four requirements must be met.

1. Designate one adult as the unit FOS Chairperson.
2. Set the date of your unit’s presentation by December 15th and share the date with your District Professional. (The 2022 FOS Pacesetter Form must be completed and returned to your District Executive by **December 15th, 2021**.)
3. Set a unit Friends of Scouting Goal which includes agreed upon increases in dollars raised, pledges received, and attendance. (District Professionals will work with unit leaders to establish realistic goals.)
4. Conduct your unit’s Family FOS presentation before March 31, 2022.

Sign up your unit today to be a PACESETTER UNIT by clicking on the link and filling out the form.

SIGN UP NOW

Units that qualify will receive free (cloth) badges of rank the twelve months immediately following the presentation.

Did you know that you can support Scouting just by doing your normal online shopping with Amazon?

All you need to do is link your Amazon account to Blackhawk Area Council and shop as normal.

Here is how you can get started:

1. Get the Amazon app for your phone: Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the [App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android.
2. Join Amazon Smile: Simply [sign up](#) by selecting your favorite charity (you can change this at any time).
3. Turn on AmazonSmile: Open the app and find ‘Settings’ in the main menu. Tap on ‘AmazonSmile’ and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

From your tablet/computer:

To shop AmazonSmile on your tablet, type smile.amazon.com into the browser. Would you like to know more about AmazonSmile and how it works? Feel free to explore more here: [About AmazonSmile](#)



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COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

As COVID-19 continues to have changing implications for Scouting across our Council's twelve counties, this page is here to offer resources for units and families to successfully continue Scouting from home, online, or in small groups. This is also where you will find important updates from the Blackhawk Area Council and our National Boy Scouts of America office.

Update November 1, 2021

The Blackhawk Area Council is happy to provide this latest update for COVID Guidance for Blackhawk Area Council Units.

- **Masking:** Masks must be worn indoors (regardless of social distancing), and outdoors when not socially distanced.
- **Tenting:** Two people per tent is permitted as long as the individuals are opposite of each other (head to toe layout).
- **Carpooling:** Use of all seats is permitted. All passengers must wear masks in vehicles unless traveling with only members of their own household.
- **Patrol style cooking:** Those who are cooking must wear masks and gloves while cooking.
- **Family style/buffet meals:** Permitted
- **Mess kits/reusable dishware:** Permitted while ensuring proper sanitation is done during cleanup.
- **Water jugs:** Permitted

CHECKLISTS:

Units are encouraged to utilize these checklists to help prepare for activities while keeping everyone safe.

[Safe Restart Scouting Checklist](#)

[COVID Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#)

[National BSA COVID FAQ](#)

Thank you all for your service to Scouting and taking the time to keep everyone safe.

Yours in Scouting,
The Blackhawk Area Council Risk Management Team and
Your Council Key 3

Sedrick Robinson, Scout Executive
Jake Dykstra, Council President
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Should you have any questions please contact Sean Nadeau:
Sean.Nadeau@scouting.org or 815-397-0210.

Please remember that all rules/guidance of the location of Scouting meetings and activities must be followed. Be sure to check with the location.

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. The checklists outline several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to conduct meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.





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Welcome New Canyon Camp Director Seth Kannarr

It's an honor and privilege to serve as the next Camp Director at Canyon Camp! Some huge shoes have been left for me to fill, but I plan to take this position seriously and make it my own! Having worked on the Canyon Camp Staff for the last ten years, I hope to take my experience and observations of our previous Co-Camp Directors and serve Canyon Camp to the best of my abilities.



Our Canyon Camp community has a strong support network, and I am confident that our leadership team will work together to make this as smooth of a transition as possible. Canyon Camp has many traditions rooted in our rich history, and I intend to carry on these traditions and continue to build upon our success over the last 85 years into the distant future! The Spirit of Canyon Camp is strong, and will remain strong with us!

Of course, I am very excited for next summer! I'm looking forward to welcoming back all of our beloved Scouts & Leaders as we "Try Something New in 2022", our current program theme! We will have 5 new merit badges, a revitalized O.W.L. Program for Older Scouts, and a great Canyon Ranger program for your 1st year Scouts! We hope to see your registration soon, if you have not already, as our weeks are filling up fast! Sign up early to get your preferred week! Feel free to contact me at: stjkannarr@gmail.com with any questions!



Try Something New in 2022

Nestled at the base of the Apple Canyon in Northwestern Illinois, [Canyon Camp's](#) 330 acres of natural wooded land offers a complete immersion summer camp experience for your Troop.

- Youth Fees: Regular Fee per Scout if paid in full by/on April 15, 2022 is \$310 for a week long adventure. Late fee per Scout if payment received on/after April 16, 2022 is \$360 for a week long adventure.
- New Merit Badges being offered include: Exploration, Scouting Heritage, Citizenship in Society, Fingerprinting, and Theatre.
- New O.W.L activities including a kayaking trip, Golf Merit Badge trip, and a revamped adventure schedule!

Be sure to check the Leader Guide - [Unit Leader Guide for Canyon](#)



Would you like to be on Camp Staff at Camp Lowden or Canyon Camp? You too can be one of the instrumental Scouts who make the Scouting Program come alive at our Summer Camps. With Summer Camp being the culmination and height of the camping experience only found in the Boy Scouts of America, sign up now and continue the amazing adventure by serving as a Summer Camp Staffer!

STAFF APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 1, 2021



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Camp Lowden Director Jason Endres Returns

The Scouting Program is a super important part of my life! I earned my Eagle Scout Rank in 1996. The lessons that I have learned through my Scouting experiences guide what I do every day. It was the Scouting program that allowed me to find my passion for teaching and working with youth. It allowed me to experience things that I never would have attempted if not for the Scouting program. I learned and developed life skills and most importantly, Scouting helped me to find confidence in myself.

I am super excited to be returning to Camp Lowden as Camp Director in 2022! I started working at Camp Lowden as a CIT way back in 1993 and have held a variety of positions throughout camp. I am excited to finally be able to implement the vision of the Lowden 2020 committee and rolling out our full line of Trades/Skills based merit badges. This will allow Scouts to learn about and experience possible vocations or hobbies.

Family Camp Provides Quality Time

Camp Lowden had it's largest Family Camp this year with over 80 youth attending! Many families were able to participate in BB Gun Shooting, Archery, Games, Scout Skills, a Nature Hike and other exciting activities such as entertaining each other at a campfire. This program utilized an "open area" concept and allowed families to come and go to different activities as they desired. Numerous families said they want to come back again!

Summer Camp at Lowden is Back!

Offering great experiences for Scouts of all ages, [Camp Lowden](#) is a complete service camp offering a challenging summer camp program as well as the opportunity for year-round camping experiences.

- All of our program areas will be open. Dining Hall service for your meals.
- Youth Fees: Regular Fee per Scout if paid in full by/on April 15, 2022 is \$310 for a week long adventure. Late fee per Scout if payment received on/after April 16, 2022 is \$360 for a week long adventure.

Come and enjoy Lowden as so many Scouts have before as we continue its legacy and impact!

Be sure to check the Leader Guide for Lowden for additional information about programming offered.

[Unit Leader Guide for Lowden](#)



Winter Camping Opportunities

Blackhawk Area Council Cub Winter Day

February 5th, 2022

9am-4pm

Come for a day of winter festivities at Camp Lowden. Learn cold weather nature skills, become a novice ranger, help your Pack grow with team building activities, and if the weather permits make the biggest snowman the world has ever seen! Registration coming soon!



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Wulapeju Lodge Winter Banquet

Celebrating the completion of our Lodge's 50th Anniversary, We are calling all our past Youth officers and Adult advisors back to commemorate 50 Years of Service to our fellow man. So if you are a past Lodge Chief or Advisor, please join us for this great evening of Fellowship.

The Kishwaukee Chapter is hosting our Lodge Winter Banquet on Saturday, January 15 at D'Andrea Banquet in Crystal Lake. We will gather at 5:00pm, eat dinner at 6:00pm, and enjoy the Program following the meal.

We will have our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting before the Winter Banquet at First Church (formerly First United Methodist Church) in Crystal Lake, IL.

[TO REGISTER FOR THE WINTER BANQUET](#)

Upcoming - Winter Council of Chiefs

Kalahari Water Park and Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI
January 22, 2022 • For more Information click [here](#).
For Wulapeju Lodge 140 website click [here](#)

Council Recognition Diehl Scholarship

Each year several Eagle Scouts from the Blackhawk Area Council are honored with the Wayne and Ruth Diehl Scholarship Trust Fund. This award is designed to aid Eagle Scouts from the council to prepare themselves educationally for their chosen life's work. This award is made possible by the generous gift of Wayne and Ruth Diehl Scholarship Trust Fund. Each year the interest earned

is used for scholarships for outstanding Eagle Scouts who are completing high school or are already in college. The 2021 Eagle Scout Class has 83 Scouts so far this year!

Please follow this link for more information and the [Application for this prestigious scholarship](#).

Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest Award a local Council can bestow on one of its adult volunteers. Upon nomination by the Council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. First introduced in 1931, the Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it. November 1 is the deadline for nominations. Please use this [link](#) to submit your nomination at the Council Office or email to sean.nadeau@scouting.org.

Every Youth Deserves Trained Leadership

Our Council offers many opportunities to complete required, optional, and advanced leader training. Whether you are an adult needing to be trained for your pack or troop, or a youth looking to advance in skills and methods to serve your peers, our [Council's Training Page](#) is the place to start.

SCUTOLOGY IS Rescheduled!

New Date is the first Saturday in March 2022! This course is open to Scouts in Scouts BSA and Venturing (not Cub Scouts), and all Scouting Adults. This day will be filled with learning, fun, new ideas and the Scouting spirit. Check out the course catalog of classes to find what you can learn and take back to your units. This year we are excited to offer classes for various Unit Programs in the BSA. We've taken out many of the long leader specific training classes that are best suited to be taken in your district, and replaced them with tons of FUN classes filled with all kinds of great stuff that you want to know about! Cub Scout Camping? Dutch oven cooking? What kind of gear you need for high adventure camping? You got it! Please note that when you register on Doubleknot, some classes may require extra fees to cover material costs. For more information [click here](#).



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Rockford Sporting Clays for Scouts

On behalf of the Blackhawk Area Council and the Rockford Sporting Clays for Scouting Committee, we would like to thank everyone for supporting the 22nd Annual event held at Camp Lowden on September 11, 2021!

Thanks to the committee, volunteers, participants and sponsors whose support will open many new Scouting opportunities for young men and women in the area as well as create future community leaders. Your contribution enables them to participate in distinguished programs that broaden their discipline and character, which is invaluable to their future endeavors.

Save the date for next year's event which is expected to be bigger and better than ever! We're being joined by the McHenry Sporting Clays for Scouting committee to create a 2-day event September 9 & 10. We're also making upgrades and improvements to the already spectacular clays course to create a memorable event for all!

2021 Top Shooter Awards

Team High Point

Ringland-Johnson Construction Team #1

Total Score: 462

Women's Division High Point

Alise Howlett from PG Design & Build

Score: 70

Men's Division High Point (tie)

Ben Bushman from Larson & Darby Group

Dr. Ralph Everson from Ringland-Johnson Construction Team #1

Score: 97

Supporters of Scouts

Thank you to the [NRA Foundation](#) for again supporting the Blackhawk Area Council. The NRA Foundation funded Archery and Shotgun Program Enhancements providing 5 12-gauge youth shotguns. The NRA Foundation also contributed to a Camp Lowden Shooting Range Project with partial funding to help rebuild and raise the back berm of the rifle / cowboy action range and extend and raise the side berm.

Over the years, the Blackhawk Area Council has worked diligently to build youth equipment inventory and continue improvement on the shooting and archery ranges at Camp Lowden. Previously, the NRA has provided BB guns and rifles. The current focus is on archery and shotgun programs.

The Blackhawk Area Council relies on community support and partners to keep the Scouting program up to date and relevant to the youth served. Since 1910 the Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country. Today with over 2.2 million youth members and 800,000 adult volunteers, Scouting is one of the most influential youth organizations in the country.

By working together with organizations like the NRA, Scouting combines time and resources that result in stronger, more confident children and more productive families and communities.





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The Community Foundation for McHenry County

Thank you to [The Community Foundation for McHenry County](#) for choosing the Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America to receive a 2021 Mission Grant. This grant will help the Blackhawk Area Council fulfill the mission of Scouting, creating future leaders for the McHenry County community.

The Scouting program relies on the community and volunteers and partners with over 100 organizations in McHenry County. "Charter Organizations" are civic, faith-based and educational organizations that deliver the Scouting program to youth members as well as the community at large. Dozens of other organizations support and contribute to the mission of Scouting. In turn, Scouts serve the community through clean-up projects, helping at local events, filling the local food pantries and of course Eagle Scout Projects.

For more than 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential. Scouting promotes active and engaged citizenship, develops character, personal fitness, and provides extensive leadership development and training in the form of life skills that help young people succeed.

What does Friends of Scouting (FOS) Mean?

Friends of Scouting is an opportunity for families, friends, and alumni to support Scouting. 100% of your FOS support stays locally to help the Blackhawk Area Council Scouting programs. Registration fees and Scout's Life subscription fees are sent directly to the National organization.

What do FOS gifts support?

The amazing programs and adventures your Scouts experience are funded, in large part, by the generous support of Friends of Scouting.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING HELPS TO:

- Recruit and train youth and leaders
- Provide assistance to those in need
- Keep our camps and activities affordable
- Enhance programming and facilities
- Provide communication tools for volunteer leaders

Council Annual Business Meeting Recap

The Blackhawk Area Council Annual Business Meeting was held Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the Program Center in Rockford. All Council Members at Large, Executive Board Members, Advisory Board Members, and Charter Representatives were invited to attend.

The 2022 slate of officers were presented by the Council's Nominating Committee and elected by active members.

The Nominating committee presented:

Jake Dykstra as Council President

Lance Snider as Council Commissioner

Kris Tumilowicz as Immediate Past President

Alex Campbell as Treasurer

Jon Krause as Vice President of Administration

Dan Hawkins as Vice President of District Operations

Christopher Carter as Vice President of Finance Operations

Bill Reilly as Vice President of Governance

Joe Geraghty as Vice President of Long Term Mission Impact

Tami Richardson as Vice President of Membership

Dan Frommelt as Vice President of Program

Todd Wood as Vice President of Properties



What's happening in my district?

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Arrowhead District

From the Desk... of Matt Ohms, District Professional

Cave of the Mounds

Pack 89 out of Platteville had a great Webelos/AOL camping weekend capped off by a visit to the Cave of the Mounds near Blue Mounds, WI (southwest of Madison on HWY 151). Cave of the Mounds is a great place for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA to visit. They are open year-round, and the weather is a perfect 50 degrees 365 days a year! It is a self-paced tour where you get to see some amazing rock formations, and you can even rent a light that really shows off the rocks. In addition to their gift shop, they have a hiking Interpretive Nature Trail where you can crack open a geode, and sift through some materials to find gems! www.caveofthemounds.com

Grant Pilgrimage

Thank you to all those who attended and helped with the August 2021 Grant Pilgrimage. Over 2,200 youth and adults attended the event. Everyone had a great time and were excited to have a large event.

Blackhawk Area Council is preparing for the 2022 Grant Pilgrimage on April 22nd – 24th, 2022. It will be Grant's 200th Birthday and the Theme will be "Happy Birthday Ulysses". New activities are being planned, but not quite ready to be published. The traditional Trail Hike, Bucket Brigade, and History Hunt will be part of the 2022 event. We will have several partnering camping locations for this Spring so keep an eye on the upcoming details as they become finalized. Blackhawk Area Council is looking forward to holding the Grant Pilgrimage in April again.

Arrowhead District Calendar

November

- November 3rd 7:00pm District Committee Zoom Meeting. For District Committee members to help local Cub Packs and Troops succeed and support local Scouting efforts.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 815 3178 2531 - Passcode: bTDuU4

- November 6th 9:00am to 12:00pm new Den Leader Training. Darlington Municipal Building, 627 Main St. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering to be a leader. Come to this training to get trained in your role, learn where resources are located and provide the best Cub Scout experience to new Cub Scouts.
- November 10th 7:00pm District Round Table Zoom Meeting. Round Table Meeting provides information and guidance to leaders about Scouting programs in their local area. This Round Table will focus on Blue and Gold for the Packs, and cold weather camping for the Troops.
- November 12th Popcorn pick-up before 7:00pm at Krone America, 1625 US-151 BUS, Platteville, WI or Family Fresh Pack at 520 Pratt Rd, Monticello, WI. Contact Bruce Small (Krone) or Frank Wolf (Family Fresh Pack) to confirm your pick-up time. Bruce Small: 815-266-1980, bsmall@mchsi.com Frank Wolf: 920-585-2987, frankwolf@sbcglobal.net

December

- December 1st 7:00pm District Committee In-person Meeting. Darlington Municipal Building, 627 Main St. District Committee 7:00pm Zoom meeting. For District Committee members to help local Cub Packs and Troops succeed and support local Scouting efforts.
- December 8th 7:00pm District Round Table at the Darlington Municipal Building, 627 Main St. Complete Unit Charters are due by Round Table. We will have best practices on Arrow of Light to Scout transition and other useful information.

Congratulations to Units for achieving an Ice Cream or Pizza Party for 75% growth or better!

Pack 73	110% growth
Pack 89	147% growth
Pack 93	92% growth
Pack 775	122% growth
Pack 848	81% growth

Several other units are very close to achieving 75% growth. Let's add more units to the list before year end!



What's happening in my district?

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Wanchanagi District

From the Desk... of Roman Salamon, District Professional

Unit Membership Goal Incentives

Congratulations to Pack 207 and 418 for achieving 100% of their Fall Recruitment Goal. In fact, both units easily exceeded the 100% threshold, earning their unit a pizza party. Several other units are close to nearing the 75% threshold, which would earn their unit an Ice Cream Party. Remember, encourage your Scouts and families to just “ask 1”.



Pack 207



Pack 418

New District Officers

Please congratulate the following adult volunteers on their appointment to the 2021-2022 Wanchanagi District Leadership:
Clint Little, District Chair
Ron Scott, District Commissioner
Cliff Chappell, District Vice Chair
Jason Jordan, District Vice Chair
Alice Roby, District Vice Chair

Program Volunteers Needed

Wanchanagi District Team is assembling an action-packed calendar of activities for 2022, including more Cub Scout STEM-related days, First Aid Meet for Scouts BSA, a Paddle-Pack-Pedal Event for all Scouting levels, Scouting for Food and more. Volunteer openings are available for roles such as event planning, logistics, activity coordination, and event operations. Scouters and Scout family members of all ages willing to lend a hand with a cheerful smile need apply. Please reach out to Roman Salamon, District Executive, at roman.salamon@scouting.org or 815-397-0210.

Wanchanagi District Calendar

November

- District Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. at Rockford Council Office
- District Commissioner Meeting – Thursday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. at Rockford Council Office
- District Roundtable (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA & Venturing/Order of the Arrow Mawat Chapter) – Thursday, November 11, 6:45 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church (4509 Highcrest Road, Rockford)

December

- District Committee Meeting (holiday celebration) – Thursday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. at BAC Program Center (7194 Vandiver Road, Rockford)
- District Commissioner Meeting – Thursday, December 2, 6:00 p.m. at Rockford Council Office
- District Roundtable (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA & Venturing/Order of the Arrow Mawat Chapter) – Thursday, December 9, 6:45 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church (4509 Highcrest Road, Rockford)

January

- District Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. at Rockford Council Office
- District Commissioner Meeting – Thursday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. at Rockford Council Office
- District Roundtable (Cub Scouts/Scouts BSA & Venturing/Order of the Arrow Mawat Chapter) – Thursday, January 13, 6:45 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church (4509 Highcrest Road, Rockford)
- Wanchanagi District Klondike Derby (Scouts BSA & Venturing, Webelos/Arrow of Light Cub Scouts) – originally schedule for Saturday, January 29; moved to Saturday, February 5, location to be determined



What's happening in my district?

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Sycamore District

From the Desk... of Michael Ancheta, District Professional

District Calendar Events

AOL to Scout Expo 2021: 11/06/21
(discuss scouting with Troops in your area)

District Committee Meetings

November 4, 2021 @ 7pm
December 2, 2021 @ 7pm
Crystal Lake Food Pantry, 42 East St., Crystal Lake

District Roundtable Meetings

November 11, 2021 @ 7pm : Recognizing Veterans & Flag Retirement Ceremonies
December 9, 2021 @ 7pm: Q&A with Leadership & Re-charter
Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd., Woodstock

Cub Scout Fun Day...

Was a huge success with over 50 scouts in attendance. This event was held on September 19, 2021 at the McHenry Township Park, Johnsburg, IL. Countless volunteers made this day a reality. Karla Zander and her team of Scout Leaders ensured all scouts in attendance had a fantastic time. They can't wait to repeat this in 2022.

Troop 247 of Marengo IL...

Joined over 900 other hikers, scouts and outdoor enthusiasts at Devils Lake State Park during an event hosted by Badger Trails. These scouts put their hiking and cooking skills to the test! Way to go Scouts!



Pack 267...

On August 21, 2021 held their Rocket Launch day in their Pack. Scouts had a blast! This Pack has been super busy, also holding their fishing derby on September 12, 2021. Keep up the good work Pack 267!

Congratulations to the Sycamore District Committee Leaders

Recently elected into office on October 7, 2021!

District Committee Chairman - Matthew Ewertowski
Vice Chairman of Membership - Leah Beeson
Vice Chairman of Program - Karla Jean Zander
Vice Chairman of Finance - Chuck Natoli
Vice Chairman of Administration - Christina Bahnsen





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White Eagle District

From the Desk... of Thomas Eden, District Professional

New Unit Welcome

We would like to welcome Pack 301 to the White Eagle District! The Charter Partner for Pack 301 is the Ashton Business Boosters Association located in Ashton. The Cubmaster is Leigh Delhotal and the Charter Organization Representative is Josh Stone. We are very excited to be welcoming Pack 301 to the White Eagle District and Scouting Family!

White Eagle District Calendar

- White Eagle Roundtable
November 11th and December 9th

Wetassa District

From the Desk... of Emily Cross, Director of Field Service/COO

Come join us at Roundtable!

Second Wednesday each month at 7 pm located at:
Bethany United Church of Christ
2341 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL 61032

District/Council Contacts:

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Training Chair: Dan Frommelt - danielmfrommelt@gmail.org

Sycamore District

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Commissioner: David Beeson - david@davidbeeson.com

Chair: Matthew Ewertowski - matthewewert23@gmail.com

Wanchanagi District

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Commissioner: Ron Scott - soccerref1@charter.net

Chair: Clint Little - aldermanlittle@hotmail.com

Wetassa District

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Commissioner: Dan Dick - dandick09@gmail.com

Chair: Joshua Ehlers - jtehlrs2009@icloud.com

White Eagle District

Professional: Thomas Eden - thomas.eden@scouting.org

Commissioner: Josh Stone - joshstone1@gmail.com

Chair: Nancy Johnson - nmj1964@gmail.com

National Scout Shop

Rockford: 815-637-6180

Address: 2820 McFarland Road
Rockford, IL



Scout Shop hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Wednesday and Sunday – closed
Saturday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

National Scout Shop

Crystal Lake: 815-479-0615

Address: 600 N. Rt. 31, Crystal Lake, IL

Scout Shop Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Thursday and Sunday – closed
Saturday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reminder on Purchasing Advancements:

This is a reminder of the Blackhawk Area Council policy when purchasing advancements from the Scout Shops it is required to show the advancement report. This may be accomplished by printing the report from internet advancement or showing the submitted report on your electronic device. Advancements are considered any recognition item that would be recorded on an advancement report.