

Iron Horse District Newsletter

June 12, 2014

Engineering a Brighter Future for Scouting in Our Community

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June

- 5 - District Committee Meeting
- 10 - Deadline for On Time Twilight Camp Registration
- 12 - Round Table/OA Chapter Meeting
- 19 - Commissioner Meeting
- 24 - 27 - Twilight Camp

July

- 1 - District Committee Meeting
- 10 - Round Table/OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 - Commissioner Meeting

Congratulations to Our Newest



Iron Horse Eagle Scouts...!

Thompson (Ty) Troy Mixon – Troop 6
Nathaniel Steven Thomas – Crew 1961

Iron Horse District Silver Beavers



2013	Cliff Keeler
2012	Carla Burnett
2011	Bryan Talley Traci Talley
2010	Kent Davis
2008	Don Cullum

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on a volunteer. In 1931, B.S.A. President Mortimer L. Schiff recommended to the National Board that an award be devised for recognition of distinguished service to youth in the area of a local council and the concept of the Silver Beaver recognition was established.

Iron Horse District 2013

Legacy Award

Shep and Patty Barnum

Scout of the Year Lane Randall

Eagle Scout Project of the Year

Cameron Arnold

March 3, 2014

A Scout is brave.

The Scout law tells us that a Scout is Brave.

So what is Bravery and how are we as Scouts and Scouters Brave?

Well the Scout handbook tells us that; "A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him." The handbook goes on to say; "saving lives is not the only test of bravery. You are brave every time you do what is right in spite of what other might say. You are brave when you speak the truth and when you admit a mistake and apologize for it. And you show courage when you defend the rights of others."

You don't need a medal to be brave, you don't need ribbons and articles in the paper. Bravery comes from deep inside. It is the voice within you that calls you to do the right thing.

Last night at our Troop meeting I held a few Scoutmaster Conferences. In the course of one of those conferences a question came up about "dealing" with certain member of the patrol this Scout was in. I won't go into details, and I am certainly not saying one Scout is better than the other, but apparently there has been some conflict within the Patrol. Nothing too bad that will cause a meltdown, but to your average 12 year old the crisis was becoming insurmountable.

He asked how to deal with this. He was unsure how the other Scout would react and he was worried about tearing up the Patrol. I can completely empathize with the Scout and I asked him what he thought about being brave? He thought it was like going into battle or saving a life. While those are demonstrations of bravery, I told him that he was brave for bringing the issue up to me. I also gave him this advice.

If you are right, then stand up for your position. Right always wins in the end. When people are in the wrong, they always seem to get caught.

Those that do things contrary to the Scout Oath and Law are like lightning rods. Lightning Rods are designed to attract lightning. Sooner or later, they get struck.

Being brave and standing up for what is right keeps you from being a lightning rod. You are not a target for the lightning strikes of life. And as the lightening showers around you, your bravery will see you through the storm.

A Scout is Brave. Always do what is right. (January 21, 2009 by Jerry Schleining Jr.)

Yours in scouting,

Kent Davis

Iron Horse District Chairman



Iron Horse District is Growing!

Hey Cub Scout Leaders! It's time to start thinking about fall rallies. Yes, that's what I said - fall rallies... Rally night will be here before you know it, and we want to be **PUMPED UP** and **PREPARED!**

Jenna Lee, our Membership Chair, will have information for you soon - rally approved dates, fall rally training dates & locations, how to order flyers, & I'm sure much more. And remember, the Commissioner Team is on board and ready to assist. Be sure to include your Unit Commissioner in your rally plans so that he/she can offer any assistance or support you might need.



How you can help...

Get involved! Join the membership and/or training team, become a unit commissioner, mentor new leaders, join Round Table staff or the district committee, represent Scouting at school open houses and PTO meetings. Get to know the principals and APs in your local schools and find out how Scouts can perform service there. INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU IN ATTENDING ROUND TABLE!!!

And we are looking for ways to reach out to community leaders and get them in-volved, establish some solid relationships. If you know someone that you feel would be interested in being in partnership with us, please talk to Yul El Habash, Kent Davis, or Carla Burnett. There are LOTS of ways to help!!!



Commissioner Service

Unit commissioners are a valuable resource and support to our units.

The commissioner team is looking for some Scouters who would be interested in serving units in this capacity. If you would like to serve, or would just like to know more about commissioner service, please see Carla Burnett.

ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)



Chapter Meetings - These meetings are held for the benefit of the youth OA members. Meetings typically will briefly cover upcoming OA events, and

Afocused on making the meeting fun and interesting. Participation in the OA, and attending meetings and events, is a great way to strengthen leadership skills and supplement and enhance the unit program. Come check it out! Adult OA members are asked to check in with advisers so we can let you know what's coming up. Iron Horse Chapter meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the LDS Church on Hafer Road, just about a mile south of FM 1960, the same time and place as Round Table. Leaders, please car pool with OA members from your unit.

Monthly Round Table

Iron Horse District monthly Round Table is the second Thursday of each month, and is held at the LDS church on Hafer Road. This is a great place to gather information about what's going on in our district, find out about events, meet new people, get training, or find new ideas for use in your unit program. Come see what it's all about, and bring your friends or other Scouters from your unit! Gathering and fellowship begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a general session from 7:00 - 7:15, and rolling into breakout sessions by program - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts, and Venturing and Sea Scouts. We can always use help setting up and delivering the Round Table program. For more information, talk with the Round Table commissioners:

Elizabeth Creel-Olivera - Cub Scouts

Ernie Butts - Boy Scouts

Open - Varsity Scouts

Terry Hinton - Venturing and Sea Scouts



DISTRICT EVENTS

DISTRICT ITEMS OF NOTE

District Communications

Having a good communications system is critical to getting information out in a timely manner. If you're not yet signed up on the email list, please visit the Iron Horse website - www.ironhorseshac.org - and register to receive district communications. We have a lot to share, and we don't want anyone to miss out!!!

Training

Our training team needs YOU - to either train or be trained. If you are looking for ways to share your time at the district level, joining the training team is a great way to do that. We know that every Scout deserves trained leaders, and we also know that trained leaders are better able to understand and deliver the program, no matter what level they are at. If you are interested in helping in this area, please talk to Orville Neeley and he will assist with determining the best fit for different training opportunities.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR 2014: All registered leaders will have to be fully trained in order for their units to be rechartered in December. If you are one who needs to take training, the district calendar will be completed very soon, and you will be able to see what and when and where the courses will be that you need. Make plans early to get all of your training needs covered. You can also contact Orville with any specific needs, maybe you have a number of people in your unit who all need the same thing - the training team can and will deliver!

Community Rally for Scouting

This "first annual" event for Iron Horse, was a fun evening of fellowship and games for kids. Many thanks to Jerry Birkinshaw for heading this up, to Jenna Lee for coming along and assisting, and to all those who encouraged units to be present. We had ten units on hand with all sorts of activities & unit history to offer, and a good time was had by all. A comment from a unit leader - "We should do this more often!" AMEN! So watch for information for more events similar to this. We hope to have more participation next time around. We need YOU!!!

LET'S RECRUIT!!!



First Annual Bike Rodeo... Was a blast in spite of the wet conditions! 22 youth came out and had a great day learning how to ride bikes, about bike safety, earning the Bicycle Belt Loop, and getting off to a good start on the Cycling Merit Badge. Thank you, Karen DuPont and team for a terrific event!!!

Twilight Camp

It's coming - Tuesday June 24 through Friday June 27. Four days of fantastic fun from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The location is Klein United Methodist Church located on FM 2920 just east of Kuykendahl Road. There will be training for all adults who will be attending, here are the dates, times, and locations:

Tuesday 17 June 2014, 6PM, Clubhouse @ 3705 Cypresswood Dr.

Friday 20 June 2014, 6PM, Clubhouse @ 3705 Cypresswood Dr.

Sunday 22 June 2014, 5PM, T-878 Scout Hut @ Klein United Methodist Church

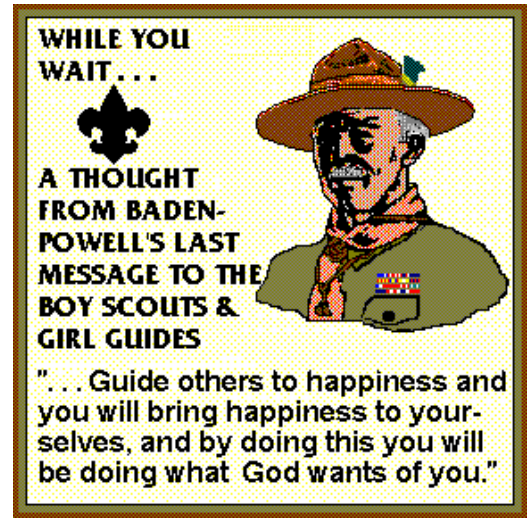
Monday 23 June 2014, 6PM, T-878 Scout Hut @ Klein United Methodist Church

Please contact Kevin for more information at thankyoufortheplumber@gmail.com

COUNCIL EVENTS

Wood Badge is the most advanced training course offered for Scouters. It's a great way to develop interpersonal and leadership skills that will help in all facets of life. AND it's loads of fun! Once you've been, you'll wonder why you waited so long to do it...!!! The next opportunity to experience Wood Badge Experience will be **SHAC 14-2** which is a week long course in the summer (no camping - indoor accommodations, AIR CONDITIONING!!!). The dates are Monday July 28th - Saturday August 2nd. There are also two fall courses:

SHAC 14-3 - Friday September 26 - Sunday September 28 and Friday October 24 - Sunday October 26; and **SHAC 14-4** - Thursday October 16 - Saturday October 18 and Thursday November 13 - Saturday November 15. And these are absolutely the last courses to be conducted at the current Camp Strake. Look for Scouters wearing beads, ask them to tell you more about it, and why you should go!!!



It's not the destination that is so important, but the journey we take to get there, and the experiences we have along the way.

From the Commissioner...

It's that time of year when we tend to say "Things are going to slow down now, it's time for a break", and then they don't. And that's probably best. If we stay busy with Scouting over the "break", we all stay connected. We don't lose touch - with the program or with each other. The new "year" will be upon us before we realize it, and there will be much to do to kick it off. Staying active over the summer helps us to not lose momentum in our program, and it keeps the youth interested. Is it all easy, or all fun? Well, no, but it doesn't have to be all work either. Plan some easy "just because we want to" activities with some Scouting families and friends, connect with another unit and participate in their summer program. Enjoy Scouting during the break! And remember, we'll be here if you need anything...

YIS,
Carla



Benjamin DuPont - Troop 355
Andrew Harden - Troop 1659
Blake Barnett - Troop 1659

Iron Horse Sea Scout Quartermaster Award



Blair Talley- Ship 1659
Heather Schmitt- Ship 1659
Spencer Rawlins III- Ship 1659

Iron Horse Eagle Honor Roll 2013 and 2014

Jose Israel Benitez - Troop 1659
Carlos Javier Avendano - Troop 1659
Caleb Theodore Bogs - Troop 355
Conner Scott Murphy - Team 594
Samuel Lynn Hall - Team 594
George Franklin Lloyd - Troop 355
Michael Adams Goins Lone Scout
Gregory Roland Salazar – Troop 878
Matthew Aaron Gwilliam Jr – Team 994
Levi Richard Pouwer - Team 449
Jordan Matthew Brokken - Troop 331
Matthew Robert Hope – Troop 878
Ethan Doyle Bates – Troop 1665
Steven Dunk – Troop 1665
Ty Mitchell Waring – Troop 878
Matthew James Lanmon – Troop 355
Morgan Travis Wright – Troop 331
Austin Jay Harden – Troop 165
Charles Delano Stepp III – Troop 331
Lane Alexander Randall – Troop 355
Miles James Groening – Troop 594
Gavin Jameson Murphy – Troop 594
Jake Dewey Klovenski – Troop 1665
Zachary Joel Krouse – Troop 331
Cameron Arnold – Troop 1659
Maxwell Alan Gay – Troop 1659
Hunter Jacob Rodriguez - Troop 994
Lance Leavitt - Team 1961
Jacob Michael Sondergaard - Troop 900
Hunter Alexander Stanton - Troop 1565
Christopher Ryan Coomes - Troop 355
Joseph Timothy Bowlds – Troop 1665
Cullen Erie Puffer – Crew 1961
Marion Junior Sarceno – Troop 994
Harrison Cole Caddenhead – Troop 878
Tyler Long - Crew 1961
Matthew Dickerson - Troop 790
Patrick M.O. Weisbrod Jr. - Troop 1665
Jordan Mackenzie Bradford - Troop 263

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

-Mission Statement of the Boy Scouts of America

**Congratulations to
LANE ALEXANDER RANDALL
Iron Horse District
First OA Vigil Honor Recipient**

