



Scout Shorts

Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America



Mid-Iowa Council's Vision...

...is to have a bonafide, great American Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, and Venture Crew in every city, town and neighborhood we serve!!!

So, what can you do to make Scouting stronger in your 'neck of the woods'?

School Night for Scouting

Race to Scouting

During School Night we...

- help make the council's vision a reality,
- give every boy a chance to join a great pack,
- recruit *and* train adults,
- build strong pack leadership, and
- plan for stronger troops.

Therefore...

- School Night is a job for the entire district committee & commissioner staff.
- School Night is about recruiting quality adult leaders.
- School Night is not over until new leaders are trained.
- School Night helps strengthen Boy Scout Troops (95% of all Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts).

Find out how...

- To attend your district's August Roundtable, and get your *Race to Scouting* toolbox. Your toolbox will have everything you need this Fall – School Night information, training, the latest Popcorn Sale details, and much more!

Let's give every boy a chance to join a great unit like yours!



Camp Mitigwa

From the desk at Camp Mitigwa

As I gaze out the window, there is calm in the air after the hustle and bustle of the past two months. Nearly 1,000 Boy Scouts, along with close to 700 Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, enjoyed their respective times at camp. Also attending with them were well over 2,000 leaders, parents, and

visitors. Put into the mix, over 100 paid and volunteer staff that provided a stimulating, exciting, and meaningful program, the Scouts of Mid-Iowa Council saw the pages of the Scout Handbook come alive this summer.

It was an awesome summer!!! However, we can't rest on our laurels – it's time to begin the process for the 2012 Camp Mitigwa summer camp season. Summer camp will begin on June 17, 2012 and run through the first weekend in August. Things are already in the works- special camps during the week of the Fourth of July; a week of opportunities for Venture Crews; more High Adventure for the older Scouts in your troop; and the list continues to grow. Watch "Scout Shorts", check your email, and visit Mid-Iowa Council's website, to keep abreast of the changes. We (the camp staff) would like to visit with your pack or troop about your 2012 long term camping experience with us here "On the Hills Above the River", at beautiful Camp Mitigwa. Simply call 515-250-1825 to have someone come to a pack or troop meeting.

Also, there's a new opportunity for packs and troops who are camping at Camp Mitigwa this fall, winter, or next spring. We have restocked the Trading Post with snacks, memorabilia, necessities, and we are offering your group a chance to visit the Trading Post while you are in camp for the weekend. All you need to do is let the Campmaster on duty that weekend know of your desire to visit the Trading Post and they will make it happen.



Popcorn

Provide your Scouts with the Ideal Year of Scouting. If your unit has not signed up yet, go to www.midiowacouncilbsa.org and sign up to sell popcorn and make your ideal Scouting program reality. Additional resources and popcorn sale guidelines are available for downloading from this site.

- **Council Popcorn Kick-offs** – Distribution of Sales Kits and Materials
- Bonus Commission awarded to units for attendance at one of the kick-offs

August 27 – 9:00 AM – FFA Enrichment Center, DMACC Campus, Ankeny

August 29 – 6:30 PM – Graham Center, Central College, Pella



Sporting Clays Invitational

A benefit supporting Scout programs and shooting sports for youth.

Place: New Pioneer Gun Club, Waukee, Iowa

What: Sporting Clays has often been described as "golf with a shotgun". Teams of four follow a course of ten stations where each team member shoots at a variety of fun and challenging presentation, such as "Springing Teal", "Flushing Pheasant", and "Running Rabbits". Since pairs are shot at several

stations, a shotgun that will load two shells is required. 12 gauge shells are provided. Using the Lewis Scoring System, shooters of different skill levels all have an opportunity to win.

Program: Call of the Wild Dinner & Auction (October 7, 2011)

The fun begins on Friday night with the Call of the Wild Dinner and Auction for all shooters and their guests. This year's auction and dinner will be held at the Wakonda Club. Early bird tickets are \$20 per couple, if purchased by September 28. After this, tickets are \$30 per couple available at the door.

Sporting Clays Competition (October 8, 2011)

Following the 7:00am breakfast and mandatory safety instructions, competition begins. After lunch, awards for the winning teams will be presented. Basic Team Registration is \$600 for 4 people (\$150 per participant). Registration includes 2 complimentary auction tickets for each registered shooter. Sponsored Teams start at \$1,500 which include additional items for team members



How you can help:

- Auction items are needed.
- Team sign ups and Sponsors are needed.
- Volunteers are needed – Scouts age 16 and older may serve as judges, with adult volunteers, for the shooting competition. Scout units that volunteer to staff one of the stations for the entire competition will earn \$100.

For more information, contact Mark Snell by email: mark.snell@scouting.org or go to www.midiowacouncilbsa.org to register your team.

You may also click on the following link to register.

<http://bsa-ia.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=42592&orgkey=1935>

State Historical Society of Iowa Needs Your Help

This year, the Iowa History Museum will include new interactive exhibits on the civil war, the history of the electric trolley line in Iowa, and many children's programs via *History through the Arts*. We pride ourselves on providing interactive programming, and often offer hands-on activities after a special history performance. Yet, as we prepare for school groups to attend their programs in the fall, we discover that we face a problem – our art supplies are depleted. Namely, our store of men's ties.

Odd but true. The ties were used in a follow-up art project after showing the children's opera "Sid the Serpent who wanted to Sing." The opera portrayed a fable about animals found in the Iowa prairielands. Children enjoyed the show and its art project so much this past year that we actually ran out of some art supplies to do the workshop this year. We were using the ties to make colorful homemade animal toys that our participants could take home after the opera. We've always found that making a memento helps youth remember what they learned at the History Museum.

So, we are requesting donations of men's ties. If your troop, pack or crew is able to donate in this capacity at this time, please let us know. Any amount would be useful.

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Be Your Child's Greatest Advocate for Positive Health and Safety Habits!

Mid-Iowa Council and Blank Children's Hospital have recently partnered to provide free Pediatric Health Risk Assessments (HRA) to your family. An HRA is an online questionnaire used to gather information on children's health behaviors and habits. After the HRA is completed, you and your child are immediately provided with valuable feedback in the form of a personalized report. This report provides comprehensive, child-specific results, and highlights positive health and safety practices. The report also summarizes any potential health risks, as well as includes tips which can be used to support healthy development.

To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, simply begin by visiting www.blankchildrens.org/hra

Additionally, when you complete your HRA, your child will receive our new "All Scouts Healthy" badge.



Ceremonial Flag Raising Held for Construction at the New Fred Maytag II Scout Center

Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts will soon have a new place to call home. To commemorate the start of construction on the Fred Maytag II Scout Center, a ceremonial Flag Raising was held on July 30th, in lieu of a traditional groundbreaking.

The Fred Maytag II Scout Center is estimated to open in southwest Des Moines, near Brown's Woods, in early fall of 2012. The new center will be a true urban camp and campus, with more than 24,000 square feet of flexible multipurpose space, and sixteen acres of usable outdoor land. Facility features include, state-of-the-art conference and community center with a 200-person capacity, environmental and conservation education center with access to Iowa's largest urban forest reserve at nearby Brown's Woods, an outdoor amphitheater, a National Scout Shop, and outdoor program and field areas.

The new Scout facility was designed by SVPA Architects Inc., and is being built by Graham Construction. The facility will be free for use by Scouts and other non-profits in Central Iowa. It will serve today's Scouts – and generations to come- for many years.

Heritage Society Recognition Event - A Great Success

The Mid-Iowa Scouting Heritage Society Recognition event was held on July 27th at the West Des Moines Golf & Country Club. Over 80 people were in attendance as we honored individuals who have supported our endowment programs this year. Some of our honorees are featured in the photos below.

The Heritage Society was established to recognize those who believe in preserving the tradition and values of Scouting, as well as perpetuating its future for generations to come. The Heritage Society is a program to recognize those who include Scouting in their estate planning, or make outright gifts to the Endowment Fund of Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mid-Iowa Council's Scouting Heritage Society, also known by local Scout volunteer leaders as Troop #1, is supported through gifts to the Mid-Iowa Council Endowment programs.

In addition, permanent recognition is provided with placement of an engraved nameplate on the Troop #1 plaques, prominently displayed at our Scout Service Center. Members of Troop #1 are invited to participate in an annual fellowship gathering, and receive periodic updates on Scouting in central Iowa.



Scouting Alum Ken Noyce, with his wife Julia Noyce, and local Scouts from Pack 95, Troop 73, and Venture Crew 24.



Governor Branstad, Ken Maytag, & Walt Smith, V.P. Endowment for Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scouts at the Heritage Event on July 27, 2011.



Ken Maytag enjoying time with local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Crew members.



Honorees, Kandra & John Dickerson, receiving Scouting Heritage Society Recognition from Sam Wallace & Walt Smith.



Sam Wallace - Capital Campaign Chairman, Honorees Paula & Wayne Stewart, Walt Smith- V.P. Endowment, and Robert Hopper-Scout Executive.



The Highest Tribute

Memorials in Honor of:

Christian Fath

Craig and Jarnel Lamphier
Mid-Iowa Council Staff

David and Sara Hawkins

Mid-Iowa Council Staff
Mark and Cindy Snell

LaVern Landon

Mark and Leila Schlenker

The Clayman Service Center will be closed the following dates:

<i>Labor Day</i>	Monday, September 5, 2011
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	Thursday, November 24, 2011
	Friday, November 25, 2011
<i>Christmas</i>	Friday, December 23, 2011
	Monday, December 26, 2011
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	Friday, December 30, 2011