



Scout Shorts

Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America

November 2011



Popcorn Sale

It's time to order, deliver, and celebrate!! **Volunteers are needed on several dates.** If you can help, please let your district Popcorn Kernel or District Executive know about your availability.

See the following timeline to make sure you are doing all the things available to support your Scout program through the popcorn campaign.

November 4 – Registration open for Top Sellers Popcorn Sale Celebration

November 11-12 – Popcorn sorting and distribution (**volunteers needed**)

November 23 – Top Sellers Popcorn Sale Celebration **Registration Due**

November 23 – Scout Day with Iowa Energy **Registration Due**

December 4 – Top Sellers Popcorn Sale Celebration – Hy Vee Hall (**volunteers needed**)

December 4 – Scout Day with Iowa Energy



To volunteer, please email mark.snell@scouting.org

Fireside Chats

Each year all Scout leaders are invited to meet with the Scout Executive to hear about the latest programs and opportunities, as well as make suggestions for next year. The Fireside Chat begins the calendar building process for the program year 2012-2013. A separate "chat" is held in each district, but if you can't attend your district's "chat", you are welcome to attend one you can.



Fireside Chat Schedule:

November 3, 2011	RRV	7:00 p.m.	St. Tim's Episcopal
November 8, 2011	TA	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Church, Marshalltown
November 10, 2011	GE	7:00 p.m.	Indian Hills Community College
November 17, 2011	BA	7:30 p.m.	Oakwood Road Church
December 8, 2011	BQ	7:00 p.m.	1 st Baptist Church, Indianola
December 13, 2011	HE	7:00 p.m.	Lutheran Church of the Cross

Scout Shop

Don't forget to get a special stocking stuffer or gift for your Scout or Scouter this year. A nice variety of Scouting tree ornaments to personalize your Christmas decorating are also available!

The Mid-Iowa Scout Shop will be **open** on BLACK FRIDAY, November 25th 8:30am-5:30pm. We will also be **open** on Christmas Eve day, Saturday, December 24th 9:00am-3:00pm, but will be closed on December 26th for the Christmas holiday and **closed** on December 30th and 31st for our annual inventory.

Don't forget to visit us on **FACEBOOK!**

One Day Only!

Our Gift to You...
we entertain the kids* while you shop!

Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 9 am - 5 pm
at the Mid-Iowa Scout Shop
1659 E. Euclid Ave., Des Moines, IA 50316

- Hot chocolate, crafts, & more for the kids
- Enter to win a 4-foot stocking of "Scout Stuff"
- Check out the Christmas tree full of Scout ornaments

Phone: 515-265-5990
Store Hours: M, W, F 8:30 am-5:30 pm • T, TH 8:30 am-7:00 pm,
Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

*For Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Cub Scouts. Adults must remain on the premises OR in the building while kids are in Holiday Fun Zone.



Peace Light from Bethlehem

Mid-Iowa Council Scouts, families, churches and other organizations are going to have a great opportunity to help make this year's Christmas season a little more meaningful. Since 1989, Scouts from Austria have annually initiated the distribution of the Christmas "Peace Light" from the grotto in the small town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, as a symbol of the Christ Child bringing peace to the world many years ago as well as today.

The light is then distributed across Europe and North America. Scouts and Guides (Girl Scouts) take the light to houses of worship, hospitals, homeless shelters, rest homes, prisons, and places of public, cultural and political importance - to anybody who appreciates the significance of the "gift".

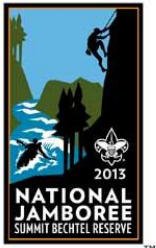
The Peace Light first came to America in 2001 when Canadian Scouts brought the light of Peace to New York City and Ground Zero. In 2002, DHL delivered the Peace Light as a gift from Belgian Scouts and Guides to the Boy Scouts of America in NY. In 2004 the Austrian Scout Movement, Austrian Airlines and Boy Scouts of America International Division arranged to bring the Peace Light to New York in two explosion-proof, British mining lamps, fueled by smokeless paraffin oil.

And so, it continues today. The Peace Light came to Mid-Iowa Council in past years, and will arrive at the Clayman Service Center this year on **December 6 at 11:15am**. Kept throughout the Christmas season at the Service Center, the Peace Light is available to all Scouts, Scout

Families, and Scout Units who desire to receive, and hopefully pass on, this gift. What a meaningful gift to share with your church partner during this season of Peace. On Christmas Eve, when the Christmas candles are lit, your church's light could be directly from the birthplace of Jesus, where it has burned uninterrupted for hundreds of years.

All you need is a lantern that can be lit from the Peace Light and transported safely in your vehicle. The Clayman Service Center is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 to 5:00. In addition to the Service Center, the Light will be available at a number of locations throughout the Des Moines Area. The exact locations will be announced later this month.

What a great service project for your Pack, Troop or Crew. Spread the “Light of Peace” to churches, nursing homes, prisons and jails, hospitals, homeless shelters and into private homes during this season of Peace and Joy as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



2013 National Scout Jamboree

As we have all heard for many years, “the major part of Scouting is outing” and what better way to be in the great outdoors than to be a part of an historic event: **The 2013 National Scout Jamboree**. Why, you ask, is the 2013 Jamboree more historic than any of the others have been or will be? Because in 2013, 40,000 Scouts from across the country will have the opportunity to experience firsthand the new permanent home for Scouting's National Jamborees, the Summit Bechtel Reserve near Beckley, West Virginia.

This month in Scout Shorts we would like to share a couple of the links you can click on to see what some of the adventures will look like at the 2013 Jamboree. Check out one of the BMX “Pump Tracks” at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWe1jK1Ntk0&feature=player_embedded . Here is a link containing a quick over view of some of the many things Scouts can expect to do while attending the Jamboree: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7boT7Hs6k2M> .

In addition to the 10 days at the Jamboree itself, our Jamboree participants will spend seven days filled with the excitement of professional baseball, one of the world's greatest amusement parks, some Rock and Roll, the historic Mississippi River, including walking in the footsteps of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn and the highlight of the trip, a patriotic visit to Shanksville, PA and the memorial to those who gave their lives on Flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

Scouts who want to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event need to fill out the application, which can be found at the end of this month's Scout Shorts. Send it, along with \$100.00, to the Clayman Scout Service Center in Des Moines. There are a VERY limited number of places left in our present two Jamboree troops, so get your application in as soon as possible. The overall cost for this trip will be no higher than \$2100.00 which includes everything except personal gear and souvenirs. We leave Des Moines on the morning of July 11, 2013 and return the evening of July 26. Be a part of the adventure, sign up now.

Scouters, if you want to be a part of the excitement, join the 2013 Jamboree Staff. Go to <https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>, scroll down and click on STAFF to find out all the details and excitement that awaits you.



Camp Mitigwa

From the Desk at Camp Mitigwa

As I gaze out the window in the office at Camp Mitigwa, the leaves are turning, you can feel the temperature falling, and the preparation for the 2012 camping season is off and running. We are moving ahead, at full speed, to accomplish communications with all Scouting Leaders.

On the 2012 camping calendar, there are seven full weeks of Boy Scout Camp at Camp Mitigwa this summer. Weeks 1 and 2, along with weeks 4, 5, and 6, are the traditional weeks of summer camp. Weeks 3 and 7 will be specialty camps for individual Scouts and/or Venture Crews.

Week 3, the week of the fourth of July, we will be having two sessions. We envision these sessions as provisional camps. The Camp Staff, along with unit volunteers, will provide the leadership for these sessions. An individual Scout may decide to attend one specific session, or might attend both.

The first session of week 3 will be July 1-3 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday). This will be an Aquatics emphasis camp. Activities may include: swimming, lifesaving, large boat sailing, scuba, and kayaking. Some Low Course C.O.P.E. events, along with climbing may occur as well.

The second session of week 3 will be July 5-7 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). The emphasis on this camp will be Shooting Sports. Activities may include: skeet shooting, muzzle shotgun shooting, action archery, hunter safety course, wrist rockets, and axe/knife throwing. Some Low Course C.O.P.E. events, along with climbing, may occur as well.

The intent for Week 3 is to attract older Scouts to camp, if only for a short time. The registration is open to 96 Scouts per session. The cost is \$140 per Scout per session. A \$10 discount per session will be awarded if a \$100 deposit is made prior to March 2, 2012. Included in this cost are all fees and transportation for activities held off site, a special t-shirt, and seven high-end meals (steak, chops, big boy style breakfast, etc.).

Week 7, the last week of Camp, we will be offering a Troop, Patrol, or Venture crew an opportunity for a high adventure experience here in IOWA!!! This may include: large boat sailing on Lake Rathbun, a bike trip across Iowa, rock climbing and spelunking in northern Iowa, or a canoe/rafting trip in Missouri.

Once again, the intent for week 7 is to afford a Troop, Patrol, or Venture Crew, the opportunity to be a part of a High Adventure, at a nominal cost. These trips will be priced accordingly and will include all fees, food, and transportation. Let Camp Mitigwa serve as the organizer for your High Adventure.

A regular/traditional summer camp program will be offered this week as well. All areas of camp will be in full operation.

For further information, call the Scout Service Center at 515-266-2135, or Ted Olson at 515-250-1825.



2013 National Scout Jamboree

It's time to register for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. If you want to break-in the new permanent home for the National Scout Jamboree, then the time to commit is now. Although it may seem far away, it is now time to start preparing for this once-in-a-lifetime event! Mid-Iowa Council's contingent plans to spend two great weeks, during July of 2013, touring to and from the new jamboree, which will include 10 glorious days at THE SUMMIT! Mid-Iowa Council will take a contingent of two Boy Scout troops, consisting of 72 youth and 8 adult leaders. Space is limited so don't delay; you can reserve a spot today by registering with Mid-Iowa Council.

To attend, a Scout must meet the following qualifications:

- ❖ Be at least a First Class Scout at the time of attendance at the Jamboree.
- ❖ Have completed sixth grade, or be at least 12 years of age by July 1st, 2013 and have not reached your 18th birthday by August 3rd, 2013.
- ❖ Participate in a pre-jamboree training experience
- ❖ Participate in jamboree troop meetings
- ❖ Submit a Jamboree Medical Form
- ❖ Have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2013.
- ❖ Be approved by your Scoutmaster and local council jamboree committee.

Financial Details: Reserve your place now with an application and a \$100.00 non-refundable (but transferable) deposit. If you are not selected as part of our contingent, you will be refunded any payments made. The total cost for all participants will be DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE. This fee includes all transportation costs, meals, and lodging en route to and from the jamboree, which will include a fun filled tour. The fee also includes special patches, duffle bag, travel bag, and a pre-jamboree training experience weekend. A payment schedule will be announced soon, with installments due beginning summer 2011 and the final payment due on or before February 2013. The aim of the Council Jamboree Committee will be to keep the contingent fee at or below the cost of the 2010 Jamboree, which was \$2,060, all while providing the members of this contingent an once-in-a-lifetime experience. Your initial deposit does not guarantee a position with our council's contingent. We will select our 72 members from among the interested candidates by January 1st, 2012. Selection process TBD.

Detach this registration form & send with your \$100.00 deposit to: Mid-Iowa Council, 1659 E. Euclid, P.O. Box 3009, Des Moines, IA 50316-0009.

Please register me for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

Name _____ Troop # _____ Birth date _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Scout Rank _____