



# Scout Shorts

Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America

## Fall Recruitment

For over a century, Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.....but, if they never join we can't help.

The Fall Recruitment process is in full swing. Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, and Explorer Posts are inviting new members to join right now. We will reach out to every Elementary School in Mid-Iowa Council to ensure every Cub Scout age youth who wants to join will have the opportunity.

Boy Scouts of America is the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organization. Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.....It all starts with a family joining. Do your part to help the next generation enjoy our great program - help a new family join Scouting today!

## Rechartering

Units go through a process every year to re-register youth and adults, and remove those who are no longer in our program. That process is called Rechartering. Each district will hold a Recharter distribution event that will help explain this process, and help with any questions unit leaders may have. Please check local listings for the Recharter event in your district.

Internet Rechartering is fast and easy, and your District Commissioner and professional staff are ready to assist you with this process. If you need assistance, or have additional questions, please contact your District Commissioner, District Executive, or Charles Vonderheid at [Charles.vonderheid@scouting.org](mailto:Charles.vonderheid@scouting.org).

For more information on the internet rechartering process, go to:  
<http://www.bsa-ia.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=22743&orgkey=1935>

## Popcorn



Hats off to the Army – Golden Eagle Pack 18 had the JROTC pick up four pallets of popcorn for their Show and Sell!

### **POPCORN SALE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 30th**

A big "thanks" to Pete Bergeland, Action Xpress Warehouse, Randy Strong and countless volunteers for providing logistical support, warehouse services for delivery, and sorting of \$700,000 worth of popcorn during the recent Show and Sell sorting. Corporate orders are welcome. Support your local Scouting program when you purchase or order Trails End popcorn.



### **BLITZ WEEKEND PRIZE FOR SCOUTS THAT SELL 10 OR MORE ITEMS**

The first 750 Scouts that sell 10 or more Trails End items during Blitz Weekend are eligible to receive the collectible Boy Scout Jamboree Mister with Fan. The next 500 Scouts will receive the collectible Boy Scout Jamboree Carabineer D-Clip. Scout leaders must order these through the popcorn page on the council's website – or you can [click here](#) to order Blitz Prizes now! Orders will be due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Scout Day with the Iowa Energy NBA Basketball Team

Discounted tickets are available for Scouts, their families, and friends for the Iowa Energy NBA Basketball game December 4, 2011.

Scouts, their families and friends are invited to have a fun outing with their Scout unit and the Iowa Energy NBA Basketball team at Wells Fargo Arena Sunday, December 4, 2011. Game time is 4 PM. Special seating and \$9 (if ordered before November 1st) admission tickets are available for Scouts, their families and friends. To receive discounted tickets, Scouts must be in uniform at the ball game. All ticketing will be handled through the Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America website. Tickets must be ordered and purchased online by Monday, November 28, 2011. **Click anywhere on the poster to register online now!** Tickets will be picked up at Wells Fargo Arena at the Will Call window in the south lobby.



**OPENING WEEKEND**  
**SCOUT DAY**  
with the Iowa Energy  
**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
Iowa Energy vs. Erie BayHawks  
Tip-off at 4:00 pm

\$9 if ordered before November 1st  
\$12 if ordered November 1st - November 28th

Tickets must be purchased by going to  
[www.midiowacouncilbsa.org](http://www.midiowacouncilbsa.org)  
Tickets must be purchased by November 28th, 2011

  




## **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. Enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres, beverages, and good company while perusing the auction items! This year’s auction will be held at the Wakonda Club. 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. For more information, contact Mark Snell at [mark.snell@scouting.org](mailto:mark.snell@scouting.org).



## **Camp Mitigwa**

### **From the desk at Camp Mitigwa**

As we gaze over the “Hills Above the River” we hear the falling of acorns all around us, see the deer grazing in the campsites, hear the wild turkeys call along the river, and begin to regret the shorter days of fall. All this to say that memories of summer camp 2011 are still strong as we prepare for the new adventures of summer camp 2012.

Now is the time to get your campsite reservation in for the 2012 camping season at Camp Mitigwa. Selection is currently plentiful, but will fill up fast as troops throughout Mid-Iowa Council make their plans for the new Scouting year.

The 2012 Boy Scout camping season begins on Sunday, June 17, 2012 and ends on Saturday, July 28, 2012. The individual weeks are as follows:

June 17 – 23, 2012

June 24 – 30, 2012

July 1 – 3, 2012  
July 5 – 7, 2012  
Split week of Provisional Camp

July 8 – 14, 2012  
July 15 – 21, 2012  
July 22 – 28, 2012

July 29-Aug 4, 2012  
Specialty Camps for older Scouts/Ventures

Watch Mid-Iowa Council's website for the Camp Mitigwa Leaders Guide which is due out in mid to late October. Attend one of the two Camp Leaders' meetings in December and January, or call 515-250-1825 for more information about the 2012 camping season.

As always, we are looking for **GREAT PEOPLE** to serve on camp staff at beautiful Camp Mitigwa Scout Reservation (both Camp Akela and Camp Mitigwa). We are interested in Eagle Scouts and people at least 16 years of age, dedicated to the ideals of the Scouting program and who love to work with young men and women.

For more information about the opportunities offered at Scout camp, call Ted Olson at 515-250-1825.

#### **Cub Scout Summer Camp**

Congratulations on all of the new Scouts you have signed up in your Packs! All of those excited and expectant faces looking up to you – their leaders! Remember that "Outing" is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of "Scouting". Don't forget to plan outdoor activities as you plan your year ahead. What bigger and better outdoor activity is there than Summer Camp! Check below for the dates, and start your planning now. Be sure to have a calendar handy because we have added Cub Scout sessions and a weekend to Webelos Camp!

#### **Cub Camp 2012 Dates**

June 15-17  
June 22-24  
June 29 - July 1  
July 1-3  
July 17-19

#### **Webelos Camp 2012 Dates**

June 18-21  
June 25-28  
July 5-8  
July 9-12  
July 13-16  
July 20-23  
July 24-27

We hope to have registration open in late October or early November this year. Keep checking the council website and your email for updates! For Webelos, activities for 2012 will include all or part of Readyman, Geologist, Scientist, Craftsman, Outdoorsman, Scientist, and Aquanaut activity pins. Cub Scouts are going to focus on animals and outdoor skills this year. Of course, we will have shooting sports, wood craft projects, lots of pool time, games, and great campfires ... I promise – you won't want to miss it! Can't wait to see you there!

### **Training**

#### **OWL-Outdoor Webelos Leader Training**

October 21-22, 2011

Camp Mitigwa

Registration and information is available on the council website at

[www.midiowacouncilbsa.org](http://www.midiowacouncilbsa.org).

Registration deadline is October 14, 2011



#### **Den Chief Training**

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Urban Heights Evangelical Church

7605 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale

8:00 a.m. - Registration

4:10 p.m. - Closing Ceremony

#### **BRING A DEN CHIEF HANDBOOK**

The den chief who completes this training session will be better able to function in the position, although the new den chief will certainly welcome the guidance and understanding of the Den Leader. There are three overriding objectives for this training session, so at its conclusion, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the role and responsibilities of the den chief in the troop, pack, and den.
2. Describe the den chief's relationship to the adult den leaders, and how that relates to his activities with the den.
3. Be able to assist Den Leaders in providing quality den meetings and activities.

The training is fun and provides the den chief with ideas for carrying out his responsibilities successfully. The training will provide many suggestions to ensure a smooth start, and continued success for all den chiefs. Scoutmasters should talk to Cubmasters to make arrangements for assignments and Den Chief Conference attendance.

**No pre-registration necessary. Bring a lunch.**