

THE TIMELESS VALUES TIMES

June 2007



Mark Your Calendar

Camp Wilderness

- July 15–21
- See troop web site

NYLT

- July 29 - August 3
- www.siouxbsa.org

Lewis and Clark Jubilee

- August 10–12
- www.siouxbsa.org

Fall Camporee

- Sept 14–16
- See troop web site
- Fisher Grove

Note: there are no regularly scheduled Sunday meetings during the summer months.



OA Corner... The original WWW

Fall Conclave

- August 17–19

Section Conclave

- September 7–9

Lodge News:

www.siouxbsa.org/tetonwanalodge

Chapter News:

www.orgsites.com/sd/iyatonka

WERE YOU THERE?

Have you done your good deed for the day? It's all about service. Recent service projects the troop has been involved with include pouring concrete and wading in water.

In May the troop worked at the Ashton cemetery doing some work the local community could not get done because the flooding took them away from regular work. The troop poured concrete lane markers and put in posts to separate the roadways from the burial areas in the newer section on the south side of the cemetery.



Cole, the troop cement expert, and Herb set lane markers at the Ashton cemetery.



Cole, Jacob and Cody (not pictured) joined the Red Cross and Kiwanis to move items out of damaged basements.

The flood also provided other opportunities. The troop joined the Red Cross and Kiwanis to wade into the flood problems in Frankfort and Redfield. Scouts removed wet and damaged items preparing basements for repair.

If you missed those projects but have helped out with any of the flood recovery, let your scout master know so we can credit you with community service hours

for your next promotion.

On going projects that you still have an opportunity to be involved with include the flag lighting project at the Spink County Court House and the flag retirement project. The county commissioners have consented to let the scouts improve the lighting on the flags in front of the court house. The other project involves collecting and retiring old or worn US flags.

CAMP IS COMING; ARE YOU GOING?

The troop has selected Camp Wilderness near Emmaville, Minn. for it's summer camp this year. The troop will depart July 15 and return July 22. If you are going, we will need your program registration sheet, a current class two physical, a swim test and something else. Oh yeah, \$\$.

Each registered scout should have received a check sheet indicating their status on these items. It's not too late. You can still be added to the list. Call your scout master.

If \$\$ is an issue, check with your scout master for options.



2006 group at summer camp

NOT FOR EVERYONE.... HAVE YOU BEEN THERE, DONE THAT?

Some of our troop are off in ones and twos for scouting activities this summer. Should you be included?



For the first year in a long time we have two scouts that are participating in CIT at Camp Wilderness. We are looking forward to a full rundown. Jacob and Mat will spend two weeks as Counselors in

Training. In July and August.

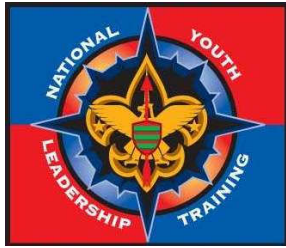


For the OA members, you might want to ask Herb about some details on OAOA. In June he will be doing a scuba course at the Scout Sea Base and then trail crew like

service on the coral reefs off the Florida Keys.



The troop also is sending scouts to staff NYLT programs. Ted will be teaching leadership at Heart Butte as part of the Northern Lights Council NYLT staff in June. Herb and Ted will be on the Sioux Council staff for the August NYLT course at Camp Iyatoka.



Still thinking about NYLT?

If you are 13 years old and at least First Class, stop thinking about it and call your scout master about an application.



GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR TATTERED FLAGS, YEARNING TO RETIRE.

The troop will again be doing a flag retirement during the fall camporee. If you see a flag that should be retired or have a tattered flag hidden away, Troop 128 would be happy to have it as an honored guest at the flag retirement ceremony. The retiring flags will be rendered a final salute and burned in a dignified ceremony.

Traditionally this is only for US Flags but during last summer's ceremony we did dispose of an MIA flag for a veteran and are willing to adapt the ceremony for any appropriate flag such as the state flag.

A new twist was added last summer when we were asked to recover the brass grommets from a specific

flag after burning and return them as a memento to the flag's owner. Anyone in the troop can collect flags but be sure to render appropriate courtesy's to the flag when receiving and transporting.

If an owner wishes to have the grommets returned, be sure to mark the flag with a tag so they can be identified.

LOCAL OA SLOWLY GROWING

The troop's OA contingent is slowly growing. During the spring conclave at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp, Judd completed his ordeal. That brings Troop 128 to six active members. There are still candidates in the troop that have not become members of the OA. There is

only one remaining opportunity to undergo ordeal this year, fall conclave August 17-19. Candidates who do not complete the ordeal this year lose their eligibility and have to re-qualify next year.

For details visit the local OA chapter web site:

<http://www.orgsites.com/sd/iyatonka>



OLD RUSTY OR OLD DUSTY TO RETIRE?

As you are probably aware, our trailer is approaching the end of its useful life. What am I saying? This thing has been retired by two troops before we got it. It's about time for the retirement to stick. It is already well beyond its "use by date" and it is only a matter of time until it strands us somewhere.

There has been some discussion about whether "Old Rusty" the scout master's pocket knife or "Old Dusty", the trailer would retire first. It looks like it's going to have to be the

trailer. Since the scout master got a tetanus shot this spring, "Old Rusty" probably has a couple years left in him. "Old Dusty" is not so lucky. As those of you that participated in the scrape and repaint two years ago are aware, you have to be careful not to go through the side in many places.

The troop is currently accepting donations for the purchase of a new trailer. The trailers that are currently under consideration will cost about \$4,000 with another \$1,000 needed

for customization to handle canoes, kitchens and water.

If you have ideas or know someone who your scout master should contact to help fund the project let him know.

On the up side, the new trailer will need a new name. Old Dusty is taken and New Dusty just doesn't have that ring. Get those idea makers working. The fund raising campaign will probably include "naming" rights.



Cub Corner

If you are interest in working as a Den Chief or just want to help out, check in with the Pack Leader, Pastor Tim Fugman, 472-1590.

June 23 Fishing
 • 9 AM
 • Redfield Lake dock

July 4th Participate in Parade
 July 18 Fisher Grove Hike
 • 6:15 pm
 • Meet UCC

August 13 Pack meeting
 • Space Derby.

ARE YOU IN THE RACE?

Who will be troop 128's 31st Eagle Scout.? Are you in the race. It has been almost a year since the troop has had a scout promoted to Eagle. It looks like 2007 may be a dry year.

How are you holding up on the race? Tired? Be-

ware of procrastination. The ranks of scouting are full of good scouts that could have made it but ran out of time. Too often the focus is on the cut off age of eight-

Summer may be hot and long but it's an ideal



time to get those merit badges done. Get out the hand book or your advancement sheet and move out.



Can You Canoe?

Not without a canoe. The troop still has two functioning canoes, one aluminum and one fiberglass. New paddles and old life jackets are also on hand.

If you want to use them, give you scout master a call to arrange to pick them up.



TIME TO TALK ABOUT MONEY

Troop 128 is currently a "pay as you go unit." This means the unit does not charge any "dues." While this is nice when there is nothing going on, it means having to come up with the dollars when there is an event such as summer camp. In addition to the costs of camping and outings there are some hid-

den expenses such as annual registration, patches, awards and printed materials. These expenses have been covered by funds raised by wreath sales and popcorn sales.

Scouts also benefit individually from these fund raisers. In both cases a portion of the profit from the sales is credited to the individual scout's camping

fund . Some scouts have been able to completely cover their camping expenses through these fund raisers.

Each scout and parents need to consider how they want to handle the expenses of scouting as the issue will come up again at the annual parent's meeting in September.



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ONLY THREE SURVIVED THE SPRING CAMPOREE STORM.

For those of you that didn't go to spring camporee and were rewarded with eight inches of rain over the weekend in Redfield, three of the scouts from Troop 128 were out in that storm. Matt, Judd and Cole survived the winds and rain.

Unfortunately, not everything survived. One tent had a pole snap in the wind and two tarps were torn by the wind gusts. But all in all it was a success. Some of the forestry activities were truncated because of the amount of water. Well, actually, it was the amount of dirt, or

more accurately the combination of the two—mud.

Despite the small size of the troop contingent, Troop 128 received honorable mention in the survivor-like orienteering quest. The competition required map and compass skills and a quick mind to decipher the cryptic clues about the locations. Largely through sheer persistence the troop fought through the weather and relative inexperience of the group to be one of only three troops to actually complete the challenge. The problem the troop had was not inexperience in

scout craft but inexperience in Camp Iyataka colloquialisms which were liberally sprinkled into the clues.

This camporee was a night activity with the Friday activities continuing until 2AM and then Saturday started at 10AM. This schedule was happily embarrassed by the capture the flag players.

Among the new activities was a midnight (in the rain) cobbler and pizza bake followed by making ice cream using zip lock bags.