**Reminder: All scouts, leaders, and adults participating in Troop 28 activities need to have a current physical on file with Troop 28.**

**Class 1** (update annually for all participants). Activity: Day camp, overnight hike, or other programs not exceeding 72 hours, with level of activity similar to that of home or school. Medical care is readily available. Current personal health and medical summary (history) is attested by parents to be accurate. This form is filled out by all participants and is on file for easy reference.

**Class 2** (required once every 36 months for all participants under 40 years of age). Activity: Resident camp or any other activity such as backpacking, tour camping, or recreational sports involving events lasting longer than 72 consecutive hours, with level of activity similar to that at home or school. Medical care is readily available.

All **Class 3** activities require a health examination within the past 12 months by a licensed health-care practitioner. This includes youth and adult members participating in high-adventure activities, athletic competition, and world jamborees. Annually, this form is to be used by adults 40 years of age or older for all activities requiring a physical examination and applies to all Wood Badge participants/staff regardless of age.

At this time, we have physicals from Cameron, Garrett, Joe, Tom C., and Tom G..

Class 1 & 2 Physical Link: http://www.scouting.org/forms/34414.pdf
Class 3 Physical Link: http://www.scouting.org/forms/34412.pdf

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**Merit Badge University** will be held Saturday, March 8. Alpha Phi Omega-Omicron at the University of Iowa is in charge of this event. They handle all registration, merit badge cards, etc. When they send us additional information, the Hawkeye Area Council willl post it at this location:
http://www.hawkeyebsa.org/Events/MeritBadgeUniversityMBU/tabid/481/Default.aspx

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**Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat Training**

Each Scout and Adult who wishes to participate in any water activities should complete Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training. Make a copy of your certificates of completion and give them to one of the adult leaders to put on file.

Safe Swim Defense Training Link: http://olc.scouting.org/info/ssd.html
Safety Afloat Training Link: http://olc.scouting.org/info/saf.html

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**Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training**

This is the first step to take for any volunteer new to Boy Scouting. This course should be taken before beginning youth activities. You'll learn the aims and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America's core program, then zero in on the job. You'll cover the seven parts of the troop meeting, the troop committee, outdoor program, and other basic concepts of Scouting, all in one short online experience. It's the best way for someone new to the program to quickly grasp how troop Scouting works and where additional resources can be found.

This program typically takes no more than an hour to complete. Those taking it for credit in local council records must provide their official BSA registration number as part of the user profile.

Any adult wishing to be a leader in the troop and any scout wishing to learn more about how a troop works can take online Fast Start Training at the following location: http://olc.scouting.org/info/bsfs.html

Please make a copy of your certificate of completion and give it to one of the adult leaders to put on file.

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**Venture Crew Advisor Fast Start Training (Crew 28 Advisors need to complete ASAP)**

This is the first step for any volunteer new to Venturing. This course should be taken immediately after you register but before you begin youth activities. The course introduces the aims and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America's coeducational program for youth from 14 to 20 years of age, and goes on to explain how the program works to deliver a relevant and compelling program. The highly graphic and interactive program typically takes no more than an hour to complete. Those taking it for credit in local council records must provide their official BSA registration number as part of their user profile.

Please make a copy of your certificate of completion and give it to one of the adult leaders to put on file.

Link: http://olc.scouting.org/info/vfs.html

**Our crew is focused on Fishing and other outdoor activities. All young men and women who have started ninth grade and are between the ages of 14 and 21 are invited to be members of the crew. The youth members run the crew. The advisors coach and lend needed support. Please contact Tom C., Chris, Tom, or Andy M. if you are interested in being a member of Crew 28. Invite your friends!**

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**Youth Protection Training**

The BSA places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. All Cub Scout and Boy Scout adult volunteers should take this course. It covers the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, signs of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It does so

by taking you through situations that require choices and produce consequences. Successful completion of this course requires an 80 percent or higher score.

If you take this test as a registered member of the BSA and designate your local council, your completion will be reported back to your council to adjust your training records. You'll also be offered a certificate of completion. Please make a copy of your certificate of completion and give it to one of the adult leaders to put on file.

Link: http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html

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**Troop Committee Challenge (For all Troop 28 Committee Members)**

This fun and interactive training serves as a vital tool for new troop committee members as well as for veterans. The mission of the Troop Committee Challenge training is to help each troop committee work as a team to improve the Scouting experience for adult and youth members. It helps build the commitment of individual members as well as cultivates a better troop committee team.

Please make a copy of your certificate of completion and give it to one of the adult leaders to put on file.

Link: http://olc.scouting.org/info/tcc.html

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**Scout Shop Sale Extended** through September 28. Plus, take an additional 20% off the already marked down prices!

We are cleaning out and will have lots of great stuff on sale. If you need **kits or craft supplies** for your Den or just for your own kids at home, come and check out what we have on this great clearance. We will also have one of a kind clearance items from National supply, leftover **wood carving kits, collector's patches, long sleeved uniform shirts** and many, many more items. This is a once in a lifetime sale that you won't want to miss. We will be open our regular store hours

**8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Mon – Fri**
**8:30 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesdays**

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Catholic Scouting Opportunities

Ad Altare Dei will be taught this fall for Boys Scouts who have completed the sixth grade. This is the First Catholic Boy Scout Medal.

The class will be held on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7 PM with the location to be announced. The only fee for the class will be for the retreat and that amount will be announced at a later time. Class will run from September 11 through December 18. Scouts will need to purchase an Ad Altare Dei workbook from the Scout Shop and have it for the first session. They will also need to bring their Bible to each session.

Please register by emailing Merri Lea DeWit mldewit@mchsi.com or call Tim or Merri Lea DeWit 319-

393-9010

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend classes. If you are interested in helping teach one of the sessions or helping with the retreat please contact us at using the information above.

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**Spotlight on the Family**
**(http://www.hawkeyebsa.org/Portals/0/Spotlight%20On%20The%20Family.ppt)**

The only program where you can earn an award for your son! View this short presentation and order a patch for your Cub, Scout or Venturer. If you don't have Microsoft power point, you can download the viewer by going to this address:

http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=428D5727-43AB-4F24-90B7-A94784AF71A4&displaylang=en

Please make a copy of your certificate of completion and give it to one of the adult leaders to put on file.

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**Two easy recycling ideas to help the Hawkeye Area Council!**

**Recycle your Ink jet cartridges at the Council Service Center!**

Help us raise money and save the environment by recycling your ink jet cartridges (not Epson). We have a collection box located in front of the Scout Shop. Also available are new barcoded baggies for greater convenience. Simply ask in the Scout Shop for the baggies, take them home, and fill with your cartridges. Each baggie holds 4-5 cartridges and can be mailed from your home at no cost to you. The Hawkeye Area Council then receives credit for all cartridges received.

**Recycle your old cell phones at the Council Service Center!**

Bring in your old cell phones (not chargers) and we will send them in for cash! A great way to help the Council raise money and to help the environment – not to mention cleaning out your home. A collection box is located in front of the Scout Shop.

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**Your Leaders Are In Boy Scout Adult Leader Training**

**Ron** begins his Basic Boy Scout Adult Leader Trainings on September 9.

Boy Scout Adult Leader Training includes:

BOY SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING:
For Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters, this training is divided into four parts. The first three concentrates on troop operation and can be completed in one full day. The fourth part, which focuses on outdoor skills, lasts approximately a day and a half. The leader is considered trained upon completion of New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and the

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS:
The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters and Varsity Scout coaches. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in the Boy Scout Handbook. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

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**Your Leaders Are In Wood Badge Training**

**Chris and Tom G.** begin Wood Badge Training on September 21. A Scouter participating in Wood Badge has the opportunity to:

• Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, value-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
• Recognize contemporary leadership concepts and discover how they are relevant to the Scouting movement.
• Apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team.
• Revitalize their commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that provides Scouting with renewed leadership.

This advanced training is offered every two years by the Hawkeye Area Council.

There are two parts to Wood Badge in the Boy Scouts of America; the practical part and the application period. Both must be completed to receive the Wood Badge – two wooden beads to be worn around the neck on a leather thong.

The practical part is a six day experience to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. The course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory. Participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning along side many other Scouters, and along the way will have a great deal of fun.

The application part of Wood Badge is a period of up to 18 months during which the participants practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership principles presented during the course. This is accomplished by the use of the Wood Badge 'ticket', which represents the participant's commitment to complete a set of personal goals related to their Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which the participant is involved.

Throughout the period of application, each participant is assigned a counselor who serves as a resource, an evaluator and a Scouting friend. When they determine that the new skills are understood and can be applied to their Scouting position, a recommendation is made for the Wood Badge to be awarded.

**Tom C.** completed his Wood Badge Ticket this winter and will receive his beads at a date to be determined.