

GATEWAY AREA  
COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS  
OF  
AMERICA

# Gateway Today

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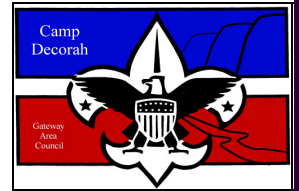


## Silver Beaver Recipients



The Silver Beaver is the highest award a Council can bestow on a volunteer. The Gateway Area Council is proud to have these 3 adult volunteers working with the Scouts in our Council. Thank you for all you do.

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### Dave Halverson

Dave is the Scoutmaster of Troop 77 in West Salem. He has been involved in the Troop for 21 years. He has helped 10 boys achieve the rank of Eagle and currently has 5 boys at Life working towards their Eagle. He believes in Community Service. He's the guy who steps up at the Park & Recreation meetings when others won't coach a team. He oversees Troop 77's Clean-Up patrol at the West Salem June Dairy Days festival and provides set-up assistance at the West Salem Business Association's "Celebrate West Salem" event. In 2004, Dave went volunteered in Honduras for several months where he acted as project manager for a joining effort between the Air Force Reserve and Army to build a medical clinic and school for a local village. In 2007 he was sent to Iraq where he served as a coordinator of incoming and outgoing troops. At one point his troop had only 3 registered scouts. Dave pushed on and Troop 77 continues with 19 registered scouts today. Dave is fair, even tempered and has a genuine interest in helping others.

### Jim Quinn

Jim has made numerous contributions to youth in West Salem over 21 years. He has served as a Chapter Advisor of the Junior Achievers Program in both the Grade & High School levels for Bangor & West Salem. He has been active in committees as Leader, Cub Master, Asst. Scoutmaster and being the Charter Rep from the Lions Club sponsorship for the units. He is a tireless fundraiser and has served as the FOS business committee member to the West Salem area. Jim is a charter member of the Boys & Girls Club in West Salem and was elected president in 2009. He is a member of the West Salem Boosters Club, leader in the Lions Club, past member of the Jaycees and West Salem Business Assoc. member/Man of the Year in 2004. He is an active member of St. Leo's church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jim is a striking example of character and putting a positive and recognizable face to Scouting.

### Jon Williamson

Jon has gone way beyond normal in his Scouting career. Most people take on one job at a time, Jon was Cubmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, OA Advisor and did training all at the same time. His list of achievements are almost too numerous to list: Eagle Scout, Vigil OA member, Instructor, Jamboree staff, Philmont leader, NOAC leader, etc. and it doesn't end there-Community involvement: Sparta Kiwanis, St. Mary's Foundation, Morrow Memorial Nursing home, Trinity Lutheran Church Council member, Band director and on and on.... Jon is always talking to his patients, parents, workers, youth and anyone that will listen to him about Scouting. He is always trying to recruit people to get involved in Scouting and he doesn't just tell the youth how to be a good scout, Jon lives by example. He displays the Scouting values at work, home and in all his community activities.

# MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS



Gateway Area Council has resurrected and revised the merit badge counselor list. Scouts in need of merit badge counselors may call the Scout Office to obtain names and contact information. Leaders in search of assistance in teaching various subjects may also find this list a valuable resource.

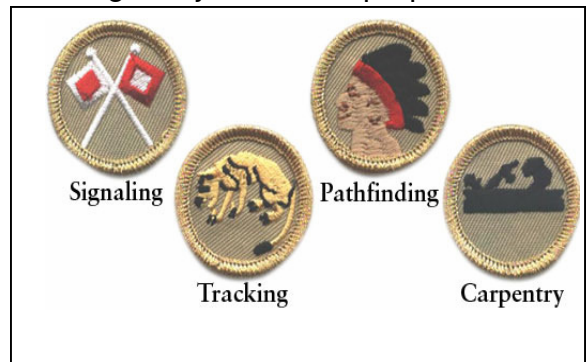
According to BSA policy, merit badge counselors must be registered with the council. Anyone who submitted a merit badge counselor form more than 2 years ago is most likely no longer on the list. If you think you might fall into this category, please contact the Scout Office to check. The form only takes a few minutes to resubmit. It can be downloaded at [gatewayareacouncil.org](http://gatewayareacouncil.org). (click on "resources" and then "forms") and mailed to or dropped at the office. In order to keep the list current, the Council requests that registration forms be renewed every two to three years

There is no registration fee for those who sign on just for that purpose.

If your background could make you a good counselor for any of the merit badges listed below, please consider signing up!

If you know someone - even a non-scouter - who might be knowledgeable and willing, please encourage them to become involved.

The need for counselors is council-wide. If your troop has counselors registered only to work with your troop, please ask them if they would be willing to work with scouts from neighboring troops as well. The preference indicated on their registration form can be updated with a quick phone call.



Don't miss out on the chance to earn these Centennial Heritage merit badges! They count toward advancement but all requirements must be completed by 12/31/10

**The following are merit badges for which the Council currently has no registered counselors:**

Archeology	Landscape Architecture	Skating
Architecture	Law	Small-boat Sailing
Backpacking	Leatherwork	Surveying
Basketry	Lifesaving (Eagle required!)	Tracking (2010 only)
Carpentry (2010 only)	Model Design and Building	Traffic Safety
Cinematography	Pathfinding (2010 only)	Veterinary Medicine
Climbing	Plant Science	Water Skiing
Composite Materials	Pottery	Weather
Dentistry	Pulp and Paper	Whitewater
Drafting	Radio	Wilderness Survival
Farm Mechanics	Robotics (new in 2010)	Woodwork
Finger Printing	Rowing	
Fly Fishing	Safety	
Geology	Sculpture	
Journalism	Signaling (2010 only)	



# OUTDOOR ETHICS



As the Outdoor Ethics Advocate for the Council, I will continue writing a short tidbits about ethical and proper behavior in the outdoors. The topic for this issue is a continuation from the last issue:

## Plan ahead and **BE PREPARED**

### Benefits of Good Meal Planning:

- Reduced trash.
- Reduced pack weight, resulting in faster hiking times and less fatigue.

Reduced dependence upon campfires for cooking.

### One-Pot Meals and Food Repackaging

Planning for one-pot meals and light weight snacks requires a minimum of packing and preparation time, lightens loads and decreases garbage. One-pot meals require minimal cooking utensils and eliminate the need for a campfire. Two backpack stoves can be used to cook all meals for large groups if you have two large pots (one large pot can be balanced on two stoves when quick heating is desired). Remember, a stove Leaves No Trace.

Most food should be removed from its commercial packing and placed in sealable bags before packing your backpacks. Sealable bags secure food and reduce bulk and garbage. Empty bags can be placed inside each other and packed out for reuse at home. This method can reduce the amount of garbage your group must pack out at the end of the trip and eliminate the undesirable need of stashing or burying unwanted trash.

### What are Some Examples of the Results of Poor Trip Planning?

A group that is inexperienced or unfamiliar with the geography of an area may put people at risk by traveling through areas susceptible to flash floods or along ridge tops vulnerable to lightning activity. Groups traveling arid lands often fail to carry adequate water or a way of purifying water from natural sources. Checking with local land managers and studying maps and weather conditions can contribute to a low-risk existence.

A poorly prepared group may plan to cook meals over a campfire only to discover upon arrival at their destination that a fire ban is in effect or that firewood is in scarce supply. Such groups often build a fire anyway breaking the law or impacting the land simply because they have not planned for alternatives. Fire bans and scarce wood supplies are signs that an area is experiencing the cumulative effects of heavy recreation use.

A group that has failed to develop good travel plans may be unable to travel as fast as expected. The terrain may be too steep or the trails too rugged. These groups often resort to setting up camp late at night, sometimes in an unsafe location. Poor campsite selection usually leads to unnecessary resource damage. In addition, the group may never even reach their planned destination.

If you have any questions, please write me an E-mail at [jbehar@irs-eater.com](mailto:jbehar@irs-eater.com) or call me on my cell at (801) 726-5933.

Happy Camping.

Jacques Behar

## Events



# Webelos in "The Wild West"

An exciting experience for all Webelos!

An outdoor adventure in the wild west region of Camp Decorah territory. Spend three days exploring the frontier, hang out at the "it's just alright" corral, star gazing at the native's village, and much, much more!!

When: August 1-4, 2010 Check in at noon Sunday, check out Tuesday evening or Wednesday Morning

Where: Camp Decorah territory. Five miles north of Holmen on the dusty trail

Who: All cowboys, thrill seekers, and adventurers who are Webelos.

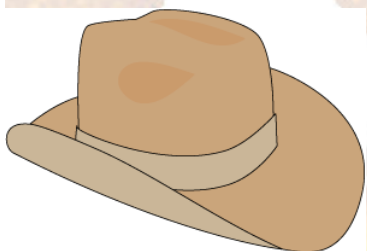
## REWARD

\$110 per Webelos

2 leaders free

Each additional leader

\$55



Leader's Guides available in the Scout office or online

# *Mom and Me, Dad and Lad*

## *Campout*

### *Celebrating 80 Years of Cub Scouts*

What is a Mom and Me, Dad and Lad campout? It is exactly what it sounds like! It is a chance for mom and dad to spend a little time with their son experiencing the fun Cub Scout Camps can be. Spend three days and two nights out at Camp Decorah with the family. Sleep in the platform tents the Camp Decorah has or bring your own for the family. Programs will range from activities for Cub Scout to informational sessions for parents and leaders. Other activities will include a chance for mom and dad to show off their skills with a trap shoot and a cobbler/ chili cook off.



When: August 5-8. Check in starts at 2PM Thursday. Check out Saturday evening around 8 or Sunday AM after 8 am

Where: Camp Decorah. Five miles north of Holmen on US 53

Who: Any and all Cub Scouts and their parents. Every Scout must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian!

Cost: \$140 for Parent/Child Combination (\$70.00 each add'l parent)  
Scouts may also be accompanied by a guardian 18 years or older  
Leaders Guide available at Scout office







# Cub Scout Camporee 2010



## Robin Hood's Cubs in Decorah Forest



**WHO:** Cub Scout Camporee is open to all tiger, wolf and Bear Scouts. There must be a scout to adult ratio of 1 to 1 for overnight camping. Tigers must be with a parent the entire weekend.

**WHAT:** Cub Scout Camporee is an overnight event that is packed with adventure! Campers can stay indoors (space is limited) or outside in tents. (you must provide your own tent). Packs are encouraged to reserve a camp site if their entire pack will be attending.

**WHEN:** May 14-15th 2010. *All registration forms must be into the office by May 5th*

**WHERE:** Camp Decorah Forest off ye old Hwy 53 on Council Bay Road

**PROGRAM:** Activities include sling shots, archery, crafts and a few mid-evil guests. Scouts will earn their Archery belt loop. Most events will take place outdoors with all meals served in the dining hall.

**Cost.** The 2010 Cub Camporee fee is \$30 by May 7th. No applications will be accepted after the 7th of May. The fee is non-refundable. The fee covers program expenses, craft supplies, insurance, 2 snacks, 2 meals and a patch.

**Gear to Bring:** Cub Shirt, sleeping bags, t-shirt, Raincoats, toiletries, flashlights, underwear, jeans/sweatpants, hat, jacket, bug spray, prescribed medicine.

**Packs must pay in full for each youth on the den roster to be considered registered.**

Space is limited to the first 96 scouts for indoor accommodations! Outside camping is available as well. Register Today!



# "WILD WILD WEST"

## Summer Cub Day Camp



### Council Wide- Camp Dates:

**Holmen -Thursday, June 10th**  
**Sparta -Tuesday, June 15th**  
**La Crosse -Thursday, June 17th**  
**Hillsboro -Friday, June 18th**

### Lunch:

Lunches will not be provided. Each participant must bring their own lunch. Also please be aware to have your scouts bring enough water and fluids for the day.

**Don't forget to bring sunscreen and bug spray!**

### Action Items:

- Please select a Day Camp Coordinator to oversee the youth during the program *and* a volunteer to help in running the stations and activities. *There should be a ratio of 2 adult volunteers to 10 Cub Scout participants, and 1 to 1 with Tiger Cub participants.*
- Collect sign ups, registration/health forms and a Pack check to cover fees. *All registration items must be turned in as a pack!*

### Medication and Health History:

Each youth and adult must have a health history form filled out and on file with the Day Camp medical person. This is not a physical, merely a health history. Completed forms should be sent in with your Pack Reservation. The health history form can be found on the back of this flyer for your convenience.

Medication can only be given with permission of a parent or guardian. Cub Scouts that require medication given to them during camp must complete the "Orders for Medication" for that can be found on the Gateway Area Council and Camp Decorah Websites as well as the Scout Service Center.



## A SCOUTING NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY WITH YOUR LA CROSSE LOGGERS



- Scout night is open to all Scouts and Siblings throughout the council and will offer the unique opportunity for the Scouts and their families to watch a Loggers game then camp out in the outfield overnight, and participate in a FUN baseball clinic with Loggers Players.
- When: Friday June, 11 to Saturday June, 12.
- Where: The Lumber Yard (AKA: Copeland Park)
- Cost of the event will be \$20.00 per Scout and \$10.00 per Adult. The Scouts Sibling portion will include game ticket with a hot dog and soda coupon, Scout Night patch, the overnight in the outfield, breakfast on Saturday morning, and a baseball clinic with the Loggers players on Saturday morning. The adult portion will include game ticket with the hot dog and soda coupon, camping overnight in the outfield, and breakfast in the morning. *Ticket pick up will be at the Scout Check In/Registration table at the front gates of Copeland Park.*

### Itinerary Game Day Schedule

#### Friday, June 11th

Game Time 7:05 P.M.  
Set up tents following completion of game  
Snacks and Movie time

#### Saturday, June 12th

Breakfast 8:00-8:45 A.M.  
Baseball Clinic 9:00 A.M. to approximately 10:00 A.M.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, June 4th**

Please return this form to Gateway Area Council, 2600 Quarry Rd La Crosse WI, 54601

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Form Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \$10.00  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts/Siblings: \$20.00  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to register \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts or Siblings, \_\_\_\_\_ adults, or \_\_\_\_\_ Family.  
Please List The Names Of Everyone Who Will Be Attending



### If you have any Questions Please Contact Scout Office At

Gateway Area Council  
2600 Quarry Rd  
La Crosse WI, 54601

Contact: Scout Office  
Phone: 608-784-4040  
Fax: 608-784-4047







Girl Scouts.  
of the U.S.A.

8th Annual "Golfing for Scouting" Golf Tourney  
Sponsored by:



Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at  
Cedar Creek Country Club  
18 hole—4 person Scramble  
Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.

**Individual Entry Fee: \$125 per person**  
Includes: 18 holes of golf, golf cart, flag event prizes, silent auction, a tote bag filled with golf merchandise, grilled lunch, and dinner following the tournament!

**Corporate Sponsor Fee: \$1000**  
The sponsorship includes a foursome who not only play the 18 hole afternoon tourney but also a special "Corporate Challenge", a 9-hole competition in the morning.  
**CORPORATE CHALLENGE 1ST PLACE PRIZE:**  
\$1000 Gift Certificate to American Club!  
Corporate Play Registration 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Sponsorships to Support Kids to Camp!**  
Hole—\$500 = Signage at the tee box along with a sign at the green.  
Tee/Green—\$250 = Signage on the Tee Box or Green only.  
Cart—\$100 = Signage on a golf cart.

All proceeds benefit 144 girls and boys who would not otherwise attend Boy Scout Camp Decorah or Girl Scout Camp Ehawee!

- Afternoon Play Registration 11:00 a.m.—12 noon
- Grilled lunch
- Use of driving range facility & balls free to participants to both morning and afternoon participants!
- Silent Auction
- Players—please no metal spikes, cut offs or t-shirts. Collared Shirts Preferred.
- Steak Dinner!

Any professional or non-amateur players are ineligible to win team placement prizes, the hole-in-one vehicles, and the corporate challenge.

Limited to 36 teams in afternoon and 16 teams for the 9 Hole Corporate Challenge! **Entries and fee due by August 10.**

Mail or fax entry to:  
Gateway Area Boy Scout Council  
2600 Quarry Road  
La Crosse WI 54601  
608-784-4047 (fax)

*ALL Inclusive!  
4 Chances at "Hole-in-One" Dahl Vehicles!*

- (Check all that apply.)
- I/we want to golf in the afternoon golf tournament (\$125 per person)
- I want to be a \$1000 Corporate Sponsor to the tourney.
- \_\_\_ Will participate in the morning Challenge
  - \_\_\_ Will participate in the afternoon
  - \_\_\_ Unable to participate in golf tourney
- I want to be a sponsor for the following:
- \_\_\_ Hole \$500 \_\_\_ Tee/Green \$250 \_\_\_ Cart \$100

Total amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type: (Make check payable to Golfing for Scouting.)

- Visa       MasterCard       Check Enclosed

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Team/Golfer information**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team Division: \_\_\_ Men \_\_\_ Mixed \_\_\_ Women

Team Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



## Wilderness and Remote First Aid

**Course description:** This is the 2010 version of the American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid course. It is a 16 hour course that will certify those who successfully complete the course for 2 years. It is a combination of class room and hands on presentations.

**When:** June 11 and 12 (Friday 6p to 10p; Saturday 8a to 9p)

**Where:** FSH Holmen Clinic

**Who may participate:** Participants must be 16 and older.

**Cost:** \$55.00 and is limited to the first 20 paid participants

**What to wear and bring:** Sense of humor, clothing for 60% indoors, 40% outdoors, headlamp or flashlight for Saturday night.

**What is included:** Course materials, snacks Friday, lunch and dinner Saturday, patch, certification fee, Blackfoot Campsite at Camp Decorah reserved for anyone who would like to camp on Fri / Sat night.

**Pre-requisites:** CPR certification

Welcome to Camp Disaster, where mishap and mayhem reign supreme. Join our staff as we fumble, bumble, and stumble our way to though a weekend which gives new meaning to survivor competition. As you try to help us through, you'll complete certification in Wilderness and Remote First Aid through the American Red Cross.

**Register by Friday June 4th** at La Crosse Scout Service Center, Gateway Area Council, 2600 Quarry Rd, 54601, by sending in this info with the \$55.00 fee.

**Contacts:** Rod Erickson at Erickson.rodney@mayo.edu or Al Abrahamson @shadow702@verizon.net

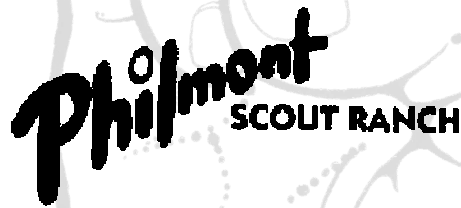
Resource: [http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/healthandsafety/training/wilderness\\_fa.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/healthandsafety/training/wilderness_fa.aspx)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pack/Troop/Crew \_\_\_\_\_ **Wilderness First Aid (WFA)**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fee included \_\_\_\_\_ Camping: Yes/No

# Boy Scout Stuff



The Gateway Area Council has been granted another expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch for 2011. The only thing missing are a few Troops or Scouters tough enough who are looking for a *Challenge!!*

## 2011 Philmont

We have room for two crews or a total of 20 participants

(2 adults and 8 youth in each Crew).

The first Troops who show interest will get the expedition.

***Contact Steve Topel at the Scout Office to reserve***

# Venturing Shooting Sports!!



**Camp Decorah**

**July 6th, 2010**



*All Venturers are invited to Camp Decorah for a Shooting Sports fun day on July 6th, 2010!*

**Cost for this all-day shoot is \$30.00**

Registration & payment should be made with Scout Service Center

*This price covers ammunition fees and lunch*

**Join us for this open rifle and shotgun shoot on July 6th!**

Handgun shooting will be available too, but you must be **NRA** certified to take part in this. We will be offering 3 classes at Camp Decorah to get you certified in handguns.

The Three Dates for Handgun Training will be:

**May 16th**

**June 26th**

Cost for a class is \$25. This includes training materials, lunch and ammunition. The class will run from 8am-6pm.

Our instructors are **BSA** and **NRA** certified and have years of experience both using and teaching the safest methods of firearm handling.

Email me at [JoelThole@Gmail.com](mailto:JoelThole@Gmail.com) or call me at 608-397-7761 for more information.

The Gateway Area Council Ventures meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00PM at the scout office all are welcomed to join us to help plan the future.

**Strengthen your skills and learn how to shoot the right way...  
with your friends!!**



VENTURING • BSA





# Venturing Scuba



*Hey Venturer,*  
**Have you ever wanted to Scuba Dive?**  
**Here is your chance to become**  
***Scuba Certified!!***



**Crew 777, Marineland of Onalaska and the Gateway Area Venturing Committee are proud to be able to bring you this excellent opportunity!!**

*Join us at Camp Decorah July 5th– 9th to get the training and experience needed to become a certified Scuba Diver!!*

**The week will go as follows:**

**July 5th -Check in 3:30pm / Classroom Training 6-10pm**  
**July 6th - Shooting Activity\* 10am-4pm / Classroom Training 6-10pm**  
**July 7th - Pool Training 8am-5pm / Classroom Training 6-10pm**  
**July 8th - Lake Wazee Diving 8am-4pm**  
**July 9th - Lake Wazee Diving 8am-4pm**

*Cost for this Scuba Training Experience is only \$250.00*

*Every participant must complete a standard waiver and medical history; for anyone under 18, both must be counter-signed by a parent/legal guardian. Health restrictions would include Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Diabetics on Insulin, Epilepsy or Ear Tubes.*

*An added adventure for those who are interested...*

**\* Tuesday's (1/6) day activity will be a shooting sports event at Camp Decorah!!**  
***You do not have to be enrolled in the Scuba Certification to take part in this event!!***  
**Each and every Venture Scout is welcomed to take part in this activity.**

***Learn how to properly shoot, handle and maintain a variety of firearms by trained personnel.***

**Cost for the day's activities will be \$30.00 for ammunition and lunch.**  
**Both activities help meet Venturing Ranger requirements**

***For more information contact the Scout Service Center at 608.784.4040***



**V E N T U R I N G • B S A**

# Seven Rivers District

## *Hello 7 Rivers District!*

May is already here, and so far, the year has gone incredibly well!!

*To name just a few...*

7 Rivers District had our first Klondike in a long time; thanks to Chester Hilton, the first Unit Commissioner Training was held in January; the FOS drive has been very successful thanks to all of you letting myself and a few volunteers in to your Blue and Gold's and Courts of Honor; we had a wonderful experience at the Onalaska Omni Center during the Family Fun Fair, thanks to Jon Thometz of Troop 68; and finally, the Decorah Cleanup day was an overwhelming experience and a tremendous success thanks to some amazingly dedicated volunteers from the 7 Rivers District. Do to space restrictions, I can not name them all, but a special shout out to the Order of the Arrow, Troop 22, Troop 320, Dave Long, Joel Thole, the Onalaska Army Reserve, and many, many, more. Camp Decorah had a major overhaul thanks to so many dedicated Scouting Volunteers. The year is not even half over. There are a lot of you I still have to meet and a ton more success we get to talk about later on!

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!! *SDE Steve Topel*

*Venturing is Looking to grow in the Gateway Area Council...*



*This is a co-ed program for kids 13(and graduated 8th grade) -20. The program is based on high adventure and other cool interests. We are looking to build this program through church youth groups and other organizations wanting to give high school kids exciting experiences. If your church or school is looking to add some great outings to their youth groups get a hold of me or our Venturing Volunteer, Joel Thole (joel.thole@unisys.com)*



## DISTRICT KEY THREE

### District Chairman

John Parkyn

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### District Executive

Steve Topel

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## Backdating, Looking Forward:

Spring Tiger Recruit May 2010  
Boy Scout Camporee May 7-9  
Cub Camporee May 14-15 2010  
Cub Day Camp June 17th 2010  
Loggers Cub Night June 11th

### District Roundtables:

Our monthly gatherings for training, discussion, and information continue on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-7:30 pm at St. John's UCC

Market St. and West Ave, La Crosse

### Cub Scout Monthly Themes are:

May - "In the Spotlight" (performing)  
June- "Hoop-De-Doo" (basketball)  
July- "Celebrate Freedom" (citizen)  
Aug- "Waves of Fun" (swimming)

## Popcorn Time is Coming!!

Believe it or not, it is true...

The time to think about getting your unit financed through popcorn sales is upon us again!

Last year over \$102,000 was raised for individual units in the 7 Rivers District alone!

*"Popcorn is a powerful possibility for positive program!!"*



Start thinking about your units financial status and how you can provide a years worth of program through a good two weeks of selling popcorn. If you know you will be selling again this year, let me know and ask for a unit parent to help with the popcorn process.

## The Importance of Cub Program...

Since the summer is approaching and so many things will be offered to the Cub Scouts, it is important to stress how vital these events can be to the kids attending. When we promote Scouting to the kids, we always tell how much fun we have. We talk about bb-guns, archery and sling shots. Most of these events do not occur at the pack or den meetings, so the Council programs are a great way to get the boys what we tell them about.

Even if the leader is not able to attend, individual Scouts are always welcome!

# Winding Trails District

## New Winding Trails District Executive!

Hello to All!

My name is Mary Freybler and I am the new DE for Winding Trails. I am excited about this new opportunity in my career. I have a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and have had the pleasure of working in that field and in education-related fields for many years. I greatly enjoy working with youth, adults, organizations and businesses and it is my hope that I can contribute to this organization by offering skills that will further assist you in your volunteer efforts and successes in impacting the lives of scouts.

I look forward to meeting everyone! Please do not hesitate to call or email me regarding district and council information, questions and feedback.

## District Key Three

### District Chairman

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### District Commissioner

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### District Executive

Mary Freybler  
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## Cub Scout Summer Programs Are Here!



Points of Interest:

To keep Cub Scouts interesting you can't have "scouting" without "outing"

Be aware of the upcoming council outings. Check the web for resources.

Keep scouting **FUN** and **SAFE**!



**BE SAFE!!!** Have a **GREAT** Summer  
Earn the Summertime Pack Award!!



## FALL ROUND UP TRAIN-ING

**WHEN:**  
**ROUNDTABLE**  
August 12, 2010 at 7PM



## FALL POPCORN TRAINING

**WHEN:**  
**ROUNDTABLE**  
September 9, 2010 at 7PM

**WHERE:**  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## Upcoming Events

### Roundtable

May 13, 2010  
7PM-Potluck  
Fireman Park, Tomah

### Winding Trails Spring Camporee

May 7-9, 2010  
Sparta Rod & Gun

### Wild, Wild West 2010

Cub Summer Day Camps  
Sparta: June 15  
Hillsboro: June 18

### Cub Scout Camporee

May 14-15, 2010  
Camp Decorah

Please visit the Gateway Council website or call for more information

# Soaring Eagle District

## The Soaring Eagle District wants YOU!

There are a few issues that are facing the Soaring Eagle District. First, we have great participation and unit representation at our monthly Round-table meetings. On the other hand we struggle as a district with our District Committee and our Unit Commissioners.

We currently do not have a functioning District Committee that meets on a monthly basis. Typically a District Committee will meet once a month and discuss what is currently going on in the District ranging from program activities, to volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and unit commissioner updates to name just a few. It is also a chance for me as DE to bounce ideas off of you and get your input on various items. The District Committee meets separate from Round-tables, however many districts will have a committee meeting before or after a Round-table as some of the participants take part in both.

The Soaring Eagle District is also in need for new Unit Commissioners. These trained individuals make an appearance periodically throughout the year at Pack or Troop meetings to ensure things are running smoothly. Each Commissioner ideally should have roughly 3 units that they meet with 3 or 4 times per year. We are currently sitting at one Commissioner for about 5-6 units.

As the Soaring Eagle DE, I would like to see a District Committee come together and start meeting on a regular basis come fall. We are also looking for new Unit Commissioners to oversee and ensure quality unit meetings. If these positions are something you might be interested in, or would like more information on please feel free to contact me.

-Nick Ronge

### Cub Program Opportunities!

There are many new Cub Scouting opportunities this summer.

Our Loggers Night is back by popular demand as well as our Cub Day Camp. New to this year is a

Webelos campout at the beginning of August and a parent/scout overnight, "Mom & Me, Dad & Lad." We are excited to be offering these fresh Cub activities and overnights. All information for these new events can be obtained through the website, leaders and always the Scout Service Center.

### New Venturing Opportunities!

We are currently in the process of putting together some great new venturing crews based around golf and shooting sports in the Soaring Eagle District. If you or someone you know has an interest in either of the two and is between the ages of 13-20 please contact Nick Ronge.

Remember venturing is co-ed !

We are looking at getting these new crews up and active this summer and next fall!

**Roundtables every second Thursday of the month at Christ Lutheran Church in Arcadia at 7:00 pm!! Be there!! Your unit and scouts need you to show up!!**

## DISTRICT KEY THREE

### District Chairman

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### District Executive

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### Scouting for Food!

March was National Scouting for Food Month. All districts in the Gateway Area Council participated in this year's food collection drive. The Soaring Eagle District by far had the most participation amongst units and collected the more food items than Seven Rivers and Winding Trails. As your District Executive I am very pleased with the turnout and participation from our district. This was the first council-wide event I coordinated after starting my new position and I am very grateful for all the hard work and time that all the youth, leaders and parent volunteers put into this worthy cause. Thank you for a successful food drive!



### Upcoming District and Council Events:

- **Boy Scout Spring Camporee-May 7-9**
- **Cub Scout Spring Camporee-May 14-16**
- **"Wild Wild West" Cub Summer Day Camp! In Holmen-Thursday, June 10th**
- **Loggers Scout Night-June 11**
- **Webelos in "The Wild West"-August 1-4**
- **"Mom & Me, Dad & Lad" Cub Campout-August 5-7**
- **Wood Badge coming in September!**



# Camp Decorah



## Camp Decorah in 2010

From the Camp Decorah Director's Corner:

The start of Camp is just around the corner. We have already had an excellent Area Director's Weekend and a very successful Camp Staff Weekend for the entire Staff, all in preparation for the start of Camp. We are fully staffed and have many returning Staff Members.

As you can see from the chart below, Weeks One, Two and Three are nearly filled to capacity. We still have room in Weeks Four and Five. So, if you haven't yet signed up, please do so right away so that your troop can still have an opportunity for a great, fun filled and exciting week at summer camp.

See everyone at Camp.

Jacques Behar  
2010 Camp Decorah  
Camp Director

## CampDecorah.org

- To sign your scouts up for their desired merit badges you will need to access campdecorah.org
- Your troop will be granted access to this site once your initial \$100 per boy deposit has been received
- Once you are granted access to the site you may create an account and begin signing up your youth.
- To sign up the youth you will need to enter all of the scouts names.
- Once all the names are entered, click itinerary next to their name and build their schedule.
- If you have any questions please call the Council Service Center at (608) 784-4040.

## Leaders Guide

The new 2010 Leaders Guide is completed and can be found online under the Camp Menu. Units currently signed up will receive a hard copy in the mail. They are also available at the Council Office. There has been quite a few changes in policy, prerequisites, health form, etc. Please take some time to review with your troops key leadership.

### Current Sign-Ups

We have had an excellent sign up's this year, but we still have a few sites available. The chart to the right shows are current sign ups. If your troops sign up is not correct or you are interested in signing up

	(6/20-6/26)	(6/27-7/3)	(7/11-7/17)	(7/18-7/24)	(7/25-7/31)
<b>U. Comanche</b>	T-544 MEDFORD	T-51 CALEDONIA	T-28 QUINTONVILLE	T-533 KENOSHA	T-317 WAUZEKA
<b>L. Comanche</b>	T-48 ONALASKA	T-31 REDWING	T-54 ST. CHARLES		
<b>Winnebago</b>	T-82 PLATTEVILLE	T-33 LACRESCENT	T-67 PRESTON	T-68 MABEL	
<b>Iroquois</b>	T-1/ T-4031	T-322 COON VALLEY	T-145 COTTAGE GROVE	SPECIAL O	
<b>Chippewa</b>	T-18 ALTURA	T-75 VIROQUA		T-889 NAPERVILLE	T-273 DELANO
<b>Cherokee</b>	T-186	T-111 STODDARD		T-889 NAPERVILLE	T-110 ROCHESTER
<b>U. Apache</b>	T-9 Hixton	T-68 ONALASKA	T-32 Redwing	T-64 ARCADIA	T-511 St. Francis
<b>L. Apache</b>	T-61 GALESVILLE	T-85 Hillsboro	T-32 Redwing	T-64 ARCADIA	
<b>Sioux</b>		T-110 F. CITY	T-76 MARSHALLE		T-328 SALEM
<b>Mohawk</b>	T-78 WHITEHALL	T-320 PDC	T-285 TOMAH		
<b>Blackfoot</b>	T-18 LACROSSE	T-15 LACROSSE	<b>T-31</b>	T-5 TOMAH	T-71 GENOA
<b>Lenape A-B</b>	T-90 N. LAKE	T-14 BROOKINGS	T-68 NEW BERLIN	T-346 SIOUX FALLS	T-22 LACROSSE
<b>Lenape C-D</b>	T-176 BOONE		T-21 B. PRAIRIE		T-22 LACROSSE
<b>Arapaho</b>	T-667	T-46 BANGOR	T-13 LACROSSE	T-457 BLOOMINGDALE	

## Calling all Camp Decorah Staff Alumni!



A weekend reunion is being planned for all former Camp Decorah staff members August 6-8, 2010 at Camp Decorah. It will be six years since our last reunion and this reunion will be for ALL staff who served Camp Decorah, but we will plan the celebration around the life of Sam Hagerman.

The reunion will be held starting at 5:30 p.m., August 6, 2010, and end at about Noon on Sunday, August 15, 2010. All former Camp Decorah staff members are invited. The cost is \$75.00 per person. This will include registration, polo shirt, food, lodging and a directory. Please register w/payment to the Gateway Area Council office.

The reason we are informing you about this reunion is obvious -- we want you to attend and join in the fun and fellowship of this Camp Decorah reunion. However, we are not sure that we have everyone's current address. So, if you know of a former Camp Decorah staff member, please send me their address so we can send them an invitation.

If you are unable to attend and would like a copy of the Camp Decorah Reunion Souvenir Directory, please indicate on the enclosed letter. The cost is \$75.00. Please also send your photos or slides of Camp Staff fun/activities to Steve Rudolph, 401 Ineichen Drive, Verona, WI 53593. The pictures will be returned. Find us on Facebook by searching "Camp Decorah Staff Alumni".

### TENTATIVE CAMP DECORAH REUNION PROGRAM Friday August 6

Noon – 5:30 p.m.	-	Registration and Assignment to Patrols
5:30 p.m.	-	Retreat – Dress is casual
6:30 – Midnight	-	Non-traditional Campfire Program at Drugan's Restaurant
Midnight	-	Taps
7:00 a.m.	-	Reveille
7:30 a.m.	-	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – Noon	-	Camp Activities (We will all join in on a work project) (Don't worry – it won't be too tough!)
12:15 p.m.	-	Lunch
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	-	Program for Sam (OA Bowl)
5:45 p.m.	-	Retreat
6:00 p.m.	-	Dinner (We may prepare a chicken BBQ "the old-fashioned way")
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	-	Free Time
11:00 p.m.	-	Cracker Barrel
Midnight	-	Taps
7:30 a.m.	-	Reveille
8:30 a.m.	-	Church - Ecumenical Service
9:30 a.m.	-	Breakfast and Closing

**Please Note: This is a tentative program and attendees should be prepared to "go with the flow".**



### What's happening at Ni-Sanak-Tani

NST 381 is a happenin' group. We recently finished with an excellent Lodge Assistance program at the CoC at Camp Phillips. We gleaned many new ideas about how to make our lodge better, and to get better involvement.

We have a few events coming up that could use your help. If you would like to re-seal your bond to the brotherhood, and help new arrowmen, you can be an Elangomat for an ordeal. We are going to be trying something new with our Elangomats, making them much more effective and have a much bigger impact on new arrowmen. It is not a huge time commitment, and we want those who are interested in being involved to know just what to do. So, we will be having a training for Elangomats on May 15th after the Cub Camporee is finished. Speaking of the Cub Camporee, we can use some arrowmen to help serve food, and park cars and other details. So come join the brotherhood for some cheerful service to our Cubbies.

On May 16th, we will have our highway cleanup day. We clean a stretch of highway along highway 35 going from Highway 53 toward Trempealeau. With many hands, it should make short work, and remember the order is about Service. We will meet at Camp at 1pm.

We are interested in having quality ceremonial teams, and we need your help. If you would like to be a part of the ceremonial team, please let Cody Calhoun, Vice Chief of inductions know, so we can get you the info you need. Ceremonies can be great fun, and a great way to serve the lodge.

I want to give a great big thank you to all those who have been helping with elections and Cub cross-overs. Your service has been invaluable. Speaking of elections, we still have now heard from all units, and would like to get our elections wrapped up. Again, please contact Cody or Ken Whiting to set up elections.

Don't forget if you are an arrowman over 18 and are interested in the new OA coordinator/Asst ranger position at summer camp, to turn in an application at the scout office.

This arrowman will be in charge of all OA activities over the summer, and will help Matt out with Ranger duties. It is a new position, and we are very excited about it.

Ordeal time is fast approaching, so encourage those people who are elected into the order, to follow through with their ordeal. Come along, be an Elangomat, or help with an ordeal in many other ways.

As you can see from my requests, the biggest thing I would like to offer you is a chance to be involved and enjoy the OA to it's fullest. We are an integral part of the Gateway Area Council, and we need more active arrowmen to keep up with all we need to do. So slip on that sash and come join in the fun. Remember, a dirty sash is a happy sash.

Jon Williamson  
 NST lodge advisor  
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## Scout Shop News



### Historic Merit Badges

These four limited-edition, Vintage-design Merit Badges give Boy Scouts a hands-on opportunity to experience an exciting part of the BSA history. To celebrate Scouting's 100 year anniversary, these badges are an exclusive offering, available during 2010 only.

Merit Badges feature original designs and requirements for the early years of scouting. Modified for safety, the requirements may be found online at [www.scouting.org/100years](http://www.scouting.org/100years) (no Merit Badge Pamphlets will be printed).

Completion of requirements must take place between January 1 and December 21, 2010.



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#### **Where do I find...**

Health Forms, Tour Permits,  
Unit Money Earning  
Applications...etc?  
[www.gatewayareacouncil.org  
/resources/forms](http://www.gatewayareacouncil.org/resources/forms)

Terri Einer-Scout Shop  
Terri can be reached at  
[teiner@bsaemail.org](mailto:teiner@bsaemail.org)

"Have a large order to fill and no  
time to wait at the counter? Just  
Fax or email me and I will have  
your order ready."  
(24 Hr notice appreciated!)

## *Jamboree Participants*

Two full Centennial uniforms are required for each Jamboree participant. Don't be caught "with your pants down." Make sure to order the items you need in time to receive them by Jamboree. All orders should be in to the Scout Shop by May. With Jamboree participants across the nation needing supplies, we are anticipating back-orders and shortages at National. You received an order form in your last Jamboree mailing. If you do not have one, please contact the office.



# Woodbadge



## *BE CAREFUL, IT MAY CHANGE YOUR LIFE*

Judging by the experience of other, Woodbadge will help you become a better Scout leader. It's also likely that along the way, you'll find ways to become a better person. Sign up soon for your Woodbadge experience. Do your best to serve others by improving your leadership skills. If you do, you'll help fulfill Baden-Powell's vision; in his own words: "The end is character with a purpose. And that purpose, that the next generation may be sane in an insane world, and develop the higher realization of service, active service of love, and duty to God and neighbors."

### WHAT IS WOODBADGE?

Woodbadge is leadership training for all Scout Leaders who are involved in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America – cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing, as well as council and district leaders, and professional. This new contemporary training program focuses on leadership and "people" skills and not Scoutcraft or outdoor skills. Participants will learn techniques to make them better leaders and also how to lead groups to achieve objectives. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Woodbadge incorporates the best of a century of Scouting experience in addition to drawing upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country. Skills developed from Woodbadge training will help a volunteer leader do a better job in any BSA program or at any level of involvement.

### ELIGIBILITY

To attend a Woodbadge course, Scouters must:

Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America (There are no minimum tenure requirements)

Have completed the basic training course for their Scouting positions.

Have completed the outdoor skills training programs appropriate for their Scouting positions.

Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. Successful completion of the BSA physical is required for all participants.

### COURSE FORMAT

The format for the Woodbadge course is two 3-day weekends, September 10-12 and October 1-3, 2010. This will be held at Camp Decorah. All meals will be served in the dining hall and participants will be housed in camp tents in the summer camp area. Participants will also be required to attend two interim patrol meetings during the time between the first and second weekends of the course (specific time and location to be determined by patrol members).

### OTHERS MAY SEE YOU'VE CAUGHT THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING!

Woodbadge is fun. Through a variety of challenging activities, participants actively experience, practice, and apply different leadership skills. Woodbadge is a hand-on experience. Every learning session is sandwiched between two activities, one preceding the learning session that enables participants to practice and apply what was learned in the session. When you come home from Woodbadge, watch and see whether others notice something different about you.

Space in the Woodbadge course is limited to the first 48 applicants. Reserve your place in the 2010 course by filling out the following preliminary application and \$20.00 deposit.

## APPLICATION FOR 2010 GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL WOODBADGE COURSE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## In the News...

# Scout Builds Gazebo

By MICHEAL MARTIN/mike.martin@lee.net



Brian Quinn's Eagle Scout project was finished last week and — thanks to the generous contributions of numerous organizations and individuals — the results will benefit the West Salem community for years to come.

Quinn began looking last year for a project to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout. “It started last August,” Quinn said, “I went to the Recreation Department looking for ideas on things I could do.”

“He wanted to know if we had any projects that might be suitable for an Eagle Scout and we told him about the plan for putting a gazebo up at Lake Neshonoc,” said Michelle Czerwan, West Salem parks and recreation director. “He was intrigued by the idea, took it home and talked about and applied with the scouts to do it.”

The bulk of the money for the project came from a Lions Club donation, but there were also contributions from the Friends of Lake Neshonoc, the Lake Neshonoc Lake District and the West Salem Area Community Foundation.

Quinn got help from about 20 scouts in Troop 77, but was deeply involved from start to finish. “To my understanding,” said Czerwan, “this was a much bigger undertaking than most Eagle Scout projects. Brian took it and ran with it — he did a great job!”

For his part, Quinn said it wouldn't have been possible without a lot of help. “Brickl Brothers did all the design work and Bill Craig from Craig Custom Builders really helped me a lot, too,” he said.

The steel for the project had to be made by Wehrs Machine, the foundation was poured by River City Ready Mix and Culpitt Roofing did the roofing.

Other businesses that contributed time, supplies, money or labor included Amerhart, Fastenal, Fairway Painting and Brush Talk Signs.

“It looks really nice,” Czerwan said of the finished product.

Quinn said he's learned a lot about the construction process — knowledge that could come in handy next year in college. He plans to study construction at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. .

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# Announcements



## 2010 Onalaska Legion Community Days

Grand Parade

Date: Saturday, August 28th, 2010

Time: Arrival 10:00 a.m., assemble on Third Ave S & Fern St  
Step-off at 11 a.m.

Route: West on Main St to Sand Lake to Quincy

Participant Applications available at Scout Service Center,  
2600 Quarry Rd, La Crosse

\*\*\*Application deadline, Friday, July 23rd\*\*\*

### Mission Statement:

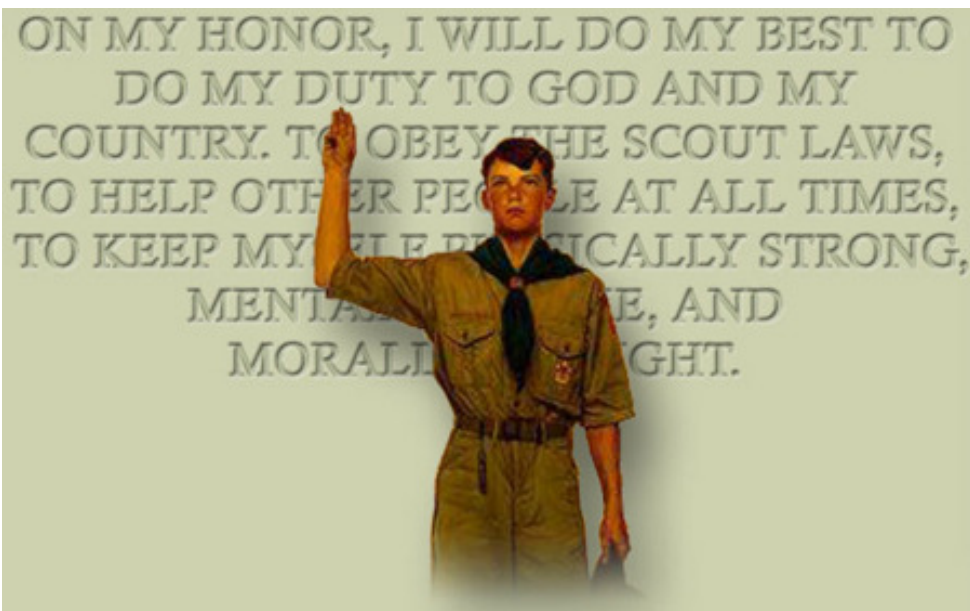
The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

**Scout Oath**

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

**Scout Law**

A Scout Is:  
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,  
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,  
Thrifty. Brave, Clean, and Reverent.



We're on the Web!!!  
[www.gatewayareacouncil.org](http://www.gatewayareacouncil.org)