

# The Scouter Newsletter

## January 2014 Edition

**From the Desk of Keith Ashby, Scout Executive**

### A NEW YEAR- A NEW HEADQUARTER

*A look back on what has been happening in the Nevada Area Council.*



Reno, NV (Jan. 3, 2014)-2013 was a year filled with new beginnings, growth and goals. The most exciting news, of course, is the Boys Scouts' new home. We have staked claim to what couldn't have been a more fitting location- 500

*Double Eagle* Court Reno, Nevada. This beautifully renovated building is now home to the Webster Scouting Resource Center, Arthur M. Smith Jr. Regional Conference Center, and the Ron Krump Trading Post.

As a special thank you, the NAC hosted an event honoring Ranson Webster, T. J. Day, Ron Krump, and Arthur M. Smith Jr., whose contributions were instrumental in funding the new center. The Good Scout Lunch on December 16 had over 125 guests in attendance, including Mayor Cashell. The lunch was s'mores themed, complete with s'mores tree centerpieces and Rolla Roaster marshmallow roasting party favors. Outgoing President Sandy Rogers, along with her husband, incoming President and Chairman of the Good Scout Lunch, Jim Rogers, spoke and gave thanks to all involved.

Following the Good Scout Lunch, on December 17<sup>th</sup> the council celebrated the construction of their new home with an official Open House. More fitting to the Scouting motif than a traditional ribbon cutting, the council commemorated the opening with a log cutting led by T.J. Day and Ranson Webster. Apart from the unique opening ceremony, the open house included tours of the facility, a grand opening sale in the Scout store, delicious appetizers and a hot chocolate bar- thoroughly enjoyed by all the kids.

Overall, 2013 was filled with tons of excitement and expansion. We have lots of plans and ideas in mind for 2014, so stay tuned to join us in

the adventure!





*Keith Ashby*  
Scout Executive

## **From the Trading Post**

Season's Greetings from the Staff at the Scout Trading Post,

Hope everyone is getting along well in the cold weather. Things are great in the new Scout Trading Post. I urge everyone to come down and check out the store and spend a moment looking through all the memorabilia in the Scout Museum.

The 2014 Pine Wood Derby Patches have arrived. The patch is awesome, it is so vibrant and colorful this year. We also have some vintage Camp Fleischmann, derby, camporee, and camporall patches on sale in the store from years past. This is really great for anyone who might want a duplicate patch, misplaced an event patch or is a collector of patches. Please feel free to call the Scout Trading Post and ask if we might have your patch in stock. The Patches are .50 each or 3 for a \$1.00.



A thank you to all of those who attended our holiday open house on December 17, 2013. It was good to see so many volunteers, scouts and their families come out for that event. We wish all friends, family, volunteers, and scouts a Happy New Year.

Happy Holidays,

*Jessica Mahaffey*  
Trading Post Manager

## **From the Field**

### **A Knot of a Special Kind: A Personal Reflection:**

A knot for me  
A special knot  
Indeed, a square knot  
All part of my Boy Scout story.

A troubled youth  
In search of a purpose  
Scouting filled that bill for me  
Fifty-five years ago.

Play, fun, camping, loyalty words  
New acquaintances  
All part of a Michigan scouting experience

For a youth with a heart yearning to fill a void.

Years passed  
Indeed, many years for me  
The scouting experience  
Hardly a memory  
Only to be re-awakened  
As a member of the Scoutreach District Committee.

Honored, I give thanks  
To a knot that served me well  
Maturing into a flipchart  
A metaphorical knot  
As a means to tie conversations together  
Holding dear each voice as  
My former knot captured my eyes, heart, and soul  
Through time realizing that anything is possible  
A simple knot, a life with promise.

Scoutreach  
Meeting diverse needs  
Many special opportunities  
Always focused on serving with care and kindness  
Creating knots of love, care, and kindness.

Scoutreach  
A life-long knot of a special kind.

*Michael Havercamp, Ph.D.*  
Scoutreach

## **New Eagle Scouts**

October 2013 Eagle Scouts: (continued from last month's edition)

Benjamin B.	Crew 294	10/22/2013
Benjamin J.	Troop 850	10/22/2013
Thor R.	Troop 267	10/24/2013
Steven L.	Troop 37	10/24/2013
Michael H.	Team 19	10/24/2013
Hunter H.	Crew 7322	10/24/2013
Thomas L.	Troop 10	10/28/2013
Joseph L.	Troop 4	10/28/2013
Simon V.	Troop 1776	10/29/2013
Colton E.	Troop 103	10/29/2013

November 2013 Eagle Scouts:

James C.	Troop 1776	11/01/2013
Tyler W.	Team 541	11/01/2013
Carter C.	Troop 597	11/14/2013

Tyler A.	Team 22	11/14/2013
Patrick E.	Troop 107	11/18/2013
Cody Y.	Crew 3396	11/21/2013
Matthew S.	Crew 576	11/21/2013
Calvin K.	Team 796	11/25/2013

## NEWS AND DATES

### **Charter Renewals:**

Charter Renewal Packets have been distributed to all units. All charters were due by December 30th if you have not turned in your charter please do so as soon as possible. Your units Journey to Excellence Score card should be included with the Charter. If you have leaders in your unit who are also Merit Badge Counselors or NOVA/STEM Mentors they can include their application in with the unit charter. Should you need any assistance with this process please contact your District Executive or Commissioner Staff.

### **Camp Cards:**

The Nevada Area Council is producing discount cards to be sold by Scouts again this year. This is a wonderful way for Scouts to earn their way to summer camp. This year, the Nevada Area Council will produce up to 20,000 Camp Cards. The card will include both recurring discounts and one-time usage coupons. These discounts will be for vendors like pizza parlors, Great Clips, Port of Subs, and Sportsman's Warehouse. The cards will be sold for \$5 each. Units participating in this program will earn up to 50% commission (\$2.50) on each \$5 Camp Card they sell. We expect to have four custom cards: Reno/Sparks, Carson City area, Susanville area, and the Elko area.

This year's supply of Camp Cards is expected to arrive in time for distribution at our March Roundtables. Unit commitment forms will be available online as of February 1st and will be at your February Roundtable.

### **Philmont Training Center:**

The summer of 2014 may be your time to visit the Philmont Training Center. The center is located on the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, NM. Philmont is one of the four Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Bases. The Training Center offers an assortment of trainings ranging from Programs That Rock and Effective Roundtables to National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience and Wilderness First Aid Train the Trainer. Whether you have been to Philmont before or thinking about going for your first time, there are numerous training opportunities available. Click [here](#) to see just what is offered. If you need any additional assistance please feel free to contact the Nevada Area Council Training Committee Advisor, Chris Harvey at <mailto:christopher.harvey@scouting.org>.

### **Camp Fleischmann:**

Many troops have already signed up for next year, be sure to get your [reservation](#) form turned in soon! Be sure to check out the [letter](#) to unit leaders from the Camp Director and Program director inviting you to camp.

We will have a new program next summer for high adventure, the Cascade Trails Program, this program will include backpacking, biking and motor-boating using the natural resources of the surrounding areas of camp like Lassen National Park, Lake Almanor and the Bizz Johnson Trail. See the [flyer](#) for more information!

We have submitted an application to the national office for an International Camp Staffer. While we can't guarantee receiving one, we hope this will add a great enhancement to camp, and help Scouts earn Citizenship in the World.

Calling all Cub Scouters! The theme for Cub Scout Adventure camp is "Meet the Cubstones!" Come experience what Cub Scouts was like in the stone age, could you imagine earning your whittling chip with a rock knife? Our registration and promotional flyer can be found [here](#). Remember we welcome the whole family, now is the time to plan an awesome family vacation with all of your friends at camp.

Want to be part of the best camp staff in the Western Region next summer? The 2014 Staff Application is [here](#). Interviews start in December so turn it in soon. Return to Eric Maass, Camp Director.

### **Calling All Silver Arrow Degree Recipients:**

Be proud that you belong to an elite number that have earned this prestigious award recognizing scout leaders that have made a commitment to learning scouting skills that ensure quality program for our youth. Started over 10 years ago this recognition program that uses district, council, regional and national training opportunities is being reinvigorated by your Nevada Area Training Council. We are looking for all graduates of the program to add to our alumni list going forward. Although it is the individual scouter's responsibility to keep progress records, once the degree has been earned and awarded we will now keep those records at council level. We are currently reviewing all courses, criteria and credits and you will soon see a revamped Silver Arrow Degree Training Program going forward. So to all who wear the Graduate Neckerchief Award with any degree level, we want to hear from you. Either call or send your name, award level (Associate, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate) and current scouter position to the council office (775-787-1111 x18 or <mailto:christopher.harvey@scouting.org>). An alumni list will be published as part of the program going forward. Thank you to all who have taken the time to earn this honor.

### **Log Your Unit's Service Hours:**

Has your unit volunteered time within the community? Record service

hours and support your JTE score. Link [Here](#) to begin now.

**Internet Advancement:**

There is a new PowerPoint presentation on internet advancement with notes, and a FAQ sheet that is available by [clicking here](#).

This PowerPoint presentation guides the viewer through methods to make effective use of the Internet Advancement software.

**MyScouting Tools:**

MyScouting Tools has two main levels of access: My Dashboard and Roster Manager. Unit leaders and adult volunteers can use the My Dashboard tool to update profile and contact information. The Unit Key 3 and District Key 3 will have access to the Roster Manager tool which allows them to view and export their roster information and update contact information for anyone on their roster.

**Help us Contact You Directly:**

Do you have a new email address? Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number? The new MyScouting Tools website now allows you to update all these fields for your BSA record on your own. Just go to <http://myscouting.org> and log in (or create) your account (make sure your First Name, Last Name and BSA Member Number are in your MyScouting Profile and that they match the information on your current BSA registration). Click "go to the new MyScouting Tools" and you are there.

For questions about your BSA Member ID number or how to access your new MyScouting info, just ask your local Scouting Professional.

**Eagle Scout Workbook and Application:**

These new revised materials will help you or your Scout understand, plan, and complete all the steps necessary to join the ranks of our Eagle Scouts. [Click Here for more information](#).

## DISTRICT NEWS

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Hey Sierra District, January is going to be a pretty busy month. First up is the District Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1070 W. Plumb Lane, Reno. We will be starting at 6pm and heading right into the elections for the members-at-large and the district chair. This will be followed by a standard district committee meeting. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor and only voting members of the district may vote. Voting members are council members-at-large living within the district, district members-at-large and chartered organization representatives from the district.

Coming the following week on Friday, January 10, the district will be hosting the annual district volunteer recognition dinner. The dinner will begin at 6pm. We will be holding this dinner at the Robb Drive LDS Chapel. The Chapel is located at 2050 Robb Drive in Reno right across the street from McQueen High School. Please come out and support and recognize your fellow Scouters. We will be presenting the District Award of Merit at this dinner.

The weekend of January 24-25 will be especially busy. First off the district will be holding our annual Klondike Derby at Prosser Lake this weekend. Please make sure to get your unit registered prior to the deadline. The Lassen District will be joining us for the Derby. Secondly, the council will be holding their Annual Meeting and the Silver Beaver Luncheon on the 25th.

This all looks like a great way to start out a great year in Scouting in the Sierra District. We hope you all have a Happy New Year. And on a final note, summer camp season will approach rapidly. Please make sure that your Scouts have every opportunity to participate in a summer camping activity.

For more information please contact your District Executive, Chris Harvey at [chris.harvey@scouting.org](mailto:chris.harvey@scouting.org).

*Chris Harvey*  
Senior District Executive

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(Nothing Submitted)

*Jeff Felsted*  
District Director

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The Pinenut District upcoming events:

Date	Event	Location	Start Time
Jan. 8th	Unit Commissioners Meeting (UCM)	Carson Stake Center 411 N. Saliman, CC	6:00pm
Jan. 9th	District Committee Meeting (DCM)	E. Fork Fire Station 12 3620 N. Sunridge, CC	6:30pm
Jan. 11th	Leader Specifics Training	Carson Stake Center 411 N. Saliman, CC	8:00am
Jan. 16th	Roundtable	Carson Stake Center 411 N. Saliman, CC	6:30pm
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> - 25th	Klondike	Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park	5:00pm

Feb. 5th	Unit Commissioners Meeting (UCM)	Carson Stake Center 411 N. Saliman, CC	6:00pm
Feb. 6th	District Committee Meeting (DCM)	E. Fork Fire Station 12 3620 N. Sunridge, CC	6:30pm
Feb. 13th	Roundtable (District Awards)	Carson Stake Center 411 N. Saliman, CC	6:30pm
Feb. 21st	Scout Leader Fellowship Dinner	Carson Stake Center 411 N. Saliman, CC	6:00pm

[Pinenut District Event Fliers](#)  
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Please don't forget to join us on [Facebook!](#)

*James Thorne*  
District Executive

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Our recognition dinner is coming up on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Churchill County Fairgrounds at 6pm. Also, if your unit would like to present unit specific awards please let Eric Maass know at [eric.maass@scouting.org](mailto:eric.maass@scouting.org) and he will submit to the dinner committee.

Klondike is coming up February 21-22, Troop 1776 is helping organize this year and is looking for a new location with SNOW. So, we will let all leaders know as soon as they know where it will be.

*Eric Maass*  
Senior District Executive

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(Nothing Submitted)

*Gregg Scott*  
Paraprofessional

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Thank you Post Advisors for working so diligently with me to submit your charter renewal paperwork. If you have any questions about the Post renewal process please contact Sarah Dermer at [sarah.dermer@scouting.org](mailto:sarah.dermer@scouting.org) or (775) 787-1111.

I would like to recognize Officer Matt Marquez and 911 Dispatcher Mary Crandall from the Sparks Police Department and their Explorers for their charitable contributions to our community. Sparks Police Explorers helped raise almost \$5,000 for the Special Olympics by helping out with the bowling tournament and assisting with several tip-a-cop events in our area. All summer long, Sparks Police Explorers helped to assist traffic control every Wednesday evening for the music festival at Lazy Five Park. They also assisted with traffic control during the funerals of a teacher killed at a Sparks Middle School and a funeral for the death of an on-duty Reno police officer. During the Christmas holidays they will also be helping out with the appreciation luncheon for all Sparks Police Department volunteers, the Christmas party for the senior citizen patrol team and the Sparks Police Department Christmas Party where families of the officers can meet Santa Clause.

I would also to recognize Sargent Paul Sifre and his advisors from the Reno Police Department. The Reno Police Explorers will be assisting with the RPD Christmas Dinner, RPD SWAT training, and will help serve food to the less fortunate in our community. They will also be taking Cub Scouts on a tour of the Reno Police Station during Christmas vacation.

I would also like to recognize Sheriff Rebecca Morris from the South Lake Tahoe Sheriff's Department who has served as Post advisor for over 13 years. This month, her Explorers will be assisting the Snow Globe Festival with the arduous task of going door-to-door to hand out parking permits to all residents so they have a place to park during the event.

Big thanks to our local Law Enforcement agencies and their continued support of our community, program and the youth.

*Sarah Dermer*  
LFL Exploring Executive

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We are gearing up for our Intersession Program and our Pinewood Derby! Thank you to all the Scoutreach District Volunteers and Supporters for a great 2013 and we look forward to a better 2014!

*Steve Pomerantz*  
Scoutreach Director

[OVERLAND DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE](#)

Mark your calendars now for University of Scouting on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The registration packet will be found online on the Council Website.

Also, it is charter renewal season. Your fully completed charter renewals and 2013 JTE scorecards are due back to the Elko Field Office no later than Saturday, January 11, 2014. Appointments for turn in will be held on Saturday, January 11. Please contact Brian Sutilla for details and to setup an appointment.

Our next District Committee meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church in Elko. And our next Roundtable will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the LDS Sage Crest Building in Elko.

Also, as a reminder to all voting district members our District Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church in Elko.

More information for all upcoming district events (including Klondike) and training opportunities can be found on the [District's website](#).

*Brian Sutilla*  
District Director

[BRISTLECONE DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE](#)

Mark your calendars now for University of Scouting on Saturday, March

1, 2014. The registration packet will be found online on the Council Website.

Also, it is charter renewal season. Your fully completed charter renewals and 2013 JTE scorecards are due back to the Elko Field Office no later than Friday, January 3, 2014. Appointments for turn in will be held on Friday, January 3 in Ely. Please contact Brian Sutilla for details and to setup an appointment.

Our next Roundtable will be at 6:00 PM, and District Committee Meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at the Ely LDS Stake Center.

Also, as a reminder to all voting district members our District Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Ely LDS Stake Center.

More information for all upcoming district events and training opportunities can be found on the [District's website](#).

*Brian Sutilla*  
District Director

### [HUMBOLDT DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE](#)

Roundtable and District Committee this month will be at the Winnemucca LDS Building on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for District Meeting and 7pm for Roundtable. See you there!

Klondike is coming up February 21-22 at Water Canyon. Todd Plimpton is heading up the effort, if you would like to help please contact him at [todd@gbis.net](mailto:todd@gbis.net)

*Eric Maass*  
Senior District Executive

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