

SANPETE SMOKE SIGNALS

The Monthly Newsletter for Sanpete District BSA



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CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT: After 7 ½ years as the District Chairman, Rick Christensen will be stepping down from that position. Rick has done a great job and will be missed. **THANK YOU RICK** for your years of Service. Norman Jensen from Gunnison will be stepping into the position of District Chairman starting February. Norm brings nearly 30 years of Scouting Experience to the table along with his years of service as a member of the Gunnison Stake Presidency. **WELCOME ABOARD NORM!**



Sanpete District Chairman Rick Christensen

rick/julie@yahoo.com Message from the

Outgoing Chair: As I look back over the years when my sons were growing up, I have reflected on the things we did to teach them how to be honorable and learn the values that God would have them know.

I think of all the sporting events, both school and little league, which they participated in over the years. I know they learned many valuable lessons from those experiences. A few of the learning experiences were how to stay physically fit, show sportsmanship, associate with and encourage others, and play by the rules. I wonder if sometimes they didn't learn things like how to get as close to the line as possible or how to do things without getting caught by the referees. I'm sure not all the learning was as positive as it should have been.

Thank heavens there was church, scouting and family teachings to back up these great experiences! I will for ever be grateful for the ideals of scouting that have been a constant in the lives of my boys.

A scout is **Trustworthy** in everything not just when it's convenient or when others are watching. A scout is **Loyal** always, to those honorable things that deserve his loyalty. A scout is always **Helpful** and looking for the opportunity to serve others. A scout is **Friendly** to all. A scout is **Courteous** in all his actions. A scout is **Kind** regardless of race, religion or physical abilities. A scout is **Obedient** to God, parents, and those placed in leadership responsibilities. A scout is **Cheerful**, always seeking to find the positive in every challenge, and knows a happy countenance is always contagious. A scout is **Thrifty**; he manages his resources without waste. A scout is **Brave** and willing to face every task or trial placed before him. A scout is **Clean**, in thought and action; he will try to keep his environment clean as well. A scout is **Reverent** to others as well as God. He seeks peace, happiness, and fosters love for all. He would be your best friend under any circumstance and at all times true to the needs of others before himself. O, how I appreciate what scouting has done for my family!

I have had the opportunity to serve in scouting as an adult for about 35 years. Seven and a half of those years as the district chairman for the Sanpete district. I have associated with the top men in the county in providing the scouting experience to our youth. All of these years as District Chairman, Norm Jensen has been there to help with this task. He is a stalwart and I support him with all my heart. He will carry on and exceed what has been done in the past, as it should be.

May God bless the Sanpete District of the Boy Scouts of America. Thank you for your support. District Chairman Rick Christensen



Sanpete District Chairman Norman Jensen

nrejjens2@gmail.com Message from the

Incoming Chair: I first want to mention that I immensely appreciate what Rick Christensen has done as Chairman of the Sanpete District. Having known Rick for many years I was

excited when he accepted the position of District Chairman 7 years ago. He has done a great job and I hope that each of you get an opportunity to express your thanks to him. He loves scouting and he loves this district. As I have had the opportunity to be involved on the district level for many years, one thing that has always impressed me is the dedicated leaders we have in this district. I applaud you and applaud all that you do and accomplish in an effort to help 'prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law'.

Utilizing the Scouting program, as intended, will do just that. I look forward to working with you in our common cause. Thanks for all you do, Thanks Rick. Norman Jensen



Vice Chair Cub Scout Program: Earlene

Christensen earlene@gelco.net Message from

the Chair: Now that the New Year is off to a good start, your Blue & Gold's are planned and final arrangements have been made, it is time to turn our attention to

SUMMER. Day Camp, Roster Money and Shirt sizes are to be turned in at March Roundtable. Don't forget the boys that are turning 8 this summer. They can and should be involved in the summer activities. They can be registered mid-May. The health forms can be turned in at Day Camp, but it's much simpler to turn them in at a roundtable and then we know if they are registered or if something more needs to be done. Let's get your papers in or time. Thanks for all you do.



Vice Chair 11 Year Old Scout Program: Gary

Jensen ggiensen2000@yahoo.com Message

from the Chair: Klondike is Feb. 17 & 18 at the State Road shed up Fairview Canyon. Be prepared for the cold!



Vice Chair Scout Program: Carl Larsen

clarsen1@cut.net Message from the Chair:

Scoutmasters, we all know of the training that we need to have to be good leaders. Why don't we train our SPL's and next years SPL's how to run a troop. Timberline is a National Youth Leadership Training designed to teach our SPL's how to run their troops at home. The cost is \$155.00 dollars but you can save \$20.00 by registering early. utahscouts.org/timberline is the registration link. Our districts course is August 6-12 2012. The skills that these young men learn will benefit them their entire life. Course Director is Robert Peel 435-851-7208 any questions contact him.



Vice Chair Varsity Scout Program: Mica Talbot

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Chair: Invite a friend to come to Roundtable.



Vice Chair Venturing Program: Robert

(Bob) Armstrong barmstrong@mail.manti.com

Message from the Chair: January is a good

month to update your Venture Crew's annual calendar and discuss new activities. Venturer activities are to be planned by the crew. Planning provides officers and crew members with leadership experience and ownership of their crew. With the Advisor's support, the Crew President should oversee planning meetings. The president and other officers should assign crew members responsibility for the vital functions of each activity. Activity planner worksheets and calendars serve as a useful tool for needs to make each activity a success. Remember that one of the purpose of activity is to provide training. Planning and preparation for events areas important as the event itself. If adult advisors do it all, the activity is a failure and waste of time. Use Roundtable as a time to remind of goals, receive help and training and to renew your commitment to the youth you serve. Best wishes for a happy and successful 2012.

Adult Recognition—Do you know a Scouter in your ward, unit or stake that is doing an outstanding job? Is going beyond the required and into the 2nd Mile in his Service? Recommend that person for a 2nd Miler Award to your Stake High Counselor over Scouting and get that application turned in to prepare for our Annual Adult Recognition Banquet in April. If you have questions, check the District Website for Details and contact information.

Varsity Biathlon—Our annual District Biathlon was held up at Miller’s Flat Turn-off on the 28th of January. Many Teams and Crews participated. Hope everyone had a good time! Congratulations to the winning team.

Mt. Pleasant North Stake Merit Badge Pow Wow—The annual Pow Wow concluded last week. We had over 125 Scouts from as far south as Sterling participate this year. Each Scout had the opportunity to earn up to 3 Merit Badges. Since some of those Badges take 3 months to complete, we don’t have any totals of how many badges will come from this years Pow Wow. Thanks to all our District Merit Badge Counselors who helped with the success of this Project.

Contact Information for anyone in a District Position is available at the District Website.
www.utahscouts.org/sanpete look under the **about us** tab-District Committee menu item.

District Positions Needing Volunteers—We have several positions on our various committees that need filling. To Volunteer Contact a member of the Key 3.

New Training Policy—Effective January 1, 2012, “This is Scouting” and Leader Specific Fast Start Training, are no longer required to be considered Basic Trained. Both trainings are beneficial and will remain online to take. They will work well as refresher courses or if you have a position change at a time of year when a Leader Specific Training is more than 2 months away. Basic Training for Direct Contact Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders is now, Current Youth Protection, Leader Specific Training and North Star. Basic Training for all Cub positions is Current Youth Protection and Leader Specific. More details coming later.

Journey to Excellence (District Evaluations)				
MPUN Stake	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal
Mt. Pleasant Stake	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal
Moroni Stake	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal
Ephraim Stake	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal
Manti Stake	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal
Gunnison Stake	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal
Sanpete District	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Non-Metal

Roundtable Tidbits

Beginning with the March Roundtable, we will offer Youth Protection Training as a breakout class at each Roundtable. March will be Youth Protection. April will be Venturing Youth Protection and rotate each time thereafter between the two courses.

Cub Scout Leaders, Day Camp registration and Paperwork turn-in is coming up. Please bring it to Roundtable in March

Upcoming Calendar Events within the District

(For a complete calendar with details, check the District Website Calendar)

◆ Cub Scout Events ◆	✿ Scout Events ✿	🏆 Varsity Scouts Events 🏆	◆ Venturing Events ◆
<p>◆ Mar. 8—Roundtable</p> <p>◆ Mar 15 Leader Specific Training (Ephraim)</p> <p>◆ Mar 17-Scouting for Food (Bags Delivered)</p> <p>◆ Mar 24-Scouting for Food (Pickup)</p> <p>◆ Apr 12 Roundtable</p> <p>◆ Apr 19 Adult Recognition (Hosted by Mt. Pleasant Stake)</p> <p>◆ The Boy Scouts of America has made Den Leader Kits and Pack Program Kits available online at www.scouting.org. Many of the pieces are in PDF format. A couple of the critical pieces for a Cub Scout pack’s success (Pack Budget Template and Cub Scout Pack Newsletter and Calendar Templates) are Excel spreadsheets and allow all packs to fill in the blanks and create their own annual budget and calendar, as well as monthly newsletters.</p> <p>◆ Pinewood Derby show. If you want to give your Pack a little bit more than just running the Pinewood Derby, contact Dave Fuller for his Derby extravaganza. The show is really great, the track is state of the art, and the proceeds go to help fund a missionary. tpjr@cut.net. 435-262-1264. He lives in Fairview.</p> <p>I (name) promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my Country, To help other people. And to obey the Law of the Pack.—<i>Cub Scout Promise</i></p>	<p>✿ Feb. 17-18—Klondike Derby</p> <p>✿ Feb 18 Snow College Merit Badge Classes: Swimming, Lifesaving, First Aid. Details at Website.</p> <p>✿ Feb. 25 Mt. Pleasant Stake Merit Badge Pow Wow—Register online at District Website</p> <p>✿ Mar 3 Mt. Pleasant Stake Merit Badge Pow Wow Continues</p> <p>✿ Mar. 8—Roundtable</p> <p>✿ Mar 10 Mt. Pleasant Stake Merit Badge Pow Wow Concludes</p> <p>✿ Mar 15 Leader Specific Training (Ephraim)</p> <p>✿ Mar 15 Snow College Merit Badge Classes: Cit. in Nation and Community. Register at Website</p> <p>✿ Mar 17—Scouting for Food (Bags Delivered)</p> <p>✿ Mar 24—Scouting for Food (Pickup)</p> <p>✿ April 12 Roundtable</p> <p>✿ Apr 19 Adult Recognition (Hosted by Mt. Pleasant Stake)</p> <p><small>A Scout is: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.—The Scout Law 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 fit, mentally awake and morally straight—<i>The Scout Promise</i></small></p>	<p>🏆 Feb 18—Ice Fishing Tournament</p> <p>🏆 Mar. 8—Roundtable.</p> <p>🏆 Mar 15 Leader Specific Training (Ephraim)</p> <p>🏆 Mar. 17 Ice Fishing Derby at Fishlake</p> <p>🏆 Mar 17—Scouting for Food (Bags Delivered)</p> <p>🏆 Mar 24—Scouting for Food (Pickup)</p> <p>🏆 Apr 12 Roundtable</p> <p>🏆 Apr 19 Adult Recognition (Hosted by Mt. Pleasant Stake)</p> <p>🏆 Varsity Leaders: Ideas and support resources for helping you with Varsity Scouting, use this link to the Council LDS Varsity website page: http://www.ldsscouting.org/varsity/varsity.html</p> <p>🏆 Additional Helps and Resources for Varsity Coach can be found at this link: http://www.utahscouts.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=26685&orgkey=2196</p> <p>As a Varsity Scout I will: live by the Scout Oath, Law, motto and slogan; Honor the dignity and worth of all persons; Promote the cause of freedom; and do my best to be a good team member.—<i>Varsity Scout Pledge</i></p>	<p>◆ Feb. 18—Ice Fishing Tournament</p> <p>◆ Mar. 8—Roundtable.</p> <p>◆ Mar 15 Leader Specific Training (Ephraim)</p> <p>◆ Mar 17-Scouting for Food (Bags Delivered)</p> <p>◆ Mar 24-Scouting for Food (Pickup)</p> <p>◆ Apr 12 Roundtable</p> <p>◆ Apr 19 Adult Recognition (Hosted by Mt. Pleasant Stake)</p> <p>As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God to help strenghten America, to help others and to see truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.—<i>Venturing Oath</i></p> <p>◆ Looking for Volunteers. The Venturing Program Committee is looking for volunteers to help in developing a District Venturing Program to meet the needs of our Venturing Youth. We are looking for experts in High Adventure, Finance, Training, Camping Promotion, and many other aspects of Venturing. Interested people (do not need to be current scouters) contact Bob Armstrong. 835-1271</p>

The Sanpete Smoke Signals is a monthly newsletter that will be available at Roundtable each month in printed form containing timely events for all programs of Scouting. Articles and items of interest must be submitted by the last day of each month to Jay Zabriskie at jayz@cut.net to be included in the next issue. The Sanpete Smoke Signals will be posted online at our website www.utahscouts.org/sanpete approximately 14 days after roundtable. Since the material contained is time sensitive, pick up your copy at Roundtable to be aware of the latest events in the District.