On June 12th, Don Sidlowski, a long time Samoset Council volunteer, coordinated a STEM Scouts Summit at the Wisconsin State Capital. The goal of the meeting was to explore the collaboration between the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Commerce and Manufacturing, and the Boy Scouts of America’s STEM Scouts program. Don has made connections with many influential people at the state level through his advocacy for the Wisconsin Fab Lab Initiative and the work he has done on the Northwoods Broadband and Economic Development Coalition.

Amanda Flannery-Hoppa and Jeff Ottosen were able to present the opportunities and challenges associated with the STEM Scouts program from a local perspective. Wendy Shaw, the National Director of Membership Growth, spoke on the vision of the STEM Scouts program nationally. Don Sidlowski facilitated a discussion on a future statewide collaboration and phased rollout of the STEM Scouts program beginning with the Samoset Council.

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Where Camping Is King

This past May, several of our council officers attended the BSA’s National Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX. It was a unique opportunity to spend a few days with volunteer and staff leadership from councils across the country. It was also great to hear directly from the national leadership of the Boy Scouts of America.

Here are just a few takeaways from our experience in Dallas:

• There is tremendous excitement and optimism for Scouting across the country. As we move forward locally, and at the national level, we have some changes to navigate but we remain committed to providing young people with exceptional Scouting programs that help; develop leadership, build confidence, strengthen faith, and so much more.

• Samoset Council is highly regarded across the country as a premier Scouting council. We have so much to be grateful for; exceptional staff and volunteers, financial health, premier camp programs, community partnerships, just to name a few.

• Research at the national level has shown our organization needs to provide a higher level of support to volunteers working directly with youth. In 2019, the national council will begin an effort to address these findings. We, in Samoset Council, realized this a few years ago, and are now excited to be implementing our organizational changes this year aimed at providing exceptional service and support to our unit volunteers.

• Reaching more youth and families, locally and across the country, with the Scouting program is paramount. In our council, volunteers and staff are working together continually to develop new ways to reach today’s youth with the benefits of Scouting. In some communities, we are doing a great job reaching families with Scouting. In other communities, we need to do better and we are committed to doing so.

We are always interested in hearing from volunteers with ideas on how Samoset Council can most effectively grow and support the Scouting program and our volunteers. We would love to hear from you, send us an email at Key4@Samoset.org.

Thank you for the remarkable work you do on behalf of youth in Scouting. Please let us know what more we can do to support you in your volunteer service.

Your friends in Scouting:

John Mabry  Council President
Rick Radloff  Council Commissioner
Thad Brockman  VP - Program
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AWARDS & TRAINING

JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP AWARD

What impact has Scouting made on your life or the life of someone you know? What Scouting experiences do you carry with you? Your contribution to Samoset Council’s endowment fund will ensure those same impacts and experiences continue to happen for youth in North Central Wisconsin for years to come.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more to Samoset Council’s endowment fund. Organizations or individuals may contribute in honor of someone—an Eagle Scout, a retiring Scoutmaster, a Silver Beaver recipient, in memory of a departed loved one, business associate, Scout, or Scouter.

The award is named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America who exemplified Ralph Waldo Emerson’s observation that “an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man.” Scouting today is the “lengthened shadow” of more than three decades of the far-sighted and dedicated leadership of Dr. James E. West. Those who are recognized by the James E. West Fellowship Award will cast their own “lengthened shadow” as they help ensure the Scouting legacy for future generations of young people and create the financial stability for the program right here in Samoset Council.

To learn how you can make a lasting contribution for the youth in our communities please contact Samoset Council Development Director Adam Freund at 715-409-9415 or adam.freund@samoset.org.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING

UPDATED PROCESS

The Merit Badge Counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise/interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a Merit Badge Counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a Scout’s curiosity about that particular topic. By serving as a Merit Badge Counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can explore all topics of interest.

To be a Merit Badge Counselor in the Boy Scouts of America, an individual must be properly registered as an adult leader, successfully completed Youth Protection Training, be of good character, be 18 or older, be recognized by the council as having skills and/or education in the subjects for which serving as a counselor, and must be able to work effectively with Scout-aged boys.

A Merit Badge Counselor is registered at the council level and is expected to work with Scouts in all units. Counselors do, however, have the choice concerning who they will counsel. All counselors will have their contact information published in accordance with BSA policy, to help facilitate contact between the Counselor and the Scout. The council will have final review and approval of the application and badges chosen. A Chartered Organization Representative, Institutional Head, Scoutmaster, or Troop Committee Chair does not have the authority to approve individuals as Merit Badge Counselors.

You are welcome to act as a Merit Badge Counselor for one merit badge or several, as you wish. However, the Samoset Council Advancement Committee strongly recommends a person select no more than eight merit badge subjects. We encourage you to counsel Scouts from various troops, as the best experience for a Scout is to work with a variety of merit badge counselors for diversity in adult contacts.
The BSA has announced significant updates to its Youth Protection program as part of an ongoing effort to protect young people from child abuse. This starts with an enhanced online Youth Protection training course all volunteers and professionals must complete.

The updated mandatory training includes three modules and a test that take a little over an hour to complete. The mandatory and recommended training modules draw on research from experts and survivors in the field of child abuse and maltreatment to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse including: bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse. Once completed, volunteers will not have to retake the training for two years.

The BSA is serious about fighting child abuse and you’re an important part of that fight. Thanks for your help and service you provide to Scouting.

Need help with this training? Contact the Samoset Council Support Team at 715-355-1450.

Even those Scout leaders who took the previous version of Youth Protection Training must log into My.Scouting.org and complete the updated Youth Protection course. This must be completed by Oct. 1, 2018.

Journey To Excellence

Unit Progress Checkup

As we approach the Fall, it is important to review your Journey To Excellence (JTE) progress. This program helps ensure quality program for our youth by drawing attention to those items that will help units be most successful. Now that we are halfway through the year, it is time to pause and see how your unit is progressing.

Your unit should be asking the following questions:

• Has your unit submitted advancement reports for the first half of the year? Scouts deserve immediate recognition and unit leaders are responsible for making that happen.

• Has your unit reported completed service projects? If not, you can do so through the Samoset website. These reports are valuable to our community partners and stakeholders.

• Has your unit completed several unit campouts, super trips, or other activities? Scouts join for the fun of adventure, don’t forget this important element.

• Has your unit developed a calendar of activities for the next 18 months? This is a great time of the year to review your calendar, make changes, and ensure plans are in place for the next Scouting program year (2018-2019). Your Unit Serving Executive can help. Be sure to have a copy of the 2018-2019 council calendar resource guide available for easy reference.

• Has your unit signed up for summer camp 2019? Units are encouraged to reserve space early to ensure maximum participation.
Program Year Kickoff!
A Must Attend for Unit Leaders

For many Scouting units, the program year begins in September when school starts and concludes with the summer camp experience. It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of another great summer camp season and units are getting ready to launch another incredible year of Scouting. This fall more than 1,000 families will join Scouting as the new program year begins. These new Scouts and families will add strength, volunteers, and resources to the units they join.

Join us as we kick-off the program year at our August Roundtable meetings where we will be providing resources to units to help welcome and onboard new families this fall.

Program kickoff events (August Roundtable) take on new excitement this year as many Cub Scout Packs prepare to welcome girls this fall and Scouts, BSA troops begin to form to serve older girls starting in February. We will be providing important information about these changes, in addition to helping units prepare for the most successful fall recruiting campaign ever!

Roundtable is a fantastic opportunity each month to visit with fellow Scouting volunteers from across Samoset Council. Pack and troop leaders will not want to miss this opportunity to receive program ideas, training, insights from other leaders, and get the latest council information. Samoset Council hosts roundtable at six different locations each month. Topics covered and information shared at each location is the same. Choose the date and location that works best for you. All pack, troop and crew volunteers are encouraged to attend monthly.

Thank you to Rus Hoffman and our team of roundtable volunteers for leading the way in revamping roundtables across the council. If you have suggestions for future roundtable topics, please share them by emailing Rus at Rus.Hofmann@gmail.com.

Samoset Council Roundtable – Dates, Times, Locations

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38th Annual Samoset Golf Scramble

Friday
August 24, 2018
Greenwood Hills Country Club

Presented by:
EOJONSON
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES
The Macdonald Foundation

Event Schedule:
8:30 - Registration/Games/
Light Breakfast
10:00 - Shotgun Start
2:30 - Buffet Lunch/Speaker/Awards
3:30 - Adjourn

More fun than you should be allowed to have on a golf course!

3 Big Cups!
3 Mystery Cups!
3 Greens with 2nd pins!
Raffles & Prizes!
Team Prizes for 1st Place
Team Prizes for 7th Place
Team Prizes for Last Place!
Much More!

Register now at Samoset.org
Join us October 12-13-14, 2018 at the Hodag Festival Grounds in Rhinelander, WI. Fun is guaranteed for all!

Scout skills involving hands-on activities like: paintball, archery, ax throwing, STEM experiments and demonstrations, Ham-radio operations, pedal cart races, branding, rope making, cooking, camping... The list of activities available is so long we cannot list it all!

The evening show is set. HYDE a local band, will perform along with HOT DOG. HOT DOG will also be doing (during the day) improv comedy classes for anyone that wants to see how well they can do.

Dave Schult, Lead Coordinator, and his committee of volunteers have been working for the last 18 months preparing for anywhere between 2,000 to 2,500 Scouts and family members to attend this once every five-year event. “Our goal is to make this Jamboree a memorable experience for your Scout by providing a wide variety activities from STEM competition to Scout skills to gold prospecting to life size Foosball to a Rock and Roll band to complete the day.” explained Dave.

To find out more on this Jamboree and how you can submit your theory on how Smiley lost and finds his crown, please go to Samoset.org and look for the upcoming events which will lead you to the Jamboree registration and information page.

The cost is only $25.00 per person, including a lunch on Saturday.
Thank you to all who participated this year!

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Where Camping Is King
**FALL CLUB CAMP**  
**OCTOBER 6-7**

Fall Cub Camp is open to new and current Cub Scouts and their families. We encourage as many Scouts as possible to attend, with their parents and siblings. Offered the first weekend in October; you can attend either Saturday or Sunday.

Activities start at 9 AM preceded by registration. Then it is off to the program areas, singing, hiking, archery, BB guns, slingshots and having fun at the premier Cub Scout camp in the nation. Lunch is served in the Dining Hall, followed by more programs throughout the camp. Departure is around 3:30 PM in the afternoon.

**WEBELOS FALL ADVENTURE**  
**SEPTEMBER 21-23**

From the moment that your scout and fellow Webelos arrive at Tesomas until they depart Sunday afternoon, they will be immersed in a program based solely around the Webelos experience. Campers will experience what awaits them in Boy Scouting. This event is open to Scouts registered as a Webelos in the fall and their parents.

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**WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION**  
**OPENS SEPTEMBER 1**

Registration for Winter Camp opens. Reserve space and make a deposit for the 2019 season.

**WINTER CAMPERSHIP**  
**SEPTEMBER 1-DECEMBER 1**

Camperships are awarded to deserving applicants based on a variety of factors set forth in the Tesomas Alumni Camping Trust, including the applicant’s:

- Good moral character.
- Meritorious service to Scouting and/or the community.
- Potential to benefit from the camping experience.
- Willingness to live the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
- Financial need (not an absolute requirement).

Applications for camperships must be made in writing, using the “Samoset Council Campership Application for Financial Aid” for each person. Upon review of the application by the campership committee, a letter will be sent to the unit leader whose signature appears on the form informing them of the decision and of the amount (if any) awarded to the individual applying.

There is no promise made to this applicant that a campership will be awarded. Allocations may not be awarded for the full amount requested if comparative need or total applications are in excess of available funding.

For questions, please call 715-355-1450.

For more information and to register for camping go to www.campingisking.com
GROUND BREAKING

In June, there was a groundbreaking ceremony performed for the construction of the Northwood Veterans Post building in Merrill, which will be 14,376 sq. ft., hopes to serve the entire Central WI area. The Northwoods Veterans Post, uniting eight organizations including Scout Pack and Troop 503, will be one of only a few joint organizational posts in the nation providing unique opportunities to bridge the gap between Veterans, youth, and the private sector. In addition, the building will provide a home for our nation’s first United States Military Chaplains Registry offering opportunities for continued support all over the world.

The new post, which is expected to open 2020, will include: Wellness Room, Fitness Center, 8 Offices, 4 Meeting Rooms, Education Center, Kitchen, Storage Building, Volleyball Courts. Access to Hiking, Biking, Snowmobile, and ATV Trails.

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Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, also presented her hopes for education, Fab Labs, and STEM curriculum in Wisconsin and how the Boy Scouts of America is an excellent fit to help move the initiative forward. In addition to the Lieutenant Governor, six state representatives and a senator were present including Mary Felzkowski, Rob Swearingen, and Tom Tiffany from the Samoset Service area. Dr. Michael Thompson, the Deputy State Superintendent, Jim Warsaw, Executive Director of Marathon County Development Corporation, Robyn Ludtke, Talent Development Director for Waukesha County, and John Snipes, the representative from the Potawatomi Area Council were also part of the conversation.

At the end of the meeting the clear majority of the group voted to move forward in supporting the development and growth of the STEM Scouts program in the state of Wisconsin. The Samoset Council plans on reaching out to the key individuals from our service area in order to create partnerships that allow us to enhance the STEM Scouts program for our youth.

WELCOMING PETER NEY
NEW UNIT SERVING EXECUTIVE

Please welcome Peter Ney (pronounced “Neigh”) to Samoset Council! Peter is our newest Unit Serving Executive and will be working most closely with units in the Stevens Point area. Peter just completed his B.S. in Recreation and Leisure with an emphasis in Adventure Leadership from Murray State University. Peter officially started on Monday, June 18.

Peter has been involved in Scouting since he joined Cub Scouts. He has staffed at Philmont Scout Ranch for the past four years. When not being highly involved in Scouting, Peter likes to go hiking and camping. He also takes time out of his day to fulfill his musical side by playing a variety of instruments and singing. Peter is excited to meet and work with the Scouts and Scouters in Samoset Council.
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This Summer, the National Order of the Arrow Committee approved some exciting updates to the Order of the Arrow program.

Beginning February 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units. The new Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.

- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Our commitment to our unchanging mission and purpose remains steadfast, and we are excited to welcome others who share that commitment by extending membership in Scouting’s National Honor Society to participants of all older youth programs. We look forward to having female members in 2019 and know that, like all of our OA members, they will serve as role models and inspirations to others – both within the Boy Scouts of America and beyond.

We anticipate that you may have some questions. Please be sure to read the FAQ section below. We will have more information at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, which will be held July 30 – August 4, 2018, and will continue to release additional information as it becomes available in order to assist our lodges with implementation.

ASK SMILEY!

FREQUENTLY ASKED OA QUESTIONS

Q. Will camping be counted retroactively for those currently in Venturing and Sea Scouts?

Yes. Camping that has taken place within the two years immediately prior to the election will be counted beginning February 1, 2019. This camping must have taken place while an individual was registered with the BSA as a program participant and must be while participating with a BSA Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.

Q. Can I be elected into the OA if I am over the age of 18?

Yes. As long as you are under the age of 21 at the time the election is held. If you are over 21, you will need to go through the adult selection process.

Q. Will we still be able to wear lodge flaps on any female uniforms that may be created?

Yes. We continue to work with BSA National Supply to help ensure that the current OA lodge flap shape and size will be accommodated.
Tuesday Trail Talk

Got Scouting questions? We have answers! Join us every Tuesday at 11:30am for a weekly, 15 minute interactive conversation regarding the hot topics circulating in our Council!

We encourage all to join in on the talk at our Samoset Council, BSA Facebook page for Facebook Live! Can’t make the time (or don’t have Facebook), but want the information? No problem! We will have each video uploaded to Samoset.org shortly after!

July 10 - Girls in Cub Scouts

July 17 - Cub Scout Program Planning!

July 24 - Fall Recruitment

August 7 - Scoutbook and the benefits

August 14 - Popcorn!

August 21 - Council Jamboree
2018 POPCORN KICKOFFS!

Choose the location that is most convenient for you!

**When:** Tuesday August 21st 2018 @ 7:00 PM  
**Where:** Merrill High School Auditorium  
1201 N. Sales Street Merrill, WI

**When:** Wednesday August 22nd 2018 @ 7:00 PM  
**Where:** Kennedy Elementary School  
616 West 2nd Street Junction City, WI 54443

**DOOR PRIZE**
- Echo Spot

**FEATURES**
- 2018 MATERIALS!  
- NEW FLAVORS!  
- NEW TIN DESIGNS!  
- NEW INCENTIVES!  
- 2018 BULLET BOARDS!  
- SAMPLE KITS!  
- GROW YOUR SALE!

**NEW 2018 INCENTIVES**
- HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN $500 DOLLARS FOR YOUR UNIT IN 2018!  
- EARN AN EXCLUSIVE KERNEL HOODIE!  
- UNLIMITED SLUSHIES!  
- MORE SUPPORT FOR NEW SCOUTS WHO JOIN!  
- WIN A NINTENDO SWITCH!
JULY
15-21 Apostle Islands Pd 5
   Tesomas Scout Camp Pd 5
17   STEM Day Camp: Rhinelander
20-22 Akela’s World Pd 6
22-28 Apostle Islands Pd 6
   Tesomas Scout Camp Pd 6
24   STEM Day Camp: Marshfield
27-29 Akela’s World Pd 7
29-8/4 Apostle Islands Pd 7
   Tesomas Scout Camp Pd 7
30-8/4 Tom Kita Chara: NOAC
31   STEM Day Camp: Weston

AUGUST
3-5   Akela’s World Pd 8
5-11 Apostle Islands Pd 8
   Tesomas Scout Camp Pd 8
17-19 Tom Kita Chara: Fall Conference
21   Popcorn Kickoff: North
22   Popcorn Kickoff: South
24   38th Annual Golf Scramble
24-26 Wood Badge Reunion

SEPTEMBER
3   Labor Day (Scout Shop & Center Closed)
13   Cub Scout Round-up
15   Popcorn Sale Begins!
   Chuckwagon/Buckboard: Merrill

OCTOBER
12-14 Samoset Fall Jamboree
21   Popcorn Sales End
24   Popcorn Orders Due

FEATURED VOLUNTEERS
THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO SCOUTING!

Andrew Bauknecht is the Associate Lab Manager for both the Antigo Middle School as well as the Antigo Elementary Lab. He is also very involved with his son’s Cub Scout Pack. Andy goes above and beyond for the kids by organizing field trips and other STEM activities. There would not be STEM Scouts in Antigo if it wasn’t for him.

“One of the many reasons I support this program is that it provides a great opportunity for collaboration between mentors and students with hands-on, real world experiences in STEM education. It gives all youth a chance to develop skills and explore opportunities that will hopefully translate into an enjoyable, purpose driven career in STEM related fields.”

Audrey Jensen, Pack 409, is a newer Scouting Parent in her 2nd year of Cub Scouts with her son. She not only volunteers at the Pack level, but has also helped with the planning of Cub Camporee and other events. Outside of her normal Cub Scouting, she has taken the initiative to help her son get his SuperNova Award and is assisting another Scout as well! She is always willing to help and does it with a smile!

“My family has a long history with Scouting - both BSA and GSUSA - including a number of Eagles and Gold Awards. I have earned my Silver and Gold Awards (this was before there was a Bronze), been camping lots, gone to a number of camps, and traveled internationally all as a Scout. So, it was an easy “yes” when my son was interested in Cub Scouts at the beginning of 1st grade.”
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