

Chief Black Dog District 2013 District Highlights

- Our district is one of **24** districts in Northern Star council.

Membership Highlights

- We serve:
 - 27** Cub Scout packs with **847** youth
 - 23** Boy Scout troops with **710** youth
 - 4** Varsity teams with **37** youth, and
 - 12** Venture crews with **303** youth
- This represents:
 - 66** units and **1897** youth, supported by
 - 762** registered adult volunteers
- **180** new Cub Scouts and **44** new Boy Scouts joined Scouting in our District in 2013. Our year end membership goal this year is **1935** through spring and fall recruiting. We will be stressing year round recruiting.
- Our market penetration is **14.70** percent of our total available youth audience, so we have plenty of additional opportunity to recruit and serve more youth.

2013 Journey to Excellence

- Our District earned a **Gold** level Journey to Excellence recognition for 2013
- **44%** of our units (**29** out of **66**) earned a Journey to Excellence award for 2013
- Among our Cub Scout Packs:
 - 13** earned Gold Journey to Excellence status
 - 3** earned Silver Journey to Excellence status
- Among our Boy Scout Troops:
 - 8** earned Gold Journey to Excellence status
 - 3** earned Silver Journey to Excellence status
 - 1** earned Bronze Journey to Excellence status
- Among our Venture Crews:
 - 1** earned Silver Journey to Excellence status

District Leadership

- We have **46** members of the District committee, including Members at Large, who support our standing committees responsible for:
 - Membership
 - Activities
 - Friends of Scouting
 - Training
 - Advancement
- We have a commissioner staff of **30** commissioners, including the District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioners and Roundtable Commissioners. This includes **22** unit commissioners to serve our units. Most Unit Commissioners serve 2 units.

Finance

- Our district made notable contributions to covering the cost of providing Scouting in our local community. In 2013 our units sold
 - \$125,939** in popcorn
 - \$2,115** in Camp Cards
- Our District raised a combined total of **\$164,026** in Community and Family Friends of Scouting.

Major District and Council Activities

Our District and Council host a number of key events for our units that contribute to excitement and advancement for the youth we serve.

- For Cub scouts this includes:
 - Scouting for Food (both Spring and Fall)
 - District Pinewood Derby
 - Webelos Woods
 - Summer Camp and Fall Festival
 - Base Camp Extravaganza
 - Webelos Experience
- For Boy Scouts and Venturers, this includes:
 - Scouting for Food (both Spring and Fall)
 - Summer Camp
 - Weekend camping at our many Council camps
 - Camporees (both Spring and Fall)
 - Merit Badge Fairs (both Spring and Fall)
 - Base Camp Extravaganza
- Several of our youth members participated in exciting Scouting events outside our Council, including:
 - High Adventure Camping at Philmont, Florida Sea Base or Northern Tier Canoe Base
 - National Jamboree

Youth Rank Advancement

The efforts described above support a program that generates results. One way to measure those results is in how many of our youth advance and continue to move through our program.

- **Cub Scouts:**
 - 735** Cub Scouts advanced in rank in 2013 meaning
 - 86%** percent of our Cub Scouts advanced a rank in 2013
- **Webelos Transition**
 - 114** 5th grade Webelos Scouts crossed into troops last year (**or 70%** of eligible 5th graders)
 - In 2014 we have an estimated **131** second-year Webelos Scouts eligible to cross over.
- **Boy Scouts:**
 - 456 Boy Scouts/64%** percent of our Boy Scouts advanced at least one rank in 2013, meaning
 - 64%** percent of our Boy Scouts advanced at least one rank in 2013
 - 54 Boy Scouts** earned Eagle Scout in 2013
 - 2** youth received the Vigil Honor from the Order of the Arrow

Adult Recognitions

- Among our adult leaders, several were recognized with significant District or Council honors:
 - 4** Distinguished Leadership Awards from our District
 - 3** District Awards of Merit from our District
 - 3** Vigil Honor from the Order of the Arrow
 - 2** Silver Beaver Awards from the Council
 - 1** Hornaday Gold Award from the Council

What makes our District great, and what fuels all of these accomplishments in service of our youth, are our units. We want to take this moment to say thank you to all our unit and District leaders, to ask you to continue delivering great programs, to keep bringing more youth into Scouting, and to continue having a great time with this program. Thank you all!