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# Council Calendar

## JULY

**4** Independence Day, Mid-America Council  
Scout offices closed  
**11-12** Habitat for Humanity build, Omaha  
**11-13** Great Missouri Valley Challenge  
Regatta, Sea Scout Ship 542  
**12** Cub Scout Day Camp, Correctionville, IA  
**13-18** Operation Purple, Camp Eagle  
**19** Omaha Royals game & camp out, Rosenblatt Stadium  
**18-20** Webelos Camp, TASR  
**20-26** Venturing Resident Camp, Cedars  
**25-27** Cub Resident Camp, Camp Eagle  
**26** Cub Scout Skating, Skate Daze, Omaha  
**26-27** Cabela's Boy Scout Challenge, LaVista, NE  
**27-29** Webelos Camp, Camp Cedars  
**7/31-8/1** 2008 Cox Golf Classic, Champions Club, Omaha

## AUGUST

**1-3** Webelos Camp, Camp Cedars  
**2** Kwahadi Dancers, Camp Cedars  
**4-7** Program Kick-Off at Roundtables  
**7-9** Webelos Camp, Camp Cedars  
**8** River Run, Waterloo, NE  
**8-9** Fun with Son, Camp Eagle  
**8-9** Habitat for Humanity build, Omaha  
**15-17** OA Summer Conclave, Camp Cedars  
**17** Wood Badge Reunion Dinner  
**22-23** NBZ Tribal Festival, Camp Cedars  
**22-24** Boji-Fest, Okobojo, IA  
**23** Metro Popcorn Training  
**25** Golf Tournament, Omaha Country Club  
**27** Maskenthine Bike Rally, Stanton, NE  
**30** Cub Scout Skating, Skate Daze, Omaha  
**30-31** Boy Scout Skating overnight, Skate Daze, Omaha

# Mazzuca, Gottschalk regarding the tragedy in Western Iowa

We are deeply saddened by the horrific impact of the devastating storms that tore through western Iowa June 11, 2008. To the families of those who were affected, we extend our deepest sympathies and concern. To the leaders, Scouts, and emergency personnel who responded so quickly and effectively, we extend our sincerest gratitude.

The National Council has pledged any and all resources available to offer help and support to the stricken area. At the same time, we are moved by and proud of the leadership of our local Scouting team. There is no question that this tragedy would have been worse if it were not for the heroic efforts of the Scouts who were on the ground when the tornado hit. Council Scout executive, Lloyd Roitstein and the staff and volunteers with the Mid-America Council have done an outstanding job of responding to

this crisis. Together, they epitomize the very best about being a Scout.

This tragedy has hit us all very personally. For BSA President John Gottschalk, it is particularly difficult because the Mid-America Council is his home council. Having been active in the council for many years and serving as its president, and as a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, John has close personal ties to this Scouting community. His heart goes out to his friends and colleagues.

We continue to keep all of those affected by this terrible storm in our thoughts and prayers. God bless our Scouts.

**Robert "Bob" J. Mazzuca,**  
Chief Scout Executive  
**John Gottschalk, President**  
National Council, Boy Scouts of America

# Boji Fest - bursting with family fun!

Experience nature, water activities, rock walls, and conservation with your family at Boji-Fest, August 22-24 in the Okobojo Great Lakes region of Iowa.

Friday, youth can participate in mini-golf, Frisbee golf, volleyball, mine-digging, gold sifting and more, courtesy of Ranch Okobojo Amusement Park. Saturday, family events kick-off at sunrise on West Lake Okobojo and surrounding waters with water skiing, tubing, scuba diving, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, fireboat tours and water conservation. Parks Marina is providing glass-bottom boat rides. On land, youth will have the opportunity to experience archery, BB guns, animal identification, nature hikes, rock walls, rockets, conservation and much more!

Boy Scouts and Venturers can participate in a triathlon, archery, first aid, rock walls, tomahawk throwing, shotgun shooting and more! Saturday night features entertainment for everyone at Horseshoe Bend and Arnold's Park Amusement Park.

Registration fees are children under 5 free; youth 6 to 20-years-old and adults are \$25. To register, contact Ken Converse at conversek@bv.u.edu or Deb Gochenour at rdscout@yahoo.com.

## Operation Purple, Helping Kids of Deployed Soldiers

The Mid-America Council partners with Easter Seals Nebraska to host a popular "Operation Purple" Summer Camp in 2008. "Operation Purple" will be held July 13-18 at Camp Eagle, near Fremont, NE.

The National Military Family Association (NMFA) developed this free summer camp program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed.

The Camp is also partnering with Offutt Air Force Base and military liaison, Master Sergeant Scott Crossman. Camps are free to all

eligible children thanks to a partnership with the Sierra Club Foundation and support from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

Registration for "Operation Purple" Camp will only be accepted online. Sign-up at [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org) to receive email notices and camp updates. Each camp is "purple" and open to children of service members of any branch of service, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, as well as children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

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