

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1

April Board Meeting - 6:15PM
Jaycees office

April 4-6

Home, Sport & Travel Show
Sanford Center

April 15

April General Membership Meeting - 6PM
Elks Lodge

April 17

Buzz Tour Webinar
U.S. Jaycees website - 8PM

May 6

April Board Meeting - 6:15PM
Jaycees office

May 9-11

Spring Convention

May 20

April General Membership Meeting - 6PM
Elks Lodge



Hello Jaycees!

It is time again for the Home, Sport and Travel Show! This year the show will take place April 4-6th at The Sanford Center. Registrations have been coming in for awhile so the planning for this project is well underway. We hope to exceed last year's number of vendors and are working hard to make that happen!

Speaking of working hard, we need a lot of Jaycees to provide manpower in many areas of the show. Curtain set up will take place on Wednesday April 2nd, and on Thursday we will need people to help check-in vendors for load-in. This will start at approximately 6 am. If neither of those strikes your fancy, here are some other options for you. If you are a Senator looking for something to do, please check with Leslie Heinonen as we're sure she could put you to work selling concessions. If you would like to help in the Membership Booth, please contact Membership VP Missy Malone. We will also need help all three days with checking-in of vendors, other various manpower assignments and load-out on Sunday.

Make sure to mark your calendars and help us make this year's show successful!

In Jaycee Pride,

Eva Fisher
2014 HST Co-Chair

Ryan Thomas
2014 HST Co-Chair

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings Jaycees!

There's a lot (like, I mean A STINKIN' LOT!) going on right now.

First off, the 37th Annual Home, Sport & Travel Show is upon us like the winter that will never die, but I read on the internet somewhere that if a lot of Jaycees come help out that summer will be just moments later, kinda like that groundhog bit, but much more believable. You're a Jaycee, you should come and put that old wive's tale to the test. On April 2, we'll be setting up pipe and drape. On April 3, we're moving in vendors all day. And the show itself commences April 4-6. There's lots to do and lots of help needed. There could even be a free donut or two in it for ya, if you're so inclined. Eva Fisher, my co-chair, has frankly done all the work, so thank you for making me look good and letting me take all the credit.

At the same time Water Carnival meetings have begun and in case you haven't heard, there are a lot of big changes afoot. We'll be needing a lot of help for that as well. And, of course, if you'd like to help plan it, we'd love to hear your input. Huge thanks to Twila Bolte for this enormous undertaking.

Meantime, we have all the regular rigamarole going on, too. So much so, I don't even know. It seems like every time I turn around there's another meeting or to-do or going on of some sort or another that I am getting to partake in.

It's awesome.

**In Jaycee Pride,
Ryan Thomas**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hello all,

I don't know about everyone else, but I am sure excited about the warmer weather on the horizon. With the warmer weather on the way, we have more community projects coming up. It's a great time to get involved. We have the Pitch, Hit and Run event coming up in May, the Sandbox fill coming in June, as well as the Grad Party and Relay for Life projects in the works. If you are interested in running a project, or want to help out please let us know. You can also check out everything the Bemidji Jaycees are up to by joining us at our general membership meeting held every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the Elk's Lodge at 6:30pm.

Levi Haar
Community Development VP

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

Hello all!

I have been enjoying running the icebreakers at the general membership meetings and I hope you have enjoyed them as well. I have several more in mind so keep on coming and I hope you will learn a little bit more about yourself each meeting. I would love to share with everyone the chance to grow as an individual as well as a Jaycee by completing your Passport to Civic Leadership. This will help you in achieving "maximum value from your Jaycee membership". I would love to help you in completing these levels or 'degrees' so please ask me! Another opportunity to assist you grow in the Jaycees are competitions at our conventions. So, if you like to write, speak, debate or trivia and are going to the convention, ask me how you can take part in these as well! With Convention right around the corner, competitions are coming up fast, so ask today! So, there you have it, a quick overview of things to look forward to. Hopefully everyone has adjusted to daylight savings time and as excited for this year as I am. Feel free to call if you have questions or concerns.

In Jaycee Pride,
Twila Bolte I.D.V.P

2014 4TH OF JULY WATER CARNIVAL



So, the work has begun! The Bemidji Jaycee's have started planning and working on the Fourth of July Water Carnival. I am excited to be your chairperson this year and I have some great sub chairs that have stepped up to help. I am in need of more to help cover a few areas so if you are interested, please let me know! No matter what your talent or area of interest, we can find a job for you! As we get closer, we will need even more help with set up, not to mention the Entertainment Tent and other projects so please, mark us on your calendar! We have a lot of new ideas and new activities lined up for this year, so we need all of the help we can get! This year's dates are July 2-6. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up and all of the support I have received so far. The Bemidji Jaycees are such a phenomenal organization; let's make this our best year yet!!

In Jaycee Pride,
Twila Bolte
2014 Water Carnival Chair

In Jaycee Pride

WELL DONE, JAYCEES!



On Friday, March 28, the Bemidji Jaycees donated \$3,669.50 to the Bemidji Soup Kitchen as part of the money raised from the Bemidji Jaycees BRRRmidji Plunge. From left: Bemidji Jaycees' BRRRmidji Plunge Co-chairs Sam Smith and Caren Smith, Soup Kitchen representative Patti Church and Bemidji Jaycees' President Ryan Thomas.



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BEMIDJI JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP

It's time to choose the recipients of the Bemidji Jaycees Scholarship! Our scholarship is administered through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NWMF), which is really convenient for us since they handle collecting all of the information and distributing the funds.

This is the sixth year that we will be awarding up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds to a student who is graduating a school that falls within the ISD #31 boundary area. To qualify, they must be planning to attend Bemidji State University, Northwest Technical College-Bemidji or Oak Hills Christian College starting in fall semester 2014.

At the committee's discretion, the full amount may be awarded to one applicant or up to \$500 each to two selected applicants. Recipient winners will then be announced and recognized during their respective school's awards ceremonies.

Criteria for application are as follows:

- 2014 Graduating Senior from Bemidji area secondary schools including ISD 31, TrekNorth, and Voyageurs Expeditionary High School
- Copy of acceptance letter from Bemidji State University, Northwest Technical College-Bemidji or Oak Hills College
- Two letters of recommendation
 1. One from a teacher or school counselor
 2. One from volunteer director
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Copy of their High School Transcript

The award check will be issued to the educational institution for the student after the Northwest Minnesota Foundation has been presented with BOTH a transcript of first semester/quarter grades showing a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a tuition bill or class schedule for second semester.

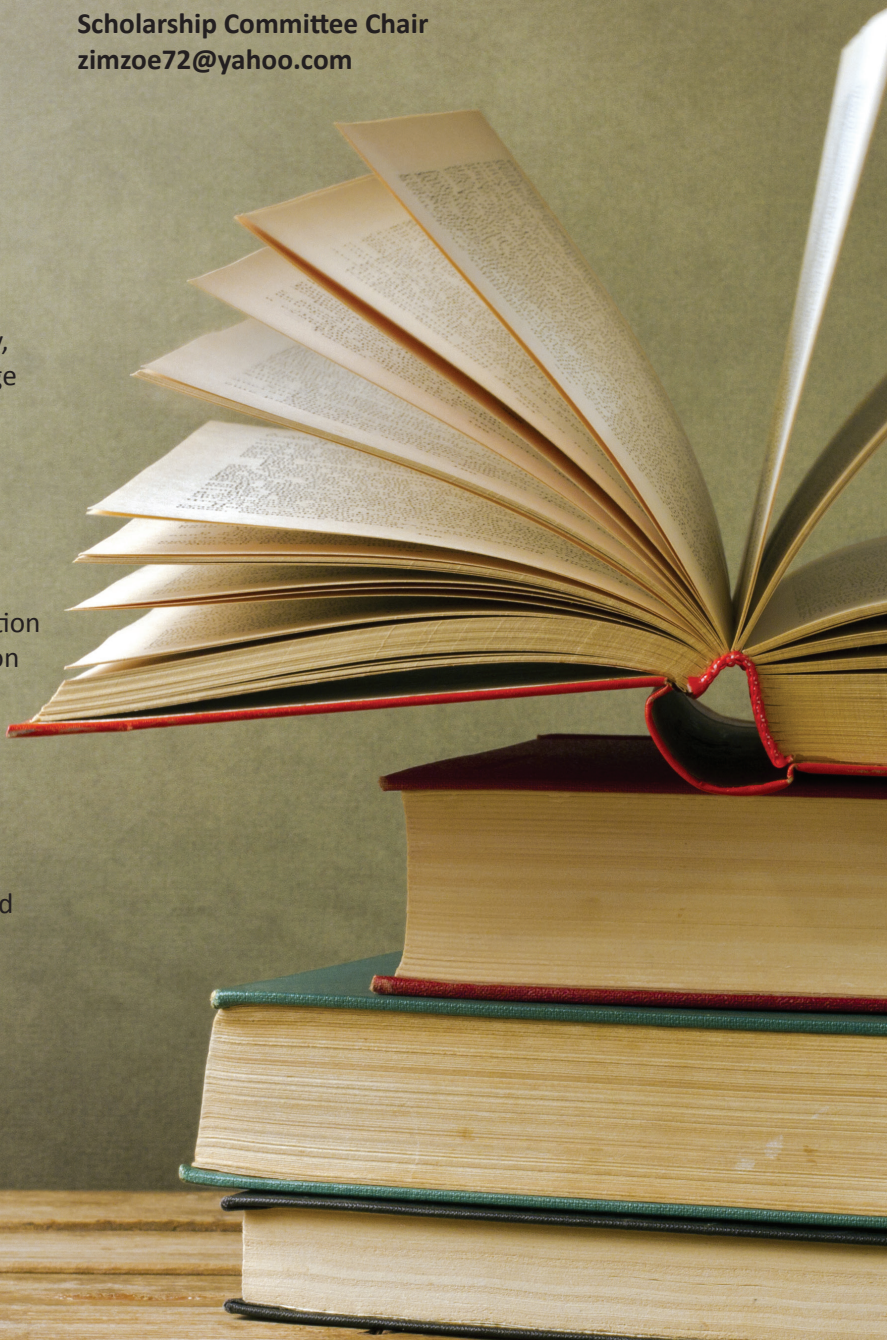
On the application they must answer the following questions:

- List any special honors or awards that you have received
- Describe school or other activities in which you have demonstrated leadership and strength of character
- List any community service projects or volunteer work you have been involved in and include specific details on what your involvement was
- Why do you feel community involvement is important to you?

The scholarship committee does not meet in person and we do everything by email to select the recipient. If you were not in attendance at the general membership meeting on February 18 and you would like to participate on this committee please contact me by email or Facebook. I will be sending the completed applications out to the committee by April 1. We have to have the names of our selected recipient(s) turned into the NWMF by April 13.

If you know of a graduating student that may be interested in applying you may contact me for the application to send to them as well.

Char Blashill
Scholarship Committee Chair
zimzoe72@yahoo.com



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WE BELIEVE:

That faith in God gives meaning
and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man tran-
scends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best
be won by free men through free
enterprise;

That government should be of
laws rather than men;

That earth's greatest treasure lies
in human personality;

And that service to humanity is
the best work of life.

- C. William Brownfield



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