

# Tribe's Drug Task Force needs Unit IV youth



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During the month of December, I spent 138 hours combined on the road and attending meetings, this time does not include constituent phone calls, emails, or reading material.

December is a busy time for Unit IV reps. We held our two

community Christmas parties in Escanaba with 148 children and their families attending and Manistique served 306 children and their families this year. The Marquette elders put on their Christmas party this year at NMU with 30-plus children and their families attending.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make these events a success! Director Chase and I also attended the Elder Christmas dinners in Manistique and Escanaba, both had a fantastic turnout this year.

Due to a schedule conflict myself and Director Chase were unable to attend the Marquette Elder Christmas dinner; we heard it also had a great turnout.

Director Chase and I are on the Sault Tribe Drug Task Force and we are seeking a tribal youth from the community to be the voice for the tribal youth in the Unit IV area. We know drugs

and alcohol are a problem in all areas we need your input to help find solutions to these big issues.

If you have a child or grandchild that is interested in joining the task force please have them contact Director Chase at (906) 322-3819 or myself at my contact information below. In the near future, the task force will be holding focus groups and community forums in all units, so please attend so we can have all the communities' input. We will advertise these events in advance or you can contact myself or Director Chase to get any info.

## RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS

I made a motion to utilize the income \$34,070 from the cellular tower leases to put back in place the Youth Sports sponsorship program that was eliminated in 2008. This was approved by the whole board. To utilize this program, you can contact Jessica Dumback at the Sault Big Bear (906) 635-

4782.

On June 12, 2012, a motion was made regarding the Fisherman's Trust Fund to identify the priorities for the fund, which are access sites, emergency equipment, treaty rights, and marketing of the fish. The motion carried unanimously.

The board approved a resolution to purchase standard survival suits estimated at \$260 a piece for approximately 95 eligible captains or helpers with the expenditure not to exceed \$24,700 for Sault Tribe commercial fishers from the Fisherman's Trust Fund.

The board approved a Youth Mentoring program with the greatest goal of the program is to assist tribal members in teaching our youth the importance of protecting and respecting our natural resources and the program will allow children 9 years old and below to hunt small game, turkey and deer; trap furbearers;

fish all species; and gather under Sault Tribe regulations under the tutelage of a qualified adult. After two years in the Youth Mentoring program, youth are required to take a hunter's safety course.

Myself and Director Chase have been trying to set up office hours throughout Unit IV. Currently our schedule changes weekly and sometimes daily so it has been a challenge to set dates and times up that do not conflict with the board schedule we currently are working off from. We are hopeful that next month we will have a concrete schedule with our office hours set up.

Please feel free to contact me any time.

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