

Notes from Northern Lights District Meeting, February 28, 2006

OPENING - Thank you Frank Noonan

Page 18 of recent Navigator posted a different calendar other than Northern Lights District. Please refer the website for activities info.

ACTIVITIES -

Pinewood Derby - Saturday, March 4, Brookdale Shopping Center. Registration starts at noon for Tigers.

Star Fun - at Valley Fair May 20, 2006. \$20/person. Open to Scouts and their families. Valley Fair will not yet be open to the public, so this is a unique opportunity. Registration is by UNIT. No individual registrations. THIS IS A UNIFORMED EVENT.

ADVANCEMENT -

Merit Badge Madness this Saturday March 4. 8:00 - 2:30.

CAMPING -

Units may be grandfathered into their favorite camping spot for long term summer camp. This is NEW for Many Point 2007, Tomahawk has always had this option.

CUB SCOUT CAMPING -

Day Camps - still working on whether or not our District will conduct their own Day Camps this summer.

OA -

March 11, Winter Event, Earle Brown Center and Brooklyn Center High School.
March 19 - Chapter Dinner - Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church, 6:30 PM registration.
\$5.00 person, bring the entire family!

25% of units say they have no eligible candidates. This is a sad commentary on what the units are doing.

FOS -

Less than half - about 45% - of the families with a youth in Scouts give to FOS. The FOS program helps pay for some of the activities the boys participate in, and for some equipment & materials. EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW what it is all about, EVERYONE should participate.

MEMBERSHIP -

Looking for community events to establish booths to educate the public on Scouting.

“Join Scouting Night” will have a new name, and will be extended to a two-week period instead of just one night.

March 12, Webelos Crossover Ceremony, 1:00 to 4:00, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Maple Grove. Order of the Arrow Ceremonial Team will be there for a formal ceremony. Mike Larson is doing a great job of planning activities for the boys so that they will be well on their way to their first couple of ranks as a Boy Scout.

TRAINING - Bea

This Thursday at RoundTable we will see the FIRST ever New Leader Essentials conducted at a RoundTable. It couldn't be easier to complete your first training session!

Boy Scout Specific Training - four Tuesdays, March 21, 28, April 4 & 18.

April 25 - Youth Protection Training.

WOODBADGE

Registrations are being accepted for both the Spring and next Fall courses. Consideration being given to a local (closer than Northern Tier) WINTER course.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEM -

Will have a display at Pinewood Derby, and hopefully at other events, to educate youth and parents about the program.

WEBMASTER

Get info to Doug anything that you want disseminated to the members at large.

Sign up to be on the email list!!!! Reach Doug at: farmer.doug@comcast.net

Navigate at <http://roundtable.northernstarbsa.org>

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Unit Health Report: What's happening to membership?

Task force to investigate membership reductions, what is cause? Results:

Image - enhancing our image to boys both IN and OUTside the program. Showcase the wide range of activities we offer.

Program - getting units on board with the program, how to make it more appealing to get people involved.

Demographics - should work itself out when the first two are.

STAFF CHANGES -

Good news! We will have a new District Director - Nate

Sad news. Matt Mamura will be leaving us for another District. Matt, you fit so well so quickly in our District, we will surely miss you! We thank you most sincerely for the time, effort and passion you give to Scouting, and wish you the very best in your new position!

NEXT MEETING – March 4th.