

## **Notes from Northern Lights District Meeting, May 2, 2006**

### **OPENING -**

Opportunity to be in and clean up after the Tater Daze Parade. Also may have a booth at carnival/event itself, to sell water and promote Scouting

### **ACTIVITIES -**

Spring Camporee - this weekend, May 5-6 at Stearns. Twelve events have five troops running them. Survivor theme.

Steak Fry - June 6. Oak Grove Park, North building, 101<sup>st</sup> & Douglas. (Zane turns into Douglas.) Gathering 6:00. Cost to be determined..

Cub Annapolis - may tie in with Day Camp.

Day Camp - 3 one day camps June 19, July 17 and Aug 14. Cost \$16.00, will get shirt, water bottle, patch. 8:00 - 4:30. One in each location of Brooklyn Park, Crystal and Maple Grove. Delivered to five food shelves.

### **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

Collected 33,456 pounds of food, which was delivered to five food shelves.

### **ADVANCEMENT -**

Check the website for new Eagle Scouts!

Commissioners, check out Joyce's Advancement report as it relates to your units.

Training for Advancement Chairs for "Online Advancement" will be at a future RoundTable.

### **CAMPING -**

Boy Scout Camping - To date 40 units going to long term camps, 34 to Many Point and 6 to Tomahawk.

Cub Scout Camping - 33 out of 44 Packs will do some kind of camping this summer, which would include Day Camps.

Many Point Scout Camp will be featured in an upcoming Boys Life or Scouting Magazine - watch for that!

### **OA -**

Elections are complete. 91 Ordeal candidates were elected, with six nominations for adults.

### **FOS –**

FAMILY - We have surpassed our goal of last year, but our goal is higher this year, so we are short. The goal has changed several times throughout the campaign.

Structure of the Council FOS committee is being revised. Possible changes at the District level will be implemented also.

COMMUNITY is also under goal.

## **VENTURING**

Check the website for several high adventure activities, including a Kodiak Course in October.

## **TRAINING - Bea**

Twenty Scouters completed their Boy Scout Leader Training by participating in the Outdoor Weekend.

Cub Leader trained 27 Cub Leaders in various Pack positions.

## **WOODBADGE**

Spring course starts this weekend. Still openings for the Fall course. This winter will see the first winter course of our Council.

## **RELIGIOUS EMBLEM -**

Still looking at an activity to gather all interested Scouts at one point to kick

## **WEBMASTER**

Our website is getting about 40 hits a day. There are 335 pages to the site. Please take the survey. This will let the Webmaster know if we are putting out information that is useful to you. Navigate at <http://roundtable.northernstarbsa.org>

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](mailto:farmer.doug@comcast.net)

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Follow-up to District Unit Health report: We need to raise the public image of Scouting. Northern Star Council was present at Midwest Mountaineering's Outdoor Expo, and it was good exposure. Many positive comments from visitors.

## **DE Comments**

Fall membership drive - Join Scouting Night - will be round up over a two week period of time. Units will have volunteers other than Scouters to talk about the program. Will take 60 people to execute this recruitment event. Will have 35,000 yard signs. One will be mailed to each registered Cub Scout family. A Cub Scout who signs up will receive a T-Shirt with Council events printed on the back. (To be presented at a Pack Meeting.)

As a district, we are down over 600 youth from last year.

Camp fees are going up. District events will be \$3.00 per youth higher than previous years. Also, because the District will be billed three months in advance, some changes will be implemented, such as a \$25.00 non refundable deposit will be charged upon sign-up for an activity.

## **NEXT MEETING – the Steak Fry!!**