

Notes from Northern Lights District Meeting, October 31, 2006

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVANCEMENT -

Still working on location for Merit Badge Madness

NEED MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS!! Remember, Merit Badge Counselors MUST BE REGISTERED AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR with the District. Call Joyce Wilson for more information

CAMPING -

Big changes in Cub Camping Program! Will have dining shelter so boys will have more time for activities.

Fourth Grade Webelos camp will now be a family camp.

Summer day camps are being phased out as a Council. There will be more fall and winter activities.

The goals are to have more opportunities for more boys to participate in more activities and closer to where they live.

FINANCE -

Greg Norman has accepted position of Finance Chair. He has a solid background in Finance and will be a tremendous asset to our district. Welcome Greg!!

Please let us know if you are interested in doing a FOS presentation. If a unit wants to do their own FOS campaign, they must send a person to FOS training in December.

MEMBERSHIP -

Webelos leaders should be familiar with the Boy Scout program in order to provide as much information as possible to the boys in their dens. They seem to be a key factor in the success of Membership.

TRAINING -

New Leader Essentials at the Oct 5 RoundTable trained 53 Scouters.

Cub Leader Specific Training on Oct 10 trained 25 new leaders

Boy Scout Leader Specific Outdoor Weekend will be Oct. 21-22

Pow Wow - University of Scouting on Oct 28 trained 750 people

UPCOMING

College of Commissioner Science - Dec 2

New Leader Essentials - January 4 Round Table

Cub Leader Specific - Jan 18

Woodbadge

Winter Course = Feb 16-18 and March 9-11

Spring Course = April 20-22 and May 18-20

Round Table - First Thursday of every month. The staff will attempt better control of "announcements". Each person will have a maximum of three minutes, with a maximum time allowance of 15 minutes for announcements as a whole.

To be on the schedule or to have someone else make your announcement, contact Bob B at: 763-535-3655.

Social time is 7:00 to 7:30. We respectfully request members moving to the Boy Scout Breakout to do it quickly.

OA

Fall Fellowship will be Friday to Saturday, November 10 - 11. Numerous pieces of information have been circulated about this event which includes an overnight - ALL NIGHT - of swimming and many other fun activities! It is one of two annual events our Lodge offers.

DISTRICT CHAIR COMMENTS -

Previously suggested idea of changing District name has met with little interest. In addition, The Council frowns on it primarily due to the myriad of paperwork both locally and nationally that would be involved.

Another previously suggested idea of changing the location of the District Meetings is still under investigation.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE WORKSHOP = Saturday, Jan 20

Review responsibilities, long range planning. Be trained in the position we are currently in.

Check out this mapping project with respect to unit meeting locations and times: www.frappier.com/northernlightsdistrict. George would like feedback.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Membership numbers are down from 2005. The council is down 3000 members, and our district is down 500 members (14 units)

NEXT MEETING – December 5, 7:00 PM