

DISTRICT MEETING December 4, 2007

DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL REMARKS

Spring Popcorn Sales coming up. **NEW THIS YEAR – MORE MONEY TO UNITS!** Prizes will be eliminated to allow for the increase to units. Details to follow. Considering a ‘Santa Road Trip’ for community good will. Santa would visit different communities.

A District Committee Workshop would allow us to develop our mission for the next year, as well as our short term and long term strategic planning and calendar development. This would not be ‘training’, as training is offered at University of Scouting. We would meet for four hours on Saturday, January 19 at the West Council Office, starting promptly at 8:30. Lunch will be provided.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Activities

Expo Planning Committee has been putting in many hours, and are meeting again in order to execute a phenomenal program.
Spring Camporee is looking for organizers and managers.

Advancement

Eagle Preview in February.
Merit Badge Madness date to be determined. It will NOT be at Hennepin Technical College. We need to remind the boys that they are Scouts first, and should show appropriate respect for any facility we might use.
Rank advancement changes for first few ranks of Boy Scouts will be announced soon.

Camping

We are in need of a District Cub Scout Camping Chair.
There is an Individual Scout/Scouter Camping Award for 100, 250, 500 or 1000 days/nights of camping.
Randy distributed the 2007 Resident Camp Attendance Report. An interesting observation is that Councilwide, only 61% of our Boy Scouts attended a long term camp.

OA

Fall Fellowship showed 10% increase over last year with 340 in attendance – 20 to 25 people were from our district.
Lodge Leadership Development is this weekend at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Brooklyn Park. A good opportunity for any youth (or adult) interested in learning more about the OA to do so. For details email our Webmaster Doug.
Arrow Corps Five registration deadline coming up – consider it!
Elections need to be completed by mid April.

Website

Doug can design an interactive survey for anything you want!!
Commissioner listings have been straightened out. We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced due to mixed up information.

Finance

Family Friends of Scouting is kicking off with some presentations this week.

Membership

NEEDED: Den Chiefs!! We will provide training. This is an excellent opportunity for boys to gain leadership experience!

Training

New Leader Essentials - Thurs January 3 at Roundtable.
Cub Leader Specific - Tues January 15

Unit Commissioners

Emphasis right now is Centennial (Quality Unit) Award. We have 15 units without commissioners that should have a presentation about this opportunity.

Next District Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2008.