

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT MEETING NOTES

November 4, 2008

DISTRICT EXEC NEWS

Two new Packs....YEA!!!

District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver nominations due end of December. Silver Beaver noms should go to the Council, and Bruce Cary is chairing the Dist Award of Merit committee.

NEW!! Check out the opportunity for Internet Advancements! Watch for more details.

Scout Shop will be set up at our December RoundTable

OPERATING COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES

Look forward to Star Fun 2009! It will be Friday and Saturday night camping.

Watch for more details.

Kyle Wetzel volunteered to be Cub Activities Chair

Still need District Dinner Chair.

Scouting for Food – there are huge areas of our District that are not covered yet.

We were first in the Council last year, and will be challenged this year to hold that title. Also, we need to increase visibility in our communities; that will help build membership.

Expo – February 21, 2009 at Brookdale. The Committee is interested in borrowing some of the presentations that were done at Wood Badge (the Patrol Projects). These would make great displays for the Expo.

ADVANCEMENT

Eagle Preview saw 40+ people at the Brookdale Library. Lots of good questions meant lots of learning and good ideas.

Check out the Advancement break-out sessions at the Roundtables.

Merit Badge Counselor Training is minimal in time, but extremely important in effect. Look for that at February Roundtable.

March 14, Merit Badge Madness – may need offsite locations to accommodate more merit badges. Possibly Crystal Airport and Crystal Police Dept locations.

CAMPING

Effective January, all camp fees for Council camps will be raised. Costs have not been increased for over four years, and they need to be able to keep up with rising costs of maintaining the camps and providing camp programs.

DEVELOPMENT

FOS for 2008 is \$1500 short for Family.

For Community – we are looking for potential business donors to give small (or substantial) amounts. Send any ideas you have to Chip Chapin or anyone on the District Committee.

Popcorn – fewer units are selling this year than last year.

OPPORTUNITY to be an FOS Presenter!! It's a valuable service, and requires a very small amount of time!

MEMBERSHIP

Join this all important committee! Check it out and see what they do.

TRAINING

Recently completed training for 43 Cub Leaders; also for 15 Boy Scout Leaders, four of those from outside Northern Lights District

Upcoming:

Chartered Organization Rep Training at Nov Roundtable

Wood Badge – Leaders desiring to go to the National Jamboree need to have completed WB For The 21st Century.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Seven Vigil candidates received the Vigil honor in October at the Conclave at Rum River.

Fall Fellowship will be November 14. It's an all-nighter for kids, who can stay until 5AM. Adults, join the fellowship from 8-10 PM if you don't want to stay overnight. LOTS for kids to do...LOTS of fun!!!

Ranger Bob is Retiring after 25+ years at Rum River. Our chapter is putting together a memory book of Rum River for him. Anyone that has photos or memories of activities at Rum River, please gather them. Get them to Bob Zeman or Doug Farmer or Brian Northrup.

UNIT COMMISSIONERS

Working on Centennial Quality Unit Awards.

DISTRICT CHAIR COMMENTS

Exploration is being done on re-districting to avoid overlap in some districts. Consideration is being given to school district boundaries and public transportation among other things.

Discussion around the value of Rum River, potential sale of the property, being fiscally responsible at the same time offering the best programs to the greatest amount of youth

NEXT MEETING: December 2