

HOORAY!!!! Kudos to all the volunteers in our district!!!
Because... **NLD is a Quality District**

We have tremendous momentum right now in our District! We want to keep that momentum and continue to grow the program we offer our youth. Take note of the following opportunities:

- Activities Chair
- Assistant to the Camping Chair
- District Commissioner
- Nominating Committee Chair

A good committee chair is a good delegator, in addition to being organized. The more you can delegate, the more fun you have in the role! Check out what the responsibilities are for these positions, and think of the people you know. If you have any ideas of a person who might be interested or uniquely qualified for one of these positions, please let us know.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVANCEMENT

Merit Badge Madness is well organized and ready for registration! A tremendous amount of work went into planning the many opportunities for the boys to participate in advancement opportunities. It will be held on March 14, 8am – 2:30 pm at various locations. The location depends on the merit badge offered. This multi location venue allows us to offer a good variety of merit badges, and provides the best facilities in which to earn that badge. Space is limited so register early! Registrations will be dated upon arrival and filled on a 'first come-first served' basis.

ROUNDTABLE

Boy Scout theme will be "Encouraging OA at the Unit level".
Cub Scouts theme will be "Internet Advancement"

ACTIVITIES

Scout Expo – So far we have only established displays of a Bean Bag Toss, Religious emblems, and Girl Scouts. Only the Bean Bag toss would be conducted by the youth of our District. Due to the lack of participation by the remainder of the units in our district, and the poor traffic at Brookdale Shopping Center at this time, it will be best to not host an Expo this year.

Ice Fishing Contest is organized, details to be announced.

Klondike Derby is organized, details to be announced.

Camporee – still need a chair. Star Fun is the following weekend, so there is a concern about attendance at Camporee.

District Dinner – Feb 10, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale. Steve Stobbs will emcee again, and Brian Northrup will again create a fantastic slide show. Be sure to check the District Website for recipients of the following awards: Veteran Scouter Award, Outstanding Scoutmaster Award, Outstanding CubMaster Award and District Award of Merit.

Webelos Experience (which will be in September) steering committee is meeting this week. Good thinking to start planning nine months out!

Pinewood Derby – the chair is looking for an assistant. A great opportunity to be involved, but not be in charge! The date is being considered.

TRAINING

Cub Leader Basic Training on January 22nd

Boy Scout Leader Basic Training starts in March – will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale.

Wood Badge course starting in February is full and there is a waiting list. That's how popular the course is, and rightly so! Check out opportunities for the Fall course – it will be time extremely well spent!!

Wood Badge Breakfast will be Saturday, January 24 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie

CAMPING

Check out the **Camping Corner** on the District Website. You'll find ideas for local camping opportunities, among much other information

COMMISSIONERS

Working hard to get the Unit Charters in.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Our Chapter will host a Scoutmaster's dinner on Tuesday the 13th. This is a great opportunity for Scoutmasters to learn more about exactly what the OA is, and how it can complement their troop activities. There is no charge to the Scoutmaster or Troop Representative.