

## **OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADVANCEMENT**

Merit Badge Counselor training will be held at RoundTable this Thursday.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

The Boy Scout breakout will have a presentation on TroopMaster. A committee of people is looking at revamping Cub Scout breakouts in such a way that generates new energy into that group.

### **ACTIVITIES**

**Webelos Woods** this past weekend was an amazing event!! The catapults were fabulous fun. Ask someone who attended about the flour bombs. We learned some things that will help it be even better next year.

**Star Fun** registration is down. Attendance needs to be 12,000 to break even, and we have 6000 registered right now. This could be a huge cost to the Council. Be sure to register your group NOW. Make the commitment for this great FAMILY event that has proved to be tremendous fun for Scouts, Scouters, and their families!

### **Camporee**

Don Peterson is the chair. The theme will be: CSI Law Enforcement

### **Webelos Transition**

Last year was 60%. So far we are at 50% for this year.

### **Webelos Experience**

We need contact people and anticipated attendance for each unit.

### **Cub Annapolis**

Will be more of a family picnic activity this year.

**District Steak Fry** will be June 2. Watch the website for more information.

### **TRAINING**

Twenty Boy Scout and 39 Cub Scout leaders, plus 12 Committee members have recently been trained. In addition to these people, Troops 405 and 575 have or will host their own Committee Training sessions. This opportunity for Committee training at the unit level is available to units with attendance of at least 12 people. (There is no maximum number of attendees. Yet. It's OK if you take that as a challenge!)

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## **POPCORN**

Our District saw a \$3500 increase over last year even though fewer units participated. Congratulations to all the Scouts who earned money to help pay for the activities they want to participate in over the coming months!!

## **CAMPING**

There is a new Council firewood policy due to potential pests that would be harmful to camp vegetation. You may no longer bring firewood into Council Camps. This includes Pioneering Poles. The exception is wood that it is dry and debarked.

The Rum River COPE course is in the process of being dismantled, and pieces to be used to build a new high course at Stearns.

There is a potential for a Ham Radio Tower to be built at Stearns as a trial. If it is popular, a similar tower will be added to other Council camps.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

First weekend in June will be a Day of Service. More info to follow.

NOAC will be in Bloomington, IN. The cost will only be \$395 for an entire WEEK including transportation, food and lodging. Think about joining us for this fun event!

## **Rechartering News**

We lost 8 units overall.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

John Olson has served admirably for three years now. We are grateful for his service, and wish him a happy rest! At the same time, we welcome Chris Sandberg as our new District Committee Chair. We offer Chris our best wishes and support as he acclimates to his new role. Thank you, Chris, for saying "yes"!!