

Northern Lights District Committee Meeting

February 2, 2010

DEVELOPMENT

Popcorn – three units still to pay. Overall we did better than last year.

Spring popcorn sales coming up in moth of March!!

Popcorn training at RoundTable. This will help unit representatives have an EASY time helping their unit!! PLUS, units that send someone to training EARN AN EXTRA 5%!!!!

Call nights for FOS will offer pizza and pop. Come join your friends in this all important activity that helps our District and our Council.

CAMPING

April 10 9AM, Campmaster Training at Stearns.

STARCAMP May 21 – 23, 2010

Superevent of the century, to celebrate the centennial of Boy Scouting in North America. This will be an event for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. It will feature outstanding program, including multiple action areas, exhibits, special events, great shows and more!! Troops and Crews can camp for the full weekend, while Cub Scouts and visitors can come up for the fun on Saturday, May 22. Visit www.NorthernStarBSA.org/StarCamp for more details.

STARCAMP LOCATION CHANGE from Arden Hills to Stearns. This will afford more opportunities for activities than the Arden Hills loc would have. Among these additional activities are Shooting Sports.

Another advantage is that the COST per person IS LOWER! This will not be just the 'same ol' Stearns'. This will be **the biggest event that Stearns has ever seen!!**

Cub residence camp orientation will be at RoundTable in April This will allow unit members and leaders to learn what resident camp is all about. Other districts are registering for space at camp, so we need to get our resident camp registrations in so that we can reserve activity space. REGISTER ASAP!

TRAINING

Cub and Boy Scout Leader this spring. We increased our training over last year.

EVERY YOUTH DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER!

Merit Badge Counselor Training at March Round Table. Join this important group of people in helping our boys to advance. Advancement is one of the “Aims and Methods” of Scouting. (If you’re unclear about what that means, check the District or Council website for one of the many training opportunities that will help you learn more about it!!)

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Elections are in process now.

Scoutmaster dinner went very well. This is a FREE dinner for Scoutmasters to learn more about the OA and how membership in the order can enhance and work in conjunction with the troop activities. If your Scoutmaster, or a representative, was not able to attend this year, plan to send someone next year!

ADVANCEMENT

Merit Badge Madness is about half filled, so make sure you get your registrations in so that your scouts are able to work on the merit badge(s) of their choice!!

Northern Star Council had 781 Eagles in 2009, 57 were from Northern Lights District. The numbers for all scouts over the past three years are as follows:

70% advanced in 2007; 73% advanced in 2008; 74.5% advanced in 2009

ACTIVITIES

Scouting For Food is baaaaack! April 24 is the date. Since that is the same date as the District Pinewood Derby, the Derby will be later in the afternoon. As you might guess, the food must be picked up early in the day so that must happen in the morning. Make it a great day of scouting activities!!