

Northern Lights District Committee Meeting

March 2, 2010

COMMISSISONERS

Opportunities exist for Unit Commissioner positions. The time commitment of this is less than that of a Unit Leader! It's a great way to stay involved in the Scouting Program, to contribute to community, all at just a few hours a month!!

ACTIVITIES

WEBELOS CROSSOVER – LDS Church, Brooklyn Park

March 20. Breakout sessions for Scouts and Parents. Parents can participate in – and complete – Fast Start Training at this event.

PINEWOOD DERBY – April 17 at Luther Brookdale Auto Dealership. Possibility of having Channel 12 do a live feed...it's being negotiated! Luther is offering some prizes as well....THANK YOU LUTHER AUTO!!

ADVANCEMENT

Merit Badge Madness is ready to go! The patches are in and the rosters are out.

Merit Badge Counselor training will be offered at Round Table this Thursday.

Eight out of 38 Packs have registered for resident camps. This means that only 77 Scouts will engage in this activity. Last year attendance was 373.

CAMPING

STARCAMP Superevent of the century! May 21 – 23, 2010

Registration is open online now. Join your fellow Scouts and Scouters from around the Council – and the State - to celebrate the centennial of Boy Scouting in North America. This is 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!! 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!!

Registration for Polar Cubs is 57 youth, 34 adults.

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 IN ASAP!

TRAINING

Check out the Training table at Round Table. It will show the training status of all registered adult leaders. There will also be information about upcoming opportunities. As an example: Only 68.8 % of our Scoutmasters are trained. This means that hundreds of boys are being "led" by someone that has not been through the training that allows the program to accomplish its goals.

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER! Parents and Committee Members can help ensure the leader that works with their youth is properly trained in the Aims and Methods of Scouting. They can do this by encouragement, and maybe offering to take over one meeting or one activity so that the leader can participate in some of the many learning opportunities offered.