

Northern Lights District Committee Meeting  
April (March 30) 2010

**WEBELOS CROSSOVER**

Cancelled due to lack of registrations. The District had eight speakers/presenters prepared to help boys earn their Tenderfoot badge, and help parents learn how Boy Scouts differs from Cub Scouts. After discussion around the value of the time put into the program compared to the results, it was determined that the basis for the failure of Webelos crossing over is due to the lack of knowledge, understanding or willingness of some Webelos leaders.

**PINEWOOD DERBY**

This will be the best Pinewood Derby our District has ever seen!!!! It will be held at Brookdale Luther Auto. Some of what you will see are: Channel 12 broadcasting, huge projection screen, a fabulous track, drivers' licenses issued, games, puzzles.

**STAR CAMP**

Plans are progressing very well. Check out the website for more details on this once in a lifetime event celebrating the centennial of Boy Scouting in America!

**MERIT BADAGE MADNESS**

245 Scouts participated in Merit Badge Madness. Photos will be uploaded to the website, so check it out!

**Spring eagle preview** – April 8. Learn how to make the transition and process a smooth one for both youth and parents. Open to all Scouts, but especially designed for Star and Life Scouts and parents.

**CUB SCOUT LEADER ORIENTATION FOR RESIDENT CAMPS** will be offered at RoundTable on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup>. This will ultimately allow more Cub Scouts to attend camp. When leaders understand what camp is all about, they can take that information back to the Packs and allow youth/parents to make informed decisions on whether to attend. So far only ten units have committed to resident camp. That means a LOT of boys will be missing out on this fun opportunity to experience much of what Boy Scouting is all about. These units attended last year, but have so far not signed up for this year: Packs 84, 299, 329, 442, 454, 531, 533, 584, 684, 761.

**Campmaster Inservice** will be held April 10 at Stearns. This informative session will make it easy for volunteers to help units to utilize the resources of our Council camps on weekends.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Troops and crews that have not rechartered yet (there are SEVEN of them) will be dropped from the Council roster. We are only retaining about 80% of our Scouts, and have transitioned 50 of the 200 potential Webelos Scouts into Boy Scouts.

**VENTURE LEADER TRAINING** may be offered at the same time as the Boy Scout Adult Outdoor Weekend training. Watch or call the Council office for more details. The date will be April 17, at Rum River. The Venture Leaders would participate in a four hour training, finishing by noon.

Training will be offered for **Chaplain's Aids** during May Round Table. This is a unique opportunity!

**BALOO and OWLS** training will be offered on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Chartered Organization Reps** have the opportunity to attend training/orientation to help them make their own jobs easier! This will be an upcoming Round Table as well.

Dave Purdham is heading up the Nominating Committee. If you have ideas of someone that might be a good candidate to help on a committee of any kind, let Dave know, or contact any of the members of the District Committee. (See this District Website for contact info.) We are in need of a **District Chair and a Boy Scout Camping Chair.**