

NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT

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March 2010

- 4 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45pm
- 11 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 18 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 pm
- 18 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

April 2010

- 8 Roundtable/OA, Salem United Methodist Church, 6:45pm
- 8 Eagle Board, Eykamp Scout Center, 6:30pm
- 15 District Commissioners Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 6 pm
- 15 District Committee Meeting, Eykamp Scout Center, 7pm

District Recognition Dinner a Resounding Success!!

Thanks to **Mark Miller** for putting a great District Recognition Dinner together. There was good food and great fellowship, with music provided by the Troop 352 Praise Band. It was also a time to honor deserving leaders with district awards for 2009.

District Award of Merit Recipients

Michelle Land Harris, Paul Wagner, Tim Weisling

Scouting Spirit Award Recipients

Jason Eich, Sooz Scheller, Darcy Clark, Teona Bender, Jason Willem, Becky Toothman, Steve Myers, Kim York, Kevin Steele, Aaron Mann, Michelle Fulton, Michelle Dillon, Brian & Julie Reynolds, Michele Donovan, Dwight Slaton, Darrell Hess, Greg Seibert, Elaine Morris, Richard Carter, Evelyn Elaine Delap, Meena Mundle, Daphne Owen, Stan Lindauer, Tonya Binney, Mitch Wagner

Congratulations for a job well done!

Family Friends of Scouting

Native Trails District is on the way to another successful Friends of Scouting year in 2010, thanks to our caring families and community leaders! Thank you for supporting the Scouting Movement in our area with your generous gifts.

If you have not yet scheduled your unit's FOS presentation, please contact **Anthony**. Don't forget, the Free Rank program has changed and can only be achieved by surpassing your unit's Friends of Scouting goal.

If you have questions, contact FOS Chairman **Beth Delano** at 457.6463 or **Anthony McGuire** at 812.423.5246x214.

Roundtable Date Change in April

Roundtable offers program related training, the latest Scouting news and announcements, and time to meet and share with other Scouting volunteers across the District. We need you there to share ideas so that other units can improve their program.

Roundtables usually meet on the first Thursday of the month at Salem United Methodist Church, from 6:45-8:30pm. In April Roundtable will be on the second Thursday due to Holy Thursday on April 1. Come join us!

Scoutmasters should encourage and/or bring the OA members in their unit to the Roundtable Chapter meeting.

March Topics

Boy Scouts: Leadership
Cub Scouts: Spring into Action
Cub Scout Leader Specific Training:
Cubmaster

April Topics

Boy Scouts: Special
Cooking with a cooking
competition in the areas of Dutch
Oven, Foil, and No Utensils
Cub Scouts: In the Spotlight
Cub Scout Leader Specific Training:
Pack Trainer

2010 Merit Badge University & Basic and Supplemental Training Saturday, February 13, 2010 University of Southern Indiana

The 2010 Merit Badge University had over 570 Scouts take one of 22 different merit badges! Merit Badges included Aviation, Chemistry, First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Public Speaking, Computers, Dentistry, Drama, Engineering, Emergency Preparedness, Law, Journalism, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Nuclear Science, Plumbing, Radio, Weather, and Wood Carving. Thanks to all the adult leaders who helped supervise. Thanks also to our counselors who taught these merit badges.

In addition, we had more than 150 leaders take Scoutmaster 1, 2, & 3, Commissioner Basic, Troop Committee, Charter Organization Representative, Venturing Leader Basic, Youth Protection, This is Scouting and BALOO. We also had numerous leaders participate in the Life to Eagle and Risk Management seminars.

A BIG THANKS to **Paul Wagner** and his committee for all their hard work on the Merit Badge University again this year, and to District Training Chair **Pat Brenner** and his group of trainers for their dedication to Scouting.

Native Trails Pirates Day Camp

June 16-18, 2010

**Ye Arr invited to attend the exciting
District Cub Scout Day Camp
June 16-18, 2010!**

*Registration forms will be coming out smartly, me lass,
but go ahead and start talking it up to ye Scouts.*

*Placemats for ye Blue & Gold banquets are still available
at the Eykamp Scout Center. Arrr!*



Leader guides were mailed to Cubmasters and Committee Chairs in late February. If your unit did not receive one, please contact **Jennifer** and she can make arrangements to get you the information.

Please remember, Day Camp is the highlight of the summer for many of our Scouts. Boys will have an opportunity to earn BB gun and Archery Belt Loops, as well as many other belt loops and rank advancement requirements. A list of achievements will be available to leaders on the last day of camp.

Rosters were included in the leader packets. Units are encouraged to sign up as a Pack, and trade out leaders from day-to-day, if necessary. Parents can attend with their Scouts if the unit is not coming, but the information must still be submitted on the roster form. The roster is the only location for T-shirt sizes to be notated. The National Council of the BSA now requires anyone in attendance (including parents, siblings, and all leaders) to use the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A and C must be completed for Day Camp. One form will be mailed to every Scout. Adults can pick the forms up at the Eykamp Scout Center or print them from our website www.buffalotracecouncil.org using the National Forms link.

A Year of Celebration

Don't forget to work on your 100th Anniversary ribbons in addition to your rank advancement. These awards seek to engage each participant to become involved in Scouting activities based on each of the five values: character, outdoor, leadership, service and achievement. Requirements will emphasize engagement and reflection on the lessons Scouting teaches. They reward personal development through these five values.

A Year of Celebration is available to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers, as well as their respective adult leaders. Scouting alumni are also encouraged to earn *A Year of Celebration* awards and are eligible to receive patches, too. Awards can be earned between September 2009– December 2010 program year.

A key feature of this program is the ability to track outcomes. Award recipients or leaders must fill out an online form which captures data on which requirements were completed. Find the patch requirements and go online to enter achievements here: www.scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeurofcelebration.aspx. After completing the form, print it and bring it to the Scout Shop to purchase your ribbons.

Spring Recruiting

Soon, birds will be chirping, the sun will be shining, flowers will be blooming, and school will be coming to an end. Summer is just around the corner. For our Scouts and leaders, this means summer camp plans are in full swing!

For Boy Scout Troops, this is the perfect season to host an open house to invite friends of Scouts and other boys to a Troop meeting. Summer Camp is a great way to share the excitement of Scouting with new boys, exposing them to many of our program elements in a fun outdoor setting.

Cub Scouts Packs can also use the activities of Day Camp and Adventure Camp to help them recruit new Scouts and leaders. History has proven that getting new Scouts to Council activities such as Day Camp, Adventure Camp, or Field Day are successful ways to keep the Scout in our program longer, improving unit retention, and more importantly, giving the Scout more time to learn the six critical elements of healthy youth development taught in the Scouting program: strong personal values and character, positive sense of self-worth, caring and nurturing relationships, a desire to learn, productive use of time, and social adeptness.

Cub Scout Packs are encouraged to do Spring recruiting if the Pack has an active summer schedule with at least two activities per month.

If interested in recruiting, contact Jennifer or Anthony at least 2 weeks prior to your recruitment date. The Council can assist with flyers, and Boy Talks. The unit should be prepared with a calendar and contact information.

Happy Easter!

