

Cardinal District Roundtable Meeting October 1, 2002

Attending:

Steve Hutchinson, Pack Secretary/Trainer

Greg Bresson, Webelos Den 1 Leader

Basic Leader Training

Basic Leader Training (New Leader Essentials & Leader Specific Training)

October 8th & 22nd, 7pm - 9:30pm OR

November 2nd, 8am - 5pm

The new Basic Leader Training comprises two parts: New Leader Essentials for all unit-level leaders and Leader Specific training, which is based on the leader's unit-level position.

New Leader Essentials is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting. It addresses how these aims and methods are reached in an age-appropriate style within Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing. Videos, discussions, and hands-on reinforcement are presented during the training session. Ideally, all unit-based volunteers-Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders-take this session at the same time, so they understand that they are all striving for the same results with the youth they serve. Each leader completes New Leader Essentials training only once.

Once a volunteer has a solid overview of the BSA's values-based program, he or she can begin training for a specific Scouting position through Leader Specific training. This training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role. Because each course is designed for a specific leadership position, the training time varies. Also, as leaders change positions they need to take the training course designed for that position. For instance, a Tiger den leader who took training last year would need to take Wolf/Bear training this year. Leader Specific training has been developed for the following positions and their assistants:

- Tiger Den Leaders
- Wolf/Bear Den Leaders
- Webelos Den Leaders
- Cubmasters
- Pack Committee Members

Fall Family Campout & Dutchman Derby

Apparently the Cardinal District's pride is on the line for this campout. Richard Brett has bragged to the Council that the Great Cardinal District always has an excellent turnout for its campouts and that he thinks there will be 1400 Cardinal scouts and family members at the campout so he wants everyone to try and attend.

While the registration deadline for packs is still October 5th (and everyone still needs to get forms and money to Bill Jorgensen by the evening of October 3rd) you can still register for camping UP TO THE DAY OF THE CAMPOUT! The only thing you'll miss out on by registering late is that you may not get a T-shirt. They will be selling the extra shirts that they have at the Trading Post but as many of you are aware, there are no guarantees and you may be trying to fit your son into a 3X adult shirt. Registering on time also guarantees our pack a certain size area for camping in.

November Monthly Theme: Kids Against Crime

Crime Prevention is everyone's job. Cub Scouts will spend the month learning how to keep themselves, their families, and their homes safe. Plan to visit your local police department, or have an officer or McGruff attend your den or pack meeting. Pass out home safety checklists for Cub Scouts to check how safe their home is. Prepare a skit or demonstration for the pack meeting about what your den has learned. Dens or packs can plan a service project for the BSA Crime Prevention Award. This would also be a good month for your pack to view the Youth Protection video for Cub Scouts, "It Happened to Me."

The following rank activities are also related to the theme:

Tiger Achievement 2 "Where I Live"

The "Go See It" activity 2G is to "Visit a police station or fire station. Ask someone who works there how he or she helps people in your community."

Wolf Achievement 4 "Know Your Home and Community"

Wolf Achievement 9 "Be Safe at Home and On the Street"

Wolf Achievement 12 "Making Choices"

Bear Achievement 7 "Law Enforcement is a Big Job"

Webelos Citizen Activity Badge

2 of the optional items relate to law enforcement: Item 8 is "Tell about two things you can do that will help law enforcement agencies" and item 13 is "Tell why we have laws. Tell why you think it is important to obey the law. Tell about three laws you obeyed this week."

Pack Attendance

Roundtable discussion on attendance at den and pack meetings with emphasis on what different packs were doing to recognize attendance ... by both the parents and the boys. There are attendance award patches and pins available if packs wish to reward that commitment. Some packs were already doing this (in addition to having uniform inspections and awards!) including a couple that had the equivalent of the "Roundtable bear" that they gave to the den with the best participation. The den keeps the bear for the month, adds something to it (hat, pin, tie, etc.) and brings it back to the next pack meeting.

Some other discussion was on getting the parents engaged during the pack meeting. Different ideas were getting parents to help pass out awards or having a "Cubs versus the parents" cheer. They also stressed the importance of getting a "Family Talent Survey" filled out for everyone in the pack.

Popcorn Information

First, the mysteriously changing "Mystery House" information. There are two (and only two) Mystery Houses in the entire Cardinal District. When a scout arrives at one of these houses and makes a sales pitch for popcorn they will be told that they have won a new bike! Originally we were told that clues to the location would be posted on the website but last night we were told to call 204-2646 for clues. The Mystery House competition actually started this past Saturday so everyone get going!

Also, more Show and Sell popcorn products are available if anyone needs it for those sales.

Scouting for Food

Malcolm Dickerson is chairing the event this year. For those that are not aware, Cub Scouts distribute grocery bags to homes throughout the Richmond area on Saturday, November 2nd. The next weekend, Boy Scout troops will pick up the bags and deliver them to the Central Virginia Food Bank. Last year, Scouts collected over 500,000 pounds of food. This single-handedly carries the Food Bank through an entire quarter by itself.

The boundaries have not changed from last year so we will be delivering to the same neighborhoods as last year. They ask that any extra bags we may have left over be taken to area Ukrops for distribution. They also like the idea of attaching a letter to the bags explaining the program and providing web and/or email addresses for further information.

Other Dates

Oct 13 - Silver Beaver nominations due to Council office

Jan 18 - Friends of Scouting organizational meeting. Each pack must send one representative

Attendance Awards

Pack 715 won with 7 leaders attending

Pack 759 was second with 6 leaders attending