

Cardinal District Roundtable Meeting November 5, 2002

Attending:

Steve Hutchinson, Pack Secretary/Trainer

December Monthly Theme: Winter Wonderland

They did a Winter Wonderland meeting opener with the Cubmaster (or den leader) lighting a candle and saying: "Winter is a time when rain and snow can cover the landscape and make it seem drab and colorless. But candles, fire, and lights add color and brightness. Sharing, giving, and receiving make this season a wonder for the boys in our pack, and each adult experiences this wonder again through the eyes of our youth. May we always enjoy the traditions of the season. May we always appreciate the freedom of our country. Join us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

They then did the "School Closing Cheer" which has the leader saying, "This is AM 1140 announcing that all area schools are closed due to snow" and the Cubs yelling "Hooray! Hooray! Hooray!" Kind of cute.

They also showed two games. The first was "Snowball Fight" where you divide your group into three teams. Have a pile of crumpled paper balls for each team and designate a "snow fort area" for each team. A few team members are stationed at their snow fort to defend it. On a signal, each team throws its snowballs into an opposing team's snow fort. When snowballs land in a snow fort, they can be thrown back. The winner is the team that has the least number of snowballs in its snow fort when the game is called at a designated team.

The other game was called "Frozen Beanbag." Players start by balancing beanbags on their heads. On a signal, they move around the area at their own pace. To change the pace or action, the leader asks the players to hop or skip. If the beanbag falls off a player's head, that person is frozen. To be "unfrozen," another player must pick up the beanbag and replace it on the first person's head without losing their own beanbag. Stop after a predetermined time and hold a reflecting discussion. Ask the players how many times they helped their friends or how many times their friends helped them. Talk about how it felt in different circumstances encountered during the game.

They also talked about how important it is to remember that we are now a society of many different faiths and cultures, all of which must be respected. We used to simply focus on Christmas at this time of year but we also need to acknowledge other celebrations that take place at this time of year.

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

The annual Popcorn Sale is the primary fundraiser for the pack but FOS is the primary fund raiser for the Robert E. Lee Council. In the past several years the money raised from FOS was the primary source of funding for the new Cub Scout Adventure Camp. The Council is asking each pack to designate an FOS representative to coordinate that drive at the pack level.

Fall Family Campout and Dutchman Derby

Lots and lots and lots of comments (mostly negative) about the recent Council-wide campout. Richard Brett came and discussed everything that went wrong and it all boiled down to the fact that they crammed 3000 people into a facility built for a maximum of 700. He went on to say that it would be extremely unlikely that the Cardinal District would ever participate in another event of that size.

Lots of packs seemed to take the same attitude as ours and have already started to schedule their own campouts in the spring. Some of them have reserved weekends at the Cub Scout Camp and will have certified range instructors so they can do BBs and Archery at a pack level so their scouts don't lose that opportunity.

Scouting for Food

Boy Scout troops will be picking up the Scouting for Food bags this Saturday, November 9th and the Council is looking for volunteers to help at the central collection site near the Diamond. If you or your scouts are interested in participating in this activity, please contact Steve Hutchinson at sehutchinson@fhsc.com

Year-end Membership Update and Recharter

The Council needs each pack to submit an up-to-date list of all Scouts and leaders before the end of the year to assist them with rechartering. A rechartering class will be held on January 9th. The big change for this year is that those packs that are utilizing the PackMaster software (as Stuart Williams is for our pack) can simply turn in their recharter form and a diskette with their information on it. Welcome to the 90s!

Tiger Breakout

No report as no leader from Pack 737 in attendance

Wolf/Bear Breakout

No report as no leader from Pack 737 in attendance

Webelos Breakout

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Attendance Award

Pack 715 (Three Chopt Presbyterian) had six leaders attending and won the new Roundtable Tiger for the next month.