

PINENUT SCOUTING

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Introducing Pinenut District



Pinenut District is the working arm of the Nevada Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America that serves Carson City, Douglas County, Dayton, Virginia City, South Lake Tahoe, Bridgeport, Walker, Coleville and all of Alpine County.

Within this geographical area currently 59 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews serve the youth of these communities.

This newsletter is published to keep all families of our communities informed as to the activities, service projects and training being accomplished by our units and our district in service to youth.

Information regarding any of our units or Scouting in general may be obtained from James Thorne, the Pinenut District Executive at (702) 277-7538.



BSA Celebrates 104 Years of Service



On February 8, 2014 the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 104 years of serving our youth and our nation.

In the year 1907 the Scouting movement saw its beginnings in England, the brainchild of Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1910 it came to America in the hands of William D.

Boyce a Chicago publisher, the direct result of a good turn delivered in a London fog by a young man, about 12 years of age, whose identity to this day remains unknown.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Note: Scout units throughout the area will be holding special activities and meetings in February to celebrate BSA's 104th anniversary. Contact Mr. Thorne for more information on the age appropriate event in your community.

Feb 13: Roundtable, a monthly information and training meeting for adult Scout volunteers.

Feb 21: Pinenut District Fellowship Dinner at the Governors Mansion. An annual dinner where three local adult volunteers are honored with the District Award of Merit, the highest recognition the district may bestow.



Camp Card Sales

Throughout March and most of April Scouts will be selling Camp Cards to help them pay to attend summer camp in 2014.

The cards sell for \$5.00 and contain deals offered by Northern Nevada businesses, equaling more than the \$5.00 cost. Unlike coupons, many of these deals may be reused over and over in 2014.

The Scouts make a 50% commission for every Camp Card they sell. In addition to attending summer camp the funds the Scouts earn may also be used to attend youth leadership training or to purchase Scout gear, Scout uniforms, etc.

If you would like to purchase a Camp Card and are not approached by a Scout, contact Mr. Thorne.

Friends of Scouting Campaign

The Friends of Scouting Campaign asks local individuals, community groups and businesses for financial help to keep Scouting alive and well in Northern Nevada and Northeastern California.

Nevada Area Council and its districts receive no funds from the national council from annual registration fees and only a small portion of the funds from product sales at the council trading post.

It is estimated that it costs the council \$200 a year to keep one youth active in Scouting. The Friends of Scouting Campaign is our primary fund raising event each year.

Donations are tax deductible and we can supply contributing businesses with a plaque, if requested, but most importantly your donation will allow local youth the opportunity to continue to benefit from the Scouting Program. If not contacted, please, call Mr. Thorne to contribute.



Pinenut District Klondike

One hundred and fifty eight Scouts and leaders, representing thirteen Boy Scout Troops, participated in this year's Pinenut District Klondike at Sugar Pine Point State Park near Lake Tahoe, January 24-25, 2014.

The Scouts were asked to demonstrate their skill, leadership and teamwork in several cold weather and snow events.

Despite Mother Nature's unwillingness to supply much snow, all of the planned activities went on.

The Scouts of each Troop set-up their unit campsite, cooked their own meals and came prepared for the cold weather and snowy conditions.

Among the participating units was the district's newest Troop—Troop 847 of Dayton. This was their first overnight outing as a unit and the Scouts accomplished everything asked of them in an outstanding manner, even earning a third place finish in the Ice Fishing event.

The Pinenut District Camping Committee put a lot of time and expertise into planning and presenting this year's Klondike and now that it has been held they have started planning the Spring Camp-O-Ree to be held in May.

