

PINENUT SCOUTING

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Spring Recruiting in Full Swing

Spring recruiting is in full swing for all community Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops in Pinenut District.

Virtually every school has been assigned to a Pack and/or a Troop for the purpose of holding a Scout Join Night.

Leaders of Packs and Troops that serve the same schools are urged to coordinate their actions and to hold joint Scout Join Night activities.

Those few schools that have not been assigned to a unit have been identified as schools where new units may be started and are slated to be visited for that purpose this spring.

Unit leaders need to contact District Executive James Thorne as soon as possible to order their membership fliers and other recruiting materials in order to have them prior to the Scout Join Nights.

Although units need to hold their own Scout Join Nights, some members of the District Membership team and our District Executive are available to assist with school lunch talks and to help schedule your Scout Join Nights. Please inform James if you need this assistance.

Unit leaders are encouraged to forward their Scout Join Night information to Don Robertson, Vice Chair for Membership and Finance at thirdbornson1950@yahoo.com, so that he can attempt to have it published in your local newspaper.

An effort is underway to try and re-start Pack 847 in Virginia City and Venture Crew 411 in Gardnerville. Also an effort is underway to start Pack 411. High schools throughout the district are being looked at for Venture Crew formation.

Professionally produced Cub Scout posters are available from James Thorne.

Merit Badge Fair—Day One

The first day of the Merit Badge Fair was a complete success.

About 200 Scouts from across the region attended the fair and are well on their way to earning up to four merit badges each.

Merit Badges ranging from Robotics to Game Design, from Citizenship in the Nation to First Aid, from Fly Fishing to Chess were offered. Twenty Merit Badges in all were offered, by Merit Badge Counselors from units across the

district.

The Scouts now have their “homework” to complete before returning to the second day of the Merit Badge Fair, May 3, 2014 to finish their work and earn their Merit Badges.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

April 2: District Commissioners Meeting, 6 pm, LDS Stake Center, Carson City

April 3: District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Eastfork Fire Station

April 8: Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting, 6:30 pm, Carson Scout Field Office

April 10: Roundtable, 6:30 pm, LDS Stake Center, Carson City

April 20: Easter

May 3: Merit Badge Fair, day two



Can you name these four founders of Scouting? Their identities will be revealed in the next edition of Pinenut Scouting



PINENUT DISTRICT SCOUT TRAILS EVENT

The Pinenut District Scout Trails event, to be held Thursday May 15, 2014, is designed to build support for and awareness of Scouting within the communities that make-up our district and to raise funds for the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Community, business, civic, media and religious leaders, as well as educators will be invited to attend a free dinner at the historic Virginia and Truckee Railroad Depot in Virginia City, where they will be able to speak one-on-one with district and unit adult volunteers and with local Scouts. This will be followed by a ride on the V&T Railroad where they will hear presentations regarding the service, work and economic impact Scouting provides in Northern Nevada. **The district is seeking two Eagle Scouts to speak to our guests about what Scouting has meant to them.**

Our guests will be given ideas and options on how they can better support Scouting in Northern Nevada, through marketing, recruiting, positive public relations, hands-on support of units, sponsoring new units, and, of course, financial means through the Friends of Scouting campaign. Our key-note speaker will be Mr. Jim Rogers, Chairman and CEO of KOA Kampgrounds and President of the Nevada Area Council.

We are looking for units to help at the depot with a flag ceremony, serving and clean-up at the dinner, set-up before the dinner, etc. Unfortunately, seating on the train is limited and will only be available to our guests and our speakers.

Scouters who know of influential community leaders, who currently do not serve in a Scouting role and whose attendance would be beneficial to Scouting, may request invitations from James Thorne. Once that individual's attendance is confirmed and the confirmation form completed a ticket will be given to the Scouter to deliver to the community leader.

Pinenut District would like to thank the Virginia and Truckee Railroad for donating the train and train ride. We would also like to thank Slotworld Casino for donating the dinner.

Pinenut District Notes:

- Remember the second day of the Merit Badge Fair is May 3, 2014.
- The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and the Outdoor Webelos Leader courses will be offered soon.
- Spring Camp-O-Ree is just around the corner—May 16-17, 2014. for all Boy Scouts and Webelos.
- The district is looking for civic groups, religious institutions and businesses that would be willing to sponsor new Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews.
- Nevada Area Council will be holding a Tiger Rally for all new Tigers in late May.
- The National Youth Leader Training Conference is coming in late June. Troops and Crews are highly encouraged to send their youth leaders, age 13 and up, to this advanced leadership course.
- Adult leaders who have completed their basic training are highly encouraged to attend Scouting's advanced leadership course, Woodbadge, to be held in September. The course is already close to half filled, so you need to register soon. A few Camperships are available.
- Day Camp is coming in June at Genoa State Park for all Tigers, Cub Scouts and Webelos.
- Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews need to be planning and reserving their summer activities now, to include summer camp at a BSA run camp.



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