Boy Scouts of America Nevada Area Council

The Scouter Newsletter

April 2013 Edition

From the Desk of Keith Ashby, Scout Executive

Journey to Excellence:

Journey to Excellence (JTE), the new measurement tool in the BSA, requires some record keeping on the part of every Pack, Troop, Team, Crew and Post. These records are necessary so units can score themselves and record their progress.

This month, the helpful hint for JTE is keeping record of your membership numbers. For all units the second line item in JTE is Retention and the third line item is Building Scouting.

Retention deals with tracking what percentage of youth are re-registering in your unit.

Building Scouting compares your unit's size this year compared to last year. So before you get too far away from your recharter statistics, please record the number of boys you had on your recharter before you completed it and the number of boys you had listed when you submitted it. You'll also need to dig out the number of boys you had on your recharter this time last year.

For full details of Journey to Excellence and to download a new unit score sheet, please visit http://www.scouting.org/jte

Keith Ashby
Scout Executive

NEWS AND DATES

Nevada Area Council Government Day:
The Pinenut District Activities Committee is pleased to present Government Day!!! This event takes place every two years and gives our Scouts the opportunity to tour state government facilities, meet legislators, and get a first-hand look at how the three branches of government function and work together. Government Day will be taking place on Thursday, May 9th beginning at 8:15am to 4:15pm at the Nevada State Legislature. This event is limited to the first 80 Boy Scouts 11 years or older who register at the price of $10.00 a person. Please see the Registration Form for details. If you have any questions please contact Pinenut District Activities Chairman John Domina at (775) 720-2554 or via email at jxd@domwa.com

Advanced Leadership Training Opportunities for Adults and Youth (Wood Badge & NYLT):

Are you ready for FUN!!! We know many of you are, as the applications to attend Wood Badge and NYLT are starting to roll in. Both staffs are ready to provide FUN. Are you ready to accept it?

To see all the easy prerequisites, detailed information on both courses and to sign up; download the registration forms from the Council's website by following the links below:

National Youth Leadership Training Information and Registration Packet

Wood Badge Training Information and Registration Packet

Early Bird Discounts expire on May 15; so take advantage of the early bird discounts for both courses and sign up today! Also, space is limited for both courses so don't wait until it is too late!

Scout Night at the Aces Ballpark:
Saturday, April 27, 2013 will be Scout Night at the Aces Ballpark. Gates open at 4:30pm and First Pitch will take place at 6:35pm. Join your fellow Scouts for a pre-game parade and other special activities!
For more information please click here.

2013 National Scout Jamboree:

There are still six participant positions available for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Come and be a part of history at the Summit in West Virginia. The troop will also be touring the Washington D.C. area prior to the Jamboree. The cost is $3,000 and includes the Jamboree, the pre-Jamboree Tour, airfare, hotels, and all meals. Please sign up soon for the adventure of a lifetime. We are also looking for a 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster who must be between 18 and 20 years old. For more information please contact Chris Harvey, chris.harvey@scouting.org or 775-787-1111 x18.

Council Philmont Contingent:
Calling all Scouts and Leaders! Have you ever wanted to go to Philmont but your troop won't go? Well, here is an opportunity for you! The Council has secured two (2) Council Contingents for Philmont during the Summer of 2014. These two crews will be on the trail from July 9-21, additional travel time will be required on each end. We have space for twenty (20) youth and four (4) adults. Everyone must be able to pass Part D of the BSA health form. There are special height and weight requirements enforced at Philmont.

Fee is $800 per participant (not including transportation). $100 deposit is due per person by April 15, 2013, $350 by September 15, 2013, and the balance of $350 is due February 15, 2014. Philmont requests that these spaces be used for boys who have never been on a trek at Philmont.

If you are interested in attending this exciting opportunity please contact Eric Maass at eric.maass@scouting.org or 775-770-0343. Your space will be held once the council receives your $100 deposit. This is a first come first served basis for Scouts with preference for first time Philmont attendees. Adults may apply for approval through the Council Camping committee. Contact Eric for more information. The Council needs to have our sign-ups and deposits completed by April 15, so sign up ASAP!

Camp Fleischmann:
The 2013 Cub Scout Adventure Camp theme is "Great American Adventure!" which will include everything from Huck Finn, Lewis and Clark and Mark Twain. Come back in time at Camp and have an adventure the way it was meant to be! Registration Form

Our Camp Staff is almost complete. We will continue to accept applications and interview until camp starts. Are you going to be 14 or 15 this summer? You can sign up for our Counselor in Training program! Find the application here. Contact the Camp Director with any questions, Eric Maass at 775-770-0343 or eric.maass@scouting.org

You may pre-order your Camp Fleischmann shirts customized with your troop number! Shirts are only $9.95 each ($12 at camp), with a minimum order of 6.

We have a custom jacket available for pre-order this year as well to help commemorate 60 years of Adventure at CF. These jackets are available for $95 and for an extra $5 you can customize it with your name on the right side! Click Here for More Information

Sign up now. We need to know who is coming by May 10th! May 31 and June 1 will be the first ever Eager Beaver Camp Work Days. Have you ever wanted to help improve camp? This will be your opportunity! We have many projects to complete before camp opens this summer, and you can even bring the whole family. Come as an individual, family, pack or troop. All are welcome. As promised we have the informational flyer ready for you! We will hold the event if conditions permit (snow access...). Click Here for More Information

Nevada Area Council Webelos Activity Badge Day:
A Webelos Activity Badge Day will be held 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Shadow Lane LDS Chapel, 7625 Shadow Lane in Sparks. This is a great opportunity for Webelos Scouts to earn one or two activity badges in a day. Webelos Scouts will have the option to earn either one or two activity badges. Classes on the following activity badges will be offered: Readyman, Outdoorsman, Craftsman, Showman, Scholar, Traveler, Citizenship, Communicator, Handyman, Scientist, Forester, Geologist, and Naturalist. Applications are available at www.scouter.org, and at the scout store. You may also request an application by emailing lynn.olson@scouting.org.

Log Your Unit's Service Hours:
Has your unit volunteered time within your community? Record your service hours and support your JTE score. Link Here to begin now.

Internet Advancement:
There is a new PowerPoint presentation on internet advancement with speaker notes and a FAQ sheet that is available by clicking here.

This PowerPoint presentation guides the viewer through methods to make effective use of the Internet Advancement software.

MyScouting Tools:
MyScouting Tools has two main levels of access: My Dashboard and Roster Manager. For unit leaders and adult volunteers the My Dashboard tool can be used to update your profile and contact information. The Unit Key 3 and District Key 3 will have access to the Roster Manager tool which allows them to view and export their roster information and update contact information for anyone on their roster.

Help us Contact You Directly:
Do you have a new email address? Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number? The new MyScouting Tools website now allows you to update all these fields for your BSA record on your own.

Just go to http://myscouting.org and log in (or create) your account (make sure your First Name, Last Name and BSA Member Number are in your MyScouting Profile and that they match the information on your current BSA registration). Click "go to the new MyScouting Tools" and you are there.

For questions about your BSA Member ID number or how to access your new MyScouting info, just ask your local Scouting Professional.

Merit Badge "Blue Card" Revised:
On the front side (first tri-fold portion) of the card above the unit leader's signature line, the statement with the word "qualified" is being changed to: "I have discussed this merit badge with this Scout and recommended at least one merit badge counselor." The wording change has been made due to confusion over the interpretations of "qualified," "approved," and "approval" as applied to when a Scout could begin work on a merit badge. With the new statement, the unit leader's signature indicates that he or she and the Scout have talked about the Scout's desire to work on the merit badge and that a merit badge counselor has been recommended.

The intent of the modification is to give the unit leader the chance to offer counseling as to whether or not the merit badge is a good choice for the Scout, based on his abilities and any prerequisites. The terms "qualified" or "approved" were never meant to indicate that the Scout needed to pass some sort of prequalifying test before pursuing a merit badge, or that the unit leader had pass/fail authority to allow (or to not allow) the Scout to undertake work on a badge.

Eagle Scout Workbook and Application:
These new revised materials will help you or your scout understand, plan, and complete all the steps necessary to join the ranks of our Eagle Scouts. Click Here for more information.

The Union Pacific BSA 2010 Locomotive:

Still motoring throughout the US. This photo was taken by Kathi Colbert on March 23rd, just outside of Elko, NV.

DISTRICT NEWS

SIERRA DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Summer is right around the corner. Here are a few dates for your units to remember in the near future:
May 17-18, Spring Camporee, in Dog Valley
June 19-21, Sierra (3 day) Day Camp, at Clayton Middle School
July 13, Sierra (1 day) Day Camp, at Sky Tavern

Also remember that Roundtable is the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at Huffaker Elementary School, 980 Wheatland, 7pm. District Committee is the first Thursday of every month at the same location, 6pm.

Chris Harvey
District Executive

NORTHSTAR DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Roundtables:
Northstar District Roundtables are held at 7:00 pm the first Thursday of every month in the second floor conference rooms of Scheels in Sparks. The exception to this will be the roundtable for May. The location for May's roundtable will be announced at a later date. All

Venturing Crew Advisors, Varsity Team Coaches, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders and assistants are invited to attend the roundtables.

District Commissioner and District Committee Meeting location change:
Northstar District Commissioner Meetings are held 6:00 pm the second Thursday of each month. Northstar District Committee Meetings are held 7:00 pm the second Thursday of each month. Each of these meetings will be held in the second floor conference rooms of Scheels in Sparks.

Scout Executive's Fireside Chat:
Keith Ashby, the Scout Executive of the Nevada Area Council, will be hosting a Fireside Chat 8:00 pm, Thursday, April 11 in the second floor conference room of Scheels in Sparks immediately following the Northstar District Committee Meeting. Keith will be discussing the current status of the Nevada Area Council and will entertain questions regarding the Scouting and the Council. All Scouters are invited to attend.

Lynn Olson
Senior District Executive

PINENUT DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Pinenut District Klondike:
Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville, CA was the location for this year's Klondike Derby. In attendance were 10 units that included 73 Boy Scouts, 41 Scout Leaders, and 2 Webelos from Pack 360. The top finishers were Troop 33 (1st Place), Troop 16 (2nd Place), and Troop 240 (3rd Place). A big thank you for all the units who assisted with event stations and set up as well as to Northstar District's Order of the Arrow Chapter who provided a first aid activity.

A word from our Camping & Outdoors Chairman Manny Sanchez:

"I want to thank everyone who participated at this year's Klondike.

We had more scouts and units than previous years. A big congratulations to the scouts for being well prepared. We should all be looking forward to our Spring Camporee in which our Senior Patrol Leaders will be asked to make a big impact on this event. If you have enjoyed watching the new hit series "Are you Tougher than a Boy Scout" than I encourage you take on a real live scout challenge at this Camporee at Centerville Flats. Come Prepared, come Tough! See you there." YIS Manny

Pinenut District Merit Badge Fair:

At this year's Merit Badge Fair we had 28 units from Pinenut, Lassen, Northstar, Pony Express, Bristlecone, and Sierra Districts. Some came from as far away as Tonopah and Eureka. There were more than192 Scouts that worked on a total of 693 merit badges. Pinenut District Advancement Chairman Don Asp stated that he "was very pleased with the level of preparedness on the part of the scouts, and thank all of their leaders for helping them get prepared. Also the help provided by the adult leaders that were in attendance was superb and the merit badge counselors provided excellent well prepared classes. The scouts and leaders from Dayton's Troop 401 and 402 provided spectacular assistance with clean-up and the LDS Church leaders thanked us for leaving the church in spotless condition for their Sunday services". Thank you to all who participated.

Journey to Excellence:

A reminder to all units to continue tracking your "Journey to Excellence" progress each month. This is something that should be shared at your committee meetings each month to verify that your unit is doing well and on track. Please click here to view and print your score card.

The Pinenut District upcoming events:

Date	Event	Location	Start Time
April 3rd	Pinenut District Committee Meeting	Michael Hohl Honda	6:30pm
April 4th	Roundtable	Michael Hohl Honda	6:30pm
April 20th	Merit Badge Fair Day #2	LDS Carson Stake Center	8:00am
April 20th	Pinewood Derby Championship	LDS Carson Stake Center	12:00pm
April 26th	Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing Leader Specifics	Western Nevada College	8:00am
May 1st	Pinenut District Committee Meeting	Michael Hohl Honda	6:30pm
May 2nd	Roundtable	Michael Hohl Honda	6:30pm
May 9th	Government Day	Nevada Legislature	8:15am

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May 17-18th	Spring Camporee	Centerville Flats	4:00pm
June 5th	Pinenut District Committee Meeting	Michael Hohl Honda	6:30pm
June 12th-14th	Pinenut Day Camp	Mormon Station State Park	All Day

Pinenut District Event Fliers:

PN-Pinewood Derby Championship
PN-Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, Leader Specifics Training
PN-Spring Camp-O-Ree
PN-Government Day

Pinenut District Klondike

James Thorne
District Executive
(photos taken by: Nancy Clark)

PONY EXPRESS DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Don and Amy Hawkins are gearing up for Day Camp this August 17th at the Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon. We had to move to August due to the Fairgrounds availability. They are excited to go to Camp School for training and will bring back lots of good ideas. We'll have more information soon! Contact them at mkamye@yahoo.com to get involved!

Contact Eric Maass to turn in your charter at eric.maass@scouting.org or 775-770-0343.

Eric Maass
Senior District Executive

LASSEN DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Lassen District Committee Meetings:
The Lassen District Committee Meetings are held 6:30 pm every 1st Wednesday of the month in the offices of the Lassen County Office of Education near Richmond Road.

Scout Executive's Fireside Chat:
As part of Lassen District's April Committee Meeting, Keith Ashby, the Scout Executive of the Nevada Area Council, will be hosting a Fireside Chat 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 3 in the offices of the Lassen County Office of Education near Richmond Road. Keith will be discussing the current status of the Nevada Area Council and will entertain questions regarding the Scouting and the Council. All Scouters are invited to attend.

Spring Camporee:
Lassen District's Spring Camporee will be held April 26 through April 28 at Roxie Peconom Campground outside of Susanville. Cost of the event is $7.00 which will cover the cost of patches, awards, a cracker barrel and other expenses.

Lynn Olson
Senior District Executive

LEARNING FOR LIFE INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Learning For Life thanks Officer Matthew Marquez of Sparks Police Department for his exceptional Explorer Leader Basic Training held on March 18. Officer Marquez shared his years of experience with Adult

Leaders from Nevada Highway Patrol, Westwood Fire Department, and Sparks Police Department. Attendees learned about post structure, positive mentorship, and measures of progress assessed in Journey To Excellence.

Carson City Explorer Post brought seven trophies home from the Chandler Tactical Competition in Arizona. The team won first place in high-risk warrant service and five-man hostage rescue. The also earned third place in rapid-response exercise and multi-level assault. Individual awards were earned by Cody Schmidlin and Joshua Vansickle in the obstacle course. Great work Carson City Explorers!

Bonnie Rostan
District Executive

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

I want to give a big thank you for all the volunteers who helped at our Annual Pinewood Derby! Special thanks to Harry Dixon for being the leader for the event, Pack 10, Pack 512, Pack 443 for bringing your tracks and extra supplies, Tiff and her husband from Pack 500, TKE for helping out in short notice, Dennis Campbell Jr. for spreading the word at UNR, the Keystone Club from Sun Valley Teen Center, and last but not least, Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows for hosting and providing transportation!

Steve Pomerantz
Scoutreach Director

OVERLAND DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Thank you to Kathi Colbert, Christie Sant, Debbie White and all of the trainers that made University of Scouting-East such a success again this year! Over 150 people were in attendance; getting trained, learning new skills, and making new friends. Mark your calendars now to attend

University of Scouting on Saturday, March 1, 2014!

Our upcoming activities for our District are: The District Recognition Brunch on Saturday, April 13; Boy Scout Camporee on Friday, April 19-20; Elko/Spring Creek Take Pride Day (Clean up/Green up) on Saturday, April 27; and Day Camp on Saturday, June 8.

Many training opportunities also are coming including: EDGE, Cub Scout Leader Specifics, Scoutmaster/Varsity Coach Specifics, Venturing Leader Specifics, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders.

Reminder that Roundtables are the 2nd Tuesday of the month. They will continue to start at 7pm at the LDS Church building on Sage Crest in Elko. See the district website if you have questions.

More information for all upcoming district events and training opportunities can be found on the District's website.

Brian Sutilla
District Director

BRISTLECONE DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Thank you to Daniel and Jennifer Carter for becoming this year's Day Camp Directors. We know you will do well.

Information for other upcoming district events and training opportunities can be found on the District's website.

Brian Sutilla
District Director

HUMBOLDT DISTRICT INFORMATION-CLICK HERE

Day Camp is coming up this June 22nd at Water Canyon. Kathy DeSilva is the Director. She needs help with planning and running stations. If you would like to help or need more information, contact her at desilva.scouts@gmail.com

Contact Eric Maass to turn in your recharters at eric.maass@scouting.org or 775-770-0343.

Eric Maass
Senior District Executive

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