Apache Newsletter
Smoke Signals
August 2010

Upcoming Events

August Roundtable
Aug 12

School Night for Scouting Training
Aug 12

Cub Scout Open House Recruitment Night
Aug 26

School Nights for Scouting
Sep 2/15/20/23

Council Popcorn Kickoff
Sep 8

Sept Roundtable
Sep 9

Scouter Success Seminar – CPCC Levine
Sep 25

Popcorn Sale Begins
Oct 2

Wilderness First Aid – Belk Scout Camp
Oct 1-2

BB/Archery Training
Oct 2

Fall Cub-o-ree
Oct 8-10

October Roundtable
Oct 14

Fall Camporee
Oct 15-17

Oct Weeknight Training
Oct 28/29 Nov 4

Council Cub Scout Encampment
Oct 29-31

August Roundtable Summary

We met for our August Apache District Roundtable on Thursday evening August 12th at Sharon Baptist Church starting at 7:30pm. We meet each month on the second Thursday of the month.

Highlights of the meeting included:
Group Session
- Discussed the application process for new scouts and adults
- Discussed the Popcorn kickoff event with previews of upcoming changes to the Popcorn sale and prizes
- Updates from our District Director
- Discussed upcoming training events and POW WOW
- Overview of upcoming events

Breakouts
- Cub Scout - Recruiting
- Boy Scout – Fall Camporee. Overview of events with Camporee Chairmen

For additional information on roundtable, please contact our District Roundtable Commissioner

Recruiting – Scouting 101

Cub Scout Open House
Mark your calendars now. Our annual open house recruiting night at all Pack meeting locations will be on Thursday, August 26th starting at 7pm. Let your district executive know if you need any marketing materials. This is a great way to recruit new Cub Scouts and their parents.

School Night for Scouting
We discussed the School Night recruiting game plan at the August 12th roundtable. All CMS schools will be open on one of the following dates: September 2, 15, 20 or 23 (Please provide your school preferences to John Crapster).

We will need many volunteers to get involved to be successful this year. Please encourage your leadership to get involved and let's get more youth involved in our great Scouting program.

District Leadership

Contact info at the District Web site

Chairman – George MacBain
Commissioner – Steve Eriksen
Director – John Crapster
Executive – John Bittinger
Program – Del Whittaker
Activities
- Lon Nigro
- Christopher Kubala

Popcorn
- Andrew Woodard
- Nicholas Orlandi

Scouting 4 Food
– Del Whittaker
– Jim Partington

Cub Day Camp
- Director – TBD
- Program – TBD

Webelos Resident Camp
- Director – Bill Rose
- Program – Miriam Olynick

Camping - Dick Parks
Camporee - Joe Lane
Cub-o-Ree – Christopher Kubala
Advancement
- Craig Gross
- Tony Roux

Training – Miriam Olynick
Marketing – Trainor Critz
Membership – Phil Adams
School Night
– Christopher Gamble
Website – George Tucker
Finance / FOS – Carl McPhail
OA Chapter – Greg Beuhner
Comm – Peter Olynick
Past Chair – Mike Miles

District Training Update

With the start of the new school year, we look eagerly for the new adults who have volunteered to join the ranks of unit leadership. Additionally, we always look forward to our returning adult leaders as they move into new Pack, Troop, Crew, and Team positions. The Mecklenburg County Council Training Committee has worked to put together training opportunities that meet a variety of interest and scheduling needs for you, our new and experienced volunteers.

All registered adults will need to have their documentation of training for unit re-charters this next year. Please make certain that you have completed the necessary training for your current registered position.

I look forward to seeing you at this fall's training events. Please contact me if you have questions regarding these upcoming events or if you have suggestions for trainings that your unit would like to see considered.

Miriam S. Olynick
Apache District Training Chair

Scouter Success Seminar

Mark Saturday, September 25 on your calendar now! SSS 2010 will be held at CPCC – Levine in Matthews. Scouter Success Seminar is Mecklenburg County Council's largest adult training event. SSS 2010 offers a wide variety of courses for all adult leaders – new and experienced. This year, training will also be offered for several youth positions. Some courses have number limitations and additional fees, and there is a $5 additional fee for registration after September 11, so register early.

If September 25 doesn't work on your schedule, evening training for Cub Scout Leader Specific, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster, and Merit Badge Counselor positions will be offered over 3 evenings the end of October and the beginning of November. These dates are Thursday, October 28, Friday, October 29, and Thursday, November 4. Evening training offers opportunities for new leaders specifically who have come on board to your unit during the September school registration push.

Online registration will be open soon. Check the Training Website at www.mcctraining.org to register.

Commissioner's Update

The Apache District Unit Commissioners look forward to the new year of scouting. Your Unit Commissioner can help you understand the resources available to run a better scouting program. Please contact your Unit Commissioner or me if you have questions or suggestions.

Steve Eriksen
Apache District Commissioner

New Youth Protection Guidelines

All new registering adults will need to complete the online module of Youth Protection, found at the BSA Online Learning Center. The link for the Online Center can be found at www.mcctraining.org. A copy of the online certificate showing completion of the Youth Protection module is required to be turned in with the initial registration form. Previously registered adults need to confirm the date of their last Youth Protection training. Previously registered adults need to confirm the date of their last training and keep updated every 2 years.

Cub Scouts 2010… What's that?

"Are they changing the whole program?"
"What's going on?"
"I heard that we do not have to go to training anymore."
I'm sure you have heard these and many more comments in the past few months. There are changes coming, but they are all good. Most of us have moved to a more achievement based program in recent years. Well, National has seen the trend and updated the Cub Scout program to be current with our times. All of the Cub Scout printed materials have been updated with a consistent theme across the ranks. The handbooks will be updated this fall. The training materials are currently updated and are available at the Council's Scout Shop. The focus of the program is going to a model where every rank (from Tigers through Webelos):

- holds 2 den meetings a month,
- has a supplemental activity (field trip) or program(camp out), and
- then joins together for the pack meeting at the end of the month.

Who we are as Cub Scouts and what we stand for has not changed. We still are centered around the 12 core character traits, the ones that lead our Cubs straight to the Boy Scout Law. Our Training Committee's goal has not changed - Have a trained leader with every scout. Now we have more ways to achieve that goal.

Getting Started. Each new leader should take **Youth Protection Training** online as well as **This is Scouting**. Additionally, each leader should take the **Fast Start** module appropriate to their position: Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Pack Committee. All den leaders from Tigers to Webelos share a common Fast Start module. Fast Start Training is also available online.

Position Specific Training. Once you complete the initial online trainings, you will need to take Position Specific Training. This training is scheduled to be online sometime soon. Mecklenburg County Council will continue to offer face to face training courses at Scouter Success in September, during weeknight classes in October (for those who work on Saturday) and other TBD dates in the future. There are several benefits to the live training:

- you can ask questions and get immediate answers,
- you can benefit from the resources sitting around you in the training classroom, and
- the discussion can be tailored to Mecklenburg County specific issues / concerns.

Face to face training remains the preferred presentation method, especially for new leaders.

The Training Committee's goals for the autumn are to have:

- All current leaders take the **Fast Start** online as soon as possible. It only takes about 20 minutes.
- All current leaders to take the **Position Specific** course for their current leadership position as soon as it becomes available online (preferably by September).

The outcome:

1. every scout will have a leader who is trained in the most recent Cub Scouts delivery methods,
2. increased enthusiasm and increased retention of leaders and scouts, and
3. more fun.

See you in September at Scouter Success!

Christie Silvestri
Council Cub Scout Training Coordinator

Webelos Resident Camp Update

Over 670 Webelos 1 and 2 Scouts, leaders, and adults attended this summer's Webelos Resident Camp at Belk Scout Camp. These Scouts and Scouters certainly made this year's camp "The Greatest Show on Earth"! Bill Rose, Camp Director, and I thank each of you who attended and worked to make this year's camp so very, very successful. Over 1450 activity pins and 1500 beltloops were earned by the Webelos. A record 152 fish were caught (and released) at the lake. We had some of the best chocolate cake, this side of Grandma's kitchen!

Plans are already underway for next year's camp. Current Bear Den Leaders and Webelos 1 Den Leaders – as you are planning your den meetings year for 2011 – 2012 (hey, it's never too early to start!), here are the Webelos Activity pins that are highlighted for completion during WRC:
Webelos 1: Aquanaut, Geologist, Readyman
Webelos 2: Aquanaut, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Sportsman
Beltloops activities: Archery, BB, Fishing, Swimming, Individual /Team Sports

Be on the lookout for more details for the 2011 Webelos Resident Camp early next year. If you would be interested in assisting with planning, please contact me.

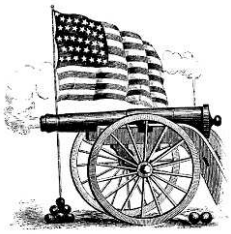
Miriam S. Olynick
Program Director - Webelos Resident Camp 2010

Boy Scout Fall Camporee

Our 2010, Boy Scout Camporee will be October 15-17th at Belk Scout Camp. The theme of this Camporee will be Scout-A-lympics with both Troop level and Patrol level events. Additionally, we plan to have a series of evening fun events. Our Camping Committee will provide details during the September Roundtable Boy Scout breakout.

Dick Parks / Joe Lane
Apache Camporee Co-Chairmen

Apache Fall Cub-o-ree



Hey Cub Scouts! Join us at the Apache Fall Cub-o-ree, October 8 – 10 at Belk Scout Camp.

Our theme this year is **"The American Adventure!"** Activities will include a special presentation from the Charlotte Museum of History. The BB Gun range will be open, and our Webelos will be able to tour a 1960's/70's era Boy Scout Campsite! Come on out for a great weekend of fun and Scouting!

Christopher Kubala
Apache Cub-o-ree Chair

Advancement to the Eagles' Aerie

For many scouts, writing their Eagle project is more fearful than actually doing the project. The Advancement Committee is trying to help scouts improve their chances of approval on the first attempt by publishing the guidelines that the committee uses while reviewing the project write-up. You can find the guidelines at:

http://www.mccscouting.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=eL7QmBjpNM4%3d&tabid=78

National Jamboree

Mecklenburg sent 180 scouts and 80 adult volunteers to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in late July for the 100th Anniversary Jamboree. Highlights included:

- 40,000 scouts in one place.
- 95 Different merit badges offered
- Exhibits / Hot air balloons
- A Jamboree newspaper and radio station
- Patch trading galore!

The next National Jamboree will be held in 2013.

Popcorn

This is a great way for your unit to earn money to support the scouting program. Each unit should select a Unit Popcorn Chairman and have that person attend the Popcorn Kickoff Orientation on Wednesday September 8th at 6:30 pm at Piedmont Natural Gas.

The actual sale starts on October 2nd.

District Chairman's Minute

Hope all have had a WONDERFUL summer and are ready to get the Scout year off to a GREAT start!!

I want to encourage all Apache Scout Leaders, Cub Leaders and Community Chairs to attend Round Table on September 9th at Sharon Baptist. At each Round Table meeting, leaders should come away with a month of program planning, good training information, District updates and the opportunity to share your ideas and learn what others are doing...

Sharon Baptist is located at 6411 Sharon Road, meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month and go from 7:30 to 9 PM at the latest !!! This is a resource that many put a lot into each month and all Troops and Packs should take advantage by sending a representative each month. Thanks for listening and I look forward to seeing you at Round Table.

Links you can use

Council web site - http://www.mccscouting.org/

Apache web site

(Go to the Council site and click on the District tab near the top)

Training web site - http://www.mcctraining.org/

BSA national site - http://www.scouting.org/

100 year site - http://scouting.org/100years/100years/

National Jamboree - http://www.bsajamboree.org/

Scout Unit Locator
http://www.beascout.org/
Unit Leaders need to update

Scouting News

The U.S. Postal Service joined the Boy Scouts at the National Jamboree to release the Celebrate Scouting stamp, recognizing 100 years of Scouting in America. The First Day Ceremony was held at the Court of Flags at Ft. A. P. Hill on July 27, 2010.

The 127th merit badge has recently been approved for Scouts to earn. The Scouting Heritage badge requirements include:

- Learning about Lord Baden-Powell and other Scouting founders,
- Visiting a BSA jamboree, a high-adventure base, or Adventure Base 100
- Making a collection of personal Scouting memorabilia.

District Director / Senior Executive

Another school year is about to start and we are getting our units ready to grow on the average of 20% over the next six weeks. I encourage as many of you as possible to help with Charter Organization Open House and our School Night for Scouting recruiting efforts. When a new youth joins our program, there is a great chance the parents will get involved. Don't be afraid to ask the parents to sign up and become a volunteer leader. Your Pack or Troop should benefit. If you have parents that are currently not helping, find a job or project they can engage in. Thank you for all you do for our youth in Mecklenburg County. Any time we can be of assistance, please call