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BSA NATIONAL NEWS:

MCC Earns JTE Gold Rating for IH 2013: Mecklenburg County Council was the only council in Area V to earn a Journey to Excellence Gold rating for the first six months of 2013. Congratulations to all of the volunteers and staff that have worked extremely hard to accomplish this. Our goal is "Go for the Gold" and we need to sustain these levels during the back half of the year. Please remember … "if you are not the lead dog, the view never changes".

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS:

MCC Fall Round-Up Kicks Off: Plans for this year's 2013 Cub Scout Fall Round-Up are already underway with the MCC Membership Committee leading the way. The **August 8th District Roundtable** meetings will be extremely important to our overall success of this event. Please ask your unit Leadership Team and your Membership Coordinator to attend the August 8th Roundtable as the MCC Membership Team will be covering all aspects of the Fall Round-Up including the *2013 Fall Round-Up Resource Guide*, collateral materials (flyers, stickers, yard signs, church bulletin inserts, posters, and materials that can be used for both your Unit Open Houses and School Nights.

Please take the time now to update your unit's web site to ensure that all of the contact information shown is correct. This request would also apply to the www.beascout.scouting.org Google Map application. The majority of our targeted parental group will use both internet searches and social media to learn more about your unit.

We will also be using social media this fall; and, would ask that folks begin posting appropriate pictures from Cub Scout Day Camps, Webelos Resident Camp, Boy Scout Summer Camp, the 2013 BSA National Jamboree, and/or any other scout related activities that show Scouts in Action. The parent-to-parent link is more important than other method to get the word out about the positive, fun aspects of Scouting for our youth.

Please remember to mention that we will be having the Scouter Success Seminar on September 28th at CPCC – Levine Campus for all of those new parents who may feel inadequately qualified to become leaders. We can help get them up to speed with a little effort on their part.

Cub Scout Annual Unit Open Houses have been set for Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 PM. Please confirm your plans with John Crapster at john.crapster@scouting.org.

School Nights for Scouting: the August 8th meeting will primarily focus upon our upcoming Fall Cub Scout Round-Up and our plans to work with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Please ask your Membership Chair and their team to attend this important Roundtable meeting. Please be prepared to submit your school recruiting preference. Traci Scott will be serving as our Fall Round-Up Chairman

Apache Leadership Roundtable meeting dates for the fall have been scheduled for: August 8th; September12th; October 10th; and, November 14th at Providence

United Methodist Church. All of these meetings will start 7:30 PM. Please encourage your unit leadership and parents to attend these valuable sessions.

Trail's End Popcorn Sales will be starting soon. New Products, New Prizes and New Incentives are only part of the 2013 MCC Popcorn Sales Program. Trail's End has added several new flavors to their product offerings including Bacon Ranch, Buffalo Cheddar Cheese, Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese, Dark and White Chocolately Drizzle, and Sour Cream and Onion in addition to many of our regular favorites. They have also added new prizes spread out among five separate levels. MCC has also upped the ante with a new series of incentives for this year's program. The sales levels are as follows:

- ♣ $400 Club — One-of-a-kind BSA Fishing Lure
- ♣ $750 Club — Fish Club Membership:
  Receive a Rod and Reel; and, a
  Ticket to the "Guaranteed Catch" fishing Derby at Belk Scout Camp
- ♣ $1,000 Club — Dave & Buster's Power Card
- ♣ $2,500 Club — Trail's End Scholarship and a choice of an:
  iPad Mini,
  iPod Nano,
  Kindle Fire, or
  $150 MCC Camp Scholarship
- ♣ $5,000 Club — Choice of an iPad, WII U, PS4 or Xbox

Please contact Terrie Baily at terrie.bailey@scouting.org for more information.

Key dates for this event are:

- ♣ August 1st — Online Sales begin
- ♣ September 11th — Council Kick-Off
- ♣ September 28th — Sale Begins
- ♣ November 28th — Prize Request Deadline for units

Please get your unit "Popcorn Kernel" identified and your team organized and ready to go by August 1st.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Key Apache District Dates:

- ♣ District Roundtable – **Membership** — August 9th, Providence UMC
- ♣ District Committee Training Facility — August 20th, MP Pres.–Outreach
- ♣ Charted Organization Open Houses **Membership** — August 29th – Cub Scout
- ♣ School Nights - **Membership** — September - TBD
- ♣ Apache Cuboree — October 11th – 13th, Belk Scout Camp

- ♣ Apache Camporee — November 15th – 16th, Belk Scout Camp
- ♣ Apache District Recognition Banquet — December 12th, Oxford Hall

Apache Web Site Helps: Please go to our district web site at www.mccapache.org for two segments that we believe will be beneficial to both units and adult leaders. The first segment is aptly named Around the Campfire where unit leaders, parents and friends can see potential options for a weekend or day trip, suggestions where Eagle projects are needed, and just good old discussion topics. There is also an excellent resource guide for new parents to learn more about the BSA terminology as well as suggested gear guides for your families.

There is also a Fundraising Section where units can post specific information about an upcoming fund raising event so folks outside their immediate unit may have the option to participate and help out.

TRAINING:

Please check out our web site: **www.mcctraining.org** for the latest and greatest training opportunities and course descriptions. Here is one of the upcoming events:

- ♣ District Committee Training — August 20th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, MP Pres.
- ♣ Powder Horn (MCC + CNCC) — September 6th-9th Camp Barnhardt
- ♣ Scouter Success Seminar — September 28, 7:00AM - 5:00PM CPCC
- ♣ Wilderness First Aid Training — October 112th – 13th, Belk Scout Camp
- ♣ SEALS Training — November 8th – 10th, Belk Scout Camp
- ♣ Outdoor Leadership Skills — November 8th – 10th, Belk Scout Camp

ORDER OF THE ARROW:

- ♣ OA Ordeal — August 23rd – 25th, Belk Scout Camp
- ♣ OA Fall Fellowship: — October 4th – 6th, Belk Scout Camp

To Submit a Notice:

If you have any information you would like to share with the district, please send that information to e-newsletter@apachemcc.org and it will be forwarded to the team to be added. Please make sure you have your contact information included should there be any questions.

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