



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

### Jewish Committee on Scouting 10/27/2011

Present: Rabbi Reiffman; Dr. Markowitz; Mike Shapiro; Greg Ostravich; Shawn Connelly

Pledge

Parshe - D'var Torah

Hyiam - Generations; Noach was a Tzadik; a righteous man in his generation.

Detriment? Or to show his good side?

Noach was a righteous man in \*his\* generation; not sure if it was the generation of Avraham.

Or even in \*his\* generation he rose above it to be a righteous man;

so maybe he would be righteous at another time too.

Applicable to scouting: Kids come late every single week; instead of seeing the kids coming late as bad; there may be a reason. Let's not make a judgement call. Judge everyone on the side of favor. Rashi points to two sides; let's walk away with the positive; not the negative.

Roosevelt: Do what you can; with what you got; where you are at.

Minutes on the website; on the website with the mistaken family reference removed.

Accepted as posted.

Kinnus - Staff reports:

Lessons Learned: (from Stuart)

Biggest worry about food not a problem; final totals for food.

Late start publicized with the program and holidays we could have been short.

Shopped for 26; increased to 40 but he went to get more stuff and got some extra hot dogs.

40 worked out great with the numbers for plastic flatware; napkins, et. al.

Everything worked out right.

Per person about \$5 worked just right.

\$203.58 + ice + cooking propane.

Sauerkraut leftover; buy less next time.

Some extra apples, mustard, Sauerkraut; let's not open all the packages.

Per head costs could have bin a bit lower.

Some cracker packs and granola bars left over; half jars of pickles and mustard.

Extras donated to the troop for DAT.

Some left over sprite and diet root beer; root beer (barq's) was popular.

veggie dogs and hot dogs along with chicken a good choice (not: We didn't use the chicken)

corn was great.

Kitchen facilities worked well with what we had.

Hyiam's grill and Stuart's new grill worked great.

Could we Kasher a grill to keep at DAT?

Adult help was awesome; should have had more scouts helping but timing didn't work.

Need to have the scouts ahead of time that are cooking so they're prepared for it.

Maybe in a few years when we have scouts that come who already have their Ner Tamid; they can staff and cook; teach the religious awards.



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Shawn: Crawl, Walk, Run.

This was a great 1st time event; we'll improve for next time.

Can we record the receipts somewhere for next time?

It's in the Council Records too; but elsewhere too?

Comment: Grill was pretty bad afterwards; how do we modify for next time?

Other clean-up was fine; but let's do better with the grill next time.

Overall: Shawn said it was a home-run; great feedback from Council and the Community.

First event as a committee; it was great. Raised awareness at the Council office.

Finances: Not paid by 1 family yet; confused to make arrangements with credit card.

\$162 in patches.

\$200 for food.

\$320 paid so far.

15% surcharge for administration on every event; so revenue was modified by that (off the top) to Council.

So minutes \$60 ish for total profit; with our photocopies cost they broke even.

Should get \$370 total.

Probably lost about \$10 or so; close to breaking even.

Also for next time we need to think about scholarship for needy participants.

Also Mike will maybe talk to some people about helping out as well.

Camperships available ; 50% covered.

Reminder: Our mileage to meetings is tax deductible too!

We didn't get any scouts from Pike's Peak's canceled religious award; maybe we can pick up more next time we do this.

We could handle twice as much next time.

Let's advertise at Pike's Peak Council, Long's Peak, and Rocky Mountain next time.

Another boy in another troop was disappointed because she didn't know about it until it was too late.

We need to advertise better next time. Maybe they knew but the word didn't get to them from Round Table.

Goes out on the RSS feeds as well.

And it was on the Denver Area Council site as well and in the council newsletter too.

Mile Chai and JewishDenver.org next time; maybe we could buy a small add with a donation or they would let us place it free. Shawn saw it on one websites.

Workshops -

Need more adults to come for 2 Deep Safety.

Etz Chaim was out in the open so they were OK.

Greg needed and adult (pulled from the Maccabee) for Ner Tamid.

Awards were challenging to teach.

Aleph - Content is different than an Etz Chaim. Able to poll the scouts; see where they were at.

One brought their notebook and a spreadsheet of a check-off list. Rabbi Reiffman adjusted to the content that wasn't previously covered. Talked about the Torah; the writing in it; opened up a scroll; gave them his contact information.



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Maccabee - Shawn could have covered enough for a whole day. We only scheduled an hour (or less)  
The chaplain from the Air Force Academy was awesome and very helpful for this.

Ner Tamid - Reviewed a few requirements; I actually finished about on-time. I gave them resources;  
on a print-out.

Etz Chaim - Interviewing; writing short essays. Just went through the requirements.  
Introduction to Denver History. Concern about them moving forward after the Kinnus.  
No print-outs were available in Scott's.

Can we follow-up in 5 weeks?

E-mail with our contact info to everyone who attended in case they need to follow-up.

Contact us when you're done and we'll help.

Shawn will do that.

Do we need more workshop time next time? Instead of 1 session; 2 or 3 sessions?

Is just being a spring board OK?

Do we just over-view the requirements?

Then you go out and find a counselor and work on your award.

Provide support; but let them work on the badge.

Also a link on our sign-up page to buy materials beforehand for the religious award.

For example; for Etz Chaim "Denver Jewish History" from DU; there was a movie too.

Allows them to work on it independently. Maybe we can talk to Jeannie Abrams about this.

Give them a bibliography too.

Meals eaten in the Sukkah - that worked great.

Worked good to run it with Sukkot.

There is potential for problems if the Sukkah had collapsed but I thought it was fine.

There is possibility for failure; bigger crowd we'd have to rotate lunch rounds.

It added some cultural additions to the program for scouts who had never been involved with the  
holiday. Works best with Sukkot to avoid the holidays and to avoid it getting too cold.

If it gets too big do we build one as a pioneering project?

Give the scouts the resources and tell them to have at it.

We need ages and grades to figure out what religious award we will have them work on.

Divide them kids by age for Ekar Farms as well.

One week later there would have been nothing to do; let's try and plan so there's work there too.

Next year will be fine; but 2013 will be very late.

Can we even do certain things; some restrictions during Sukkot.

For the sake of a mitzvah; (community need - the pantry) that over-rode the restrictions.

Ekar Farms - Big success; there was an adjacent group so there was some confusion about that.

Some came to our area and ordered food too. Plus we couldn't have the kids drink water and eat  
snacks because we didn't want to be impolite. The scouts and parents all did great.

Kept them busy the whole time.

Opening and Closing Ceremony: Coordinate better including possible invocation; practice the flags.

Have some extra games (emergency games to kill time; entertain the kids) in our back pocket.



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Shawn: New business - Bronco's Day for \$1,000 sellers.

Council office said this year is set; they said they didn't realize this was an issue.

Tried to make it in the bubble on Saturday evening in February; but the bubble was busted.

That's why it was Saturday afternoon at Mile Hi Stadium.

Going forward: Conflict on Sunday Afternoon in February; let's shoot for a Sunday in April; but it was booked for this time. Going forward we'll do it on Sunday; another District Executive has 7th Day Adventists that couldn't participate. Jim Machamer talked about the bubble on Saturday night.

Jim is Tim's direct boss; concerned about how this went. Go back to the Bronco's and see if there's something else; maybe a tour of Mile Hi including the locker rooms. The event is a 4 hour event.

Could it be done on a weeknight as a 2.5 hour event? Let's see if we can do that with a few players.

Can do 20-30 for the tour so we can jointly do it with the 7th Day Adventist group.

Sunday can work for LDS; but later in the afternoon; not early in the AM.

Merit Badge College on a Sunday - Ryan Thompson will do one for Frontier District on a Sunday.

Shawn will let us know when so we can sign-up and advertise it.

Let's have it rotate; every single year at least one district has a merit badge college on Sunday.

Can we push for that through the Scout Executive office?

Frontier works good; has the most central location as well as a larger Jewish Community.

The Jewish Committee on Scouting committee members are happy to help supplement the staff if needed.

If available (most Sundays it's available) we could have it at DAT maybe;

it's a daylong event; food service could be challenging; could get pizza from Pete's on Alameda.

ITOLS - ?

look at March 26th for the next Chaplain Aide training course in the Spring.

Push-back on running it over two afternoons.

One on Sunday (did that) ; and one on two evenings (two nights in a row) ;

The week of Spring Break might work; adult staff have jobs during the week.

Did Stuart's Channukah idea just mean us? Or something bigger?

If us that's do-able.

Mike is heading South again for the Winter.

Next meeting date - time location:

Week before Thanksgiving?

November 17th at 7:00 PM; at DAT.

Scout Master Minute: Be Kind to the Messenger.

After being at sea for several months Noach set a dove free from the ark to see if the waters receded.

The dove returned; Noach brought it back in because there was still no dry land.

He sent out the dove again; hoping it would be clear.

When the dove returned he was thinking it hadn't found dry land.

He didn't yell at the messenger.

He simply put forth his hand and took it and brought it to the ark.

Messengers often come and we find frustration with them for unwelcome news.

Let's not do that; but be as Noach; embrace the messenger and gently put forth his hands.

A week later the Dove delivered great news.

Don't make them feel bad; show them appreciation no matter the message.

Then you're always approachable, receptive, and caring.



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Then they will always share the news with you.