Gateway District Roundtable Highlights

May 2012

Core Value: Perseverance

Once you have attended Roundtable your pack will be entered into our contest for the best attendance award

Core Value for May Perseverance:
Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult. Cub Scouts will discover that they need to try and try again to master a skill such as knot tying. As they work hard for advancement, they will recognize in themselves and in others the quality of perseverance.

Character Connection: How did you do on your first try? Did you get better at it as you tried a few more times? Did you persevere? What does it mean to persevere? Was it hard to persevere? How did it feel when the beans didn't stay in your hand? How did you feel when you could keep more beans on your hand? Can you say that you persevere at things? How will you persevere on things at home this week?

Preopening Activity: What can you do with it?

Materials: Paper cups, pony beads in various colors. Make sure they include the colors on the name tags. You may choose to include extra colors as well. In place of the pony beads, any colored objects such as pieces of craft foam or colored paper may be used.

Preparation: White colored markers, add a dot on one corner of each name tag. Choose five to seven colors. Before handing out name tags to the people as they arrive, ask each person to put a handful of beads into a cup. Hand out a name tag and tell each person to go around the room and trade with others to collect the beads that match the color dot on his or her own name tag. Players do not have to trade one bead for another; they can negotiate and trade in any way they want. However, they are not allowed to shout out their colors. Encourage them to persevere.

Tips for Pack Activity: **Tigers to Webelos and Beyond, Celebrating Each Rank**.

Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve Scouting's aims. The advancement program is designed to help the Cub Scout to achieve these aims and aid in his personal growth. The pack can have a meeting focusing on the boy's effort and hard work on advancement, encouraging perseverance, and celebrating each rank in Cub Scouting. Dens can demonstrate their den yells, show off their advancement charts, and say something special about themselves and the hard work

they are doing. Dens may choose to say something about what they would like to do when they move up to the next level in Scouting. Older boys may say a few encouraging words to younger ones. Webelos Scouts can talk about awesome experiences or funny things that happened at one of their den meetings while working on an activity badge. Den chiefs and guest Boy Scouts can come in their full uniform and tell all the boys in the pack about their camping trips or troop meetings. During the meeting, a den of older boys may choose to help younger ones practice he knots required for the rank they are working on. Younger ones can sing a song from their handbook and invite older ones to sing along with them. Share ideas on how to celebrate each rank, encourage inter-den activities, encourage perseverance, and foster the desire to advance and to their best. Boys and families celebrate being part of a den, a pack, and the BSA.

Training Highlights: **Local Council Activities and Awards.**

Distribute copies of the council and district activities for Cub Scouts and families for the coming Scouting year. Invite the district activity chair to give a short summary of the events. The activities for the boys and families might include day camp, resident camp, family camp, Scout fair, Tiger Cub fun day, Cub Scout activity day, Webelos Scout day, cycling events, district pinewood derby, and more. Make certain to give participants the information on how dens and packs can register for events. Besides these activities, your council might have award programs for Cub Scouts, families, leaders, and packs. The program might be safety awareness, historic walks, museum visits, hiking trails, and conservation projects. Prepare a list of such programs and discuss the requirements for each award. Show recognition patches and certificates. Brainstorm ways to encourage Cub Scouts, their families, dens, and packs to participate in the council and district activities and award program. Ask participants so share their experience.

Cubmaster's Minute: Don't Be Afraid to Fail

"Don't be afraid to fail. You've failed many times, although you may not remember. You fell down the first time you tried to walk. Did you hit the ball the first time you swung a bat? Heavy hitter, the ones who hit the most home runs, also struck out a lot. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs. If he didn't try, he couldn't have made that kind of record. Don't worry about failure but worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try. On the other hand, we need to be able to recognize when we've done our best, which an be, perhaps, less thank what you really wanted or less than the best of someone else. We should try and try and persevere until we're sure done our own very best1"

Snack: Apple Carrot Salad

Ingredients: 3 carrots, shredded, ¼ cup raisins, 1 large apple dried, ½ orange, diced, ½ banana, diced, 2 slices canned pineapple, chopped, ¼ cup nuts, chopped, dressing: whipped cream, sour cream, and honey to taste.

Pour dressing over the salad. Serves Six

Be Aware of Food Allergies and Diet Restriction

Did You Know? Cub Scout Magic.

This fun book is a great resource for age=appropriate tricks and puzzles. It contains more than 200 stunts, tricks, and puzzles. Cub Scouts and Cubmaster's can learn simple but amazing tricks to dazzle the audience at the pack meeting.

Upcoming Trainings:

- **Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (3501 Summit Grove Parkway, Thornton, Co.) 5/1/12, 6:20 – 9:30**
- **Intro to Outdoor Leaders Skills (3501 Summit Grove Parkway, Thornton, Co.) 5/1/12, 6:20 – 9:30**
- **Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (2001 Historic Parkway, Ft. Lupton, Co.) 5/4/12 5:30pm – 5/5/12 6:30pm**
- **Intro to Outdoor Leaders Skills 2001 Historic Parkway, Ft. Lupton, Co.) 5/4/12 5:30pm – 5/5/12 6:30pm**
- **Intro to Outdoor Leaders Skills (173 County Road 96, Ward, Co.) 5/4/12 6pm – 5/5/12 5pm**
- **Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (173 County Road 96, Ward, Co.) 5/4/12 6pm – 5/5/12 5pm**
- **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) (173 County Road 96, Ward, Co.) 5/5/12 5pm**
- **Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership (Formerly Health and Safety) 5101S Dayton, Englewood, Co. 5/5/12, 9am – 10:30am**
- **Cub Scout Leader Position Specific (5101S Dayton, Englewood, Co.) 5/5/12, 10:30am – 2:30pm**
- **Scoutmaster & ASM Leader Specific (5101S Dayton, Englewood, Co.) 5/5/12, 10:30am – 4:30pm**
- **Rock Climbing Instructor Training (22799 N. Elbert Road, Elbert, Co.) 5/11/12, 6pm – 5/13/12, 2pm**
- **Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WLOT) / Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS) 173 County Road 96, Ward, Co. 6/1/12 6pm – 6/3/12 10am**

Upcoming Events:

- 2012 Boy Scout Day at Dinosaur Ridge (16831 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison, Co.) 5/12/12 9:00am – 3:00pm. Cost $4.00 person if registered by April 15, $5.00 person after April 15. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- 36TH Annual Gateway District Webelos Weekend, Camp Tahosa 6/1/12 – 6/3/12 Register online at gatewaybsa.com/webelosweekend
- 2012 Gateway District Twilight Camp (LDS Alkire Bldg, Arvada, Co.) 6/12/12 3pm – 8pm, 6/13/12 3pm – 8pm, 6/14/12 3pm – 8pm, 6/15/12 3pm – 8pm

"We never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it."

If you have any comments, or suggestions on things you like, or dislike about the Newsletter. Have any information you would like to add, or would like to suggest things to be added. Please contact Teresa Fay at shanefay@msn.com

Please send comments, suggestions, training information etc. two weeks before roundtable, so we can make sure to address it, add it, or make changes.

Thank you for the comments so far.