

Denver Area Council, BSA
Jewish Committee on Scouting
Meeting Minutes
1/20/2011

In attendance were Shawn Connelly, Greg Ostravich, Scott Markowitz, Hyam Reiffman, Stu Zipper

Colorado Springs wants to do a Religious Merit Badge College somewhere with us. Maybe we can get a camp ground where some retreats are done.

Available in the Fall and Winter.

Christian/Catholic on October 8th

Jewish program October 9th; this is the day after Yom Kippur so it won't work because of Sukkot.

What day would work instead?

Maybe 2 weeks later? Or earlier.

Maybe 2nd week of September.

District Camporee set yet?

Maybe the Sunday of Arapahoe District's Camporee for an Aleph/Ner Tamid program.

Shawn will check dates on Arapahoe District's site.

e.g. Gateway District, Centennial District, et. al.

Let's work with Colorado Springs to coordinate a Ner Tamid award on the 18th or the 25th of September.

Lisa Holstein is the contact at Pike's Peak Council.

Shawn Connelly will work on this - contacting regional troops.

Create a Ner Tamid/Cub Scout Religious Awards day.

Let's also contact Greeley/Boulder/Longmont - catch the whole Front Range, hosted in Denver.

This regional draw can pull into a Kinnus that we talked about with a full day of Shomer Shabbat scout activities.

We'll put up an Eruv around that Camp site too.

When and where? Coordinate with Hyam and Stu for this.

Maybe at Tahosa we could do this; use the Mess Hall as a Chapel.

Put the kids at Lakeside Cabins.

Put the adults in the Rock House.

We could also tent in that area.

Or at the JCC Camp.

Religious Award the first year; then a Kinnus the following year.

Lots of planning for Shabbat food prep.

Can non Jewish kids come? Maybe.

Stu had non Jewish kids (Halachicaly) in his troop.

Look at the ratio to make sure we're not pushing anybody out; but maybe we can have a few.

Denver Area Council will reach out to Rabbi Tel Rav for a new Troop too?

Sinai may sponsor a troop; if not they may allow one to meet in their space.

An outside organization could sponsor though; maybe a Jewish War Veterans group.

Maybe start with a Venture Crew or something instead. Need to verify the requirements.

Exploring groups set their requirements too; maybe Reform issues around gay rights aren't a concern there to have an impact on a Reform Synagogue's sponsorship.

Denver Academy of Torah (DAT) is forming a troop; Hyam is working on that.

Maybe talk with Hebrew Educational Alliance? - Hyam says no; their troop is just for DAT.

Internal only.

Also letter of support to National - Shawn will work on this?
Scouting.org has an area with "Letters of Endorsement"
e.g. Catholic Church, PADI Americas,

Let's see if the Jewish War Veterans will do it.
If not, the National Jewish Committee on Scouting
If not, the Western Jewish Committee on Scouting
If not, the Denver Jewish Committee on Scouting

Shawn talked to Cindy Powell about an observant wood badge.
We need to find a Scout Master for that.

Also Adult Registration form for JCOS for Stuart.
He's going to be a Council Member at Large.

Hyam, Greg, Shawn, and Scott already are registered at National.

Next Meeting:
TBD.