Gateway District Roundtable Highlights

Dec. 2011

Core Value: Positive Attitude, Guest Speaker: Michael Cottrell – Hazing/Bullying in Scouting

Slacker Packs

48 51 76 91 135 180 234 251 272 274
304 508 509 510 511 575 584 613 647 830
969 1859

Packs with most leader attendance to date:
513 402 540 726

Your Packs number is removed when an adult from your Pack attends Roundtable.

Once you have attended Roundtable your pack will be entered into our contest for the best attendance award given out at the June Roundtable.

Core Value for December: Positive Attitude
Being cheerful and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations. Through participating in various activities at the pack meeting and the pack talent show, boys will gain a better understanding of the importance of having a positive attitude whether they are part of the audience or as the center of attention on stage.

Character Connection: Positive Attitude
What does it mean to have a positive attitude? Why is it important? Have you been in a skit or play before? What can make it difficult for you to be part of a skit or a play? How does having a positive attitude help you? What can you do to improve your attitude? How can a positive attitude help you do your best at school and in other areas of your life?

Preopening Activity: Stars of the Pack Posters

Materials: Cardstock for each Cub Scout in the pack with his name in it (photos may be attached to the poster); pens; lost of positive statements.

Arrangement: Place cardstock posters on the tables around the room. Post positive statements on the wall. As families arrive, hand each person a pen. Instruct people to go around and write something special and positive on the Cub Scouts posters. They can refer to the examples of positive statements for ideas but suggest making the statement as specific to the particular boy as possible. Designate several adults to circulate and make sure each child's poster has a few positive things written on it. They should encourage people to participate in the activity. They can help people, especially young children, to come up with positive statements of their own as well. After the preopening activity, put the posters in the wall. Present the posters to the Cub Scouts during the meeting.

Tips for Pack Activity

Pack Family Talent Show. There are many talented people in each Cub Scout pack. Families can put on skits or magic shows. Play musical instruments, or sing songs. Using the section on planning special events in the Cub Scout Leader How-To-Book as a reference, lead a discussion on planning and running a family talent show at a pack meeting. Include in the discussion ways to involve families as well as boys. Cub Scouts can be put on a show with their dens of with their families. Each den can have its families sing songs or play instruments. Instruments could be real musical instruments, or kazoos or home-made ones. Some family members might have talent in supporting and running the show. There are usually a few parents who are talented in recording the show with their cameras for the pack or den scrapbook.

Stress the importance of a positive attitude by everyone involved – the organizers, the performers, and the audience. Suggest handing out the guideline on appropriateness and having den leaders screen the entries ahead of time. Refer the participants to the section on the guidelines for a positive place found in the Cub Scout Leaders Book. Remind them that the emphasis should be on everyone's doing his or her best and on having each person shine.

Training Highlights

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts can earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity award. This award recognizes the Scout for taking part in outdoor recreation and conservation projects. Provide copies of the requirements, which are available at www.scouting.org/cubscouts Review the requirements with participants. Point out that Cub Scouts of all levels who have attended day camp or resident camp have the opportunity to earn the award. A Cub Scout can earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. Show the pocket flap award that the Scout receives the first time the award is earned. The award is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Show the wolf track pin that may be added to the flap for each successive year the award is earned. Explain that leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year. Review the outdoor activities listed in the requirements that a boy can complete with his den, pack or family and discuss how leaders can encourage boys to earn this award.

Project: Star Photo Frame Sun Catcher

Materials: Two old CDs, ribbon, craft foam, small photo, glue, scissors, permanent markers, and stickers. Cut 6 inches of ribbon for the hanging loop. Glue two CDs together with the ribbon between them, making sure there is enough loop showing. Cut a star from craft foam so that half an inch to an inch of each point extends beyond the CD. Cut a hole in the center for the photo. Glue the photo to the back of the star then glue the star to the CD. Decorate the reverse side of the sun catcher with markers and stickers. Optionally, the reverse side can also be a star frame with another picture. For a family of stars, make a string of sun catchers with a piece of ribbon glued between them.

Did you Know?

BSA Online Learning Center, http://olc.scouting.org

This site provides a variety of training materials, from quick references to complete courses, all designed to help BSA members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program. The courses offered on this site include, but are not limited to, Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, This is Scouting, Leader Position-Specific Training, Youth Protection training, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Den Chief Training.

Upcoming Core Values, Guest Speakers, and Topics:

January – Resourcefulness – Joe Black – Emergency Preparedness
February – Compassion – Randy Bishop – Special Needs
March – Faith – TBD – Religious Emblems

Upcoming Trainings:

12/8/2011 6 pm – 9 pm, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Place to be determined, and No Cost
Contact: Centennial@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 7:30 am – 2 pm, Train-A-Palooza (place to be determined, Castle Rock, Co) No Cost
Contract: scouts@comcast.net

1/14/2012 8 am – 12 pm, Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003)
No Cost Contact: Gateway@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 8 am – 4 pm, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003) Contact: sfuller@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 8 am – 4 pm, Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training (12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003)
Contact: sfuller@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 8 am – 12 pm, Troop Committee Challenge (12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003)
Contact: Gateway@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 8 am – 12 pm, Charter Organization Rep Training (12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003)
Contact: Gateway@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 8 am – 2 pm, Venturing Leader Position Specific Training (12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003)
Contact: acetomw@q.com

1/14/2012 9 am – 10:30 am, Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership (Formerly Health and Safety) 12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003, Contact: Gateway@denverboyscouts.org

1/14/2012 2:30 pm – 4 pm, Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership (Formerly Health and Safety) 12995 W. 72nd Ave, Arvada, Co. 80003, Contact: Gateway@denverboyscouts.org

Upcoming Events:

Disney on Ice
December 9th, 2011 - 1000 Chopper Circle, Denver, CO 80204, 7 pm – 9 pm, Contact: Call 303.670.3696 or discounts@denverticketworks.com

Venturing Roundtable
Wednesday Dec 14th, 2011 @ Hamilton Scout Headquarters, Dobbins Room, 6:30 pm, Topic "Teen Suicide"
Contact JT Thomas at ship324yahoo.com or feel free to call (720) 313-5369

2012 National Western Stock Show and Rodeo
January 7th, 2012 - 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80216, 12 pm – 9 pm,
Contact: group_services@nationalwestern.com, (Use online Group Code: NWSSBSA) or call 303.295.2979

DU 9th Annual Scout's Night
Saturday, Jan 14th, 2012 – Magness Arena, Tickets are $15.00, Contact Adam: adam.sizemore@du.edu

2012 Scout Show Kick Off
January 18th, 2012, Frederic C. Hamilton Scout Headquarters Anschutz Conference Center, 6:30 pm – 9 pm
Contact: dwhitner@denverboyscouts.org
Boy Scout Night with DU Basketball
Saturday, Feb 4th, 2012 – Magness Arena, Tickets are $8.00, Contact Adam: adam.sizemore@du.edu

Coming Soon
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Boy Scout Page in Our Roundtable Highlights

Boy Scout Leaders – If you have any suggestions on things you would like to see in the Newsletter,

"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.