

Roundtable Notes: February 13, 2013

Last month's recap:

--Scouting for Food was a great success! Over 1200 bags were left at homes, and over 1675 pounds of food were collected, plus \$145 in cash donations. Much appreciation to the units who participated: Packs 214 and 221, Troops 203, 206, 218, and Crew 299.

--Scout Windows were on display during Scout week. Troops 206, 207, and 218 participated in building showcases for Scouting. Troops 206 and 207 tied for first place in the judging.

--First Aid O'Ral was held on February 9: The top three troops were 207, 206, and 228. Troops and Scouts are encouraged to send thank-you cards to the 4225th USAH at PO Box 1006, Fort Harrison, MT 59636.

--The Jackson Award, an annual District award for troops, was won by Troop 207 this year, through a combination of participation in District events and individual Scout advancement.

Training:

--Any adults interested in becoming NRA-certified as a shotgun instructor may attend training on 4/12-13/13; contact Jeff Patten for more info.

--Don't forget to sign up your youth for NYLT; dates this year are June 23-29. More info at www.montanabsa.org

--Wood Badge, an adult training, will be held May 16-18 and June 6-8 (both weekends required) at both K-M and Grizzly Base. More info at www.montanabsa.org

--To have a successful year in your unit's Journey to Excellence, be sure to log your unit's Community Service hours. This is easily done in your unit's account at myscouting.org.

Camping:

--Spring Camporee and Cub Camp will be held at Hellgate Campground, May 17-19

--Don't forget to sign your unit up for summer camp!

Upcoming Events and Other Items of Interest:

--Chariot Races: February 23 at East Valley Middle School. More info is on our District website.

--Pinewood Derby: March 16 at Helena Middle School. More info is on our District website.

--Scout Expo: May 11 at Memorial Park. The theme is "Rock-n-Rockets." Units will sign up for suggested activities; contact Jeff Patten for more info.

--Adult Recognition Social: Saturday, March 9 at 7:00pm at the Alliance Church (1400 Stuart-- formerly Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church). RSVP not required, but appreciated, to Vicki Hentz.

--Adult Recognition applications are due no later than February 28 to Vicki Hentz. If you did not pick up an application for Bronze Bear or District Award of Merit at Roundtable, please get in touch with Vicki to get a copy. Spark Plug awards do not require an application; simply submit a paragraph to Vicki by 2/28.

--Merit Badge University will be held April 13 at Carroll College. There will be at least 30 merit badges to choose from, plus a Trail to First Class for beginning Scouts and Boy Scout adult indoor training. More info is on our District website or <http://meritbadgeu.wordpress.com/merit-badges-offered-2/>

--Program Guides are available from Clarke; they are a great source of District and Council events.

--The Federal Reserve Bank is now giving group tours. Call 447-3800 to make arrangements.

--Randl's riddle: What does a dog do to stop a VCR player? A: He has to find the PAWS button. The delicious Chocolive bar (dark chocolate and peppermint this month) was won by our own DE, Clarke Farrer! Now, Clarke is obligated to bring someone to Roundtable next month.

Help Wanted:

--Our District is in need of a few good adults to pitch in and keep things rolling and improving. No experience necessary, just a love of Scouting! If you would like more information about a position, or to sign up right away, please contact Vicki Hentz.

* Cub Roundtable Commissioner: This person (or team) heads the Cub portion of Roundtable, providing leaders with event information, activity ideas, and a forum in which to share how their Packs are running.

* District Popcorn "Kernel": This person (or team) heads up the District popcorn sales in the fall. While the "hard" questions are routed to Council, it's important to have someone local on hand to make sure things run well, especially with distribution.

* Cub Trainers: We need a group of people who want to help train the next generation of Cub leaders.

Next Roundtable: Wednesday, March 13, 2103 at the CRA cafeteria. 6:30 for Commissioners, 7:00 for all.

Be sure to check the District website: www.pricklypearmt.org for contact and event information.

Yours in Scouting,
Vicki Hentz
PPD Chair