

TOHPENDEL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

My fellow Scouters,

As the new Boy Scout District Activities Chair for Tohpendel I wanted to let all units know of upcoming District events and their dates so you can plan your yearly calendars accordingly.

Oct. 10-12, 2014	Fall Camporee
Jan. 31, 2015	Klondike Derby
Mar. 28, 2015	Pinewood Derby
Apr. 12, 2015	District Awards Dinner
May 1-3, 2015	Spring Camporee
Oct. 9-11, 2015	Fall Camporee

This year's Fall Camporee is being run, I have been told, by Troop 79. Next year's Klondike Derby and Camporees will not fall on just one troop. It is my plan to have someone from every unit involved on the Activities Committee and thus sharing the running of each across the units. Therefore I will be visiting each unit seeking a volunteer from each unit to help in the planning and running of the District events. In running stations at the events, the unit representative may use some of their older scouts that would prefer to help rather than participate against the younger scouts. I would also like to include the Webelos in these three events to expose them to Boy Scouting and the different troops of the District. Please read this to fellow leaders in your unit. If there is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member or Parent that would like to be involved with the committee from your unit, please have them contact me. My email address is ajapeu0753@gmail.com.

Yours in Scouting,
Dennis Hallman

HOW TO CRAFT THE PERFECT CUBMOBILE

By: Mark Ray

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. Batman and Robin. Boys and cars. Some things just go together naturally.



Most boys love playing with cars, whether they're remote-controlled racers, Hot Wheels replicas or battery-powered ride-ons. In Cub Scouting, the pinewood derby lets boys scratch their automotive itch, but it's not the only option for racing fun. Many packs find that Cubmobile races offer a low-stress, high-octane alternative to the traditional derby. Like pinewood derby cars, Cubmobiles rely on gravity for propulsion. But unlike those pint-size racers, Cubmobiles are big enough to accommodate drivers.

To learn more about the ins and outs of Cubmobile racing, Scouting talked with two Cubmobile veterans. Ryan Coverstone coordinates races for the Lincolnway District in the Anthony Wayne Area Council (Fort Wayne, Ind.); Jeff Wieters runs races for the Live Oak District in the Los Padres Council (Santa Barbara, Calif.).

It Starts With Cars

Plans for cars appear on Page 207 of the Bear Cub Scout Handbook. A Cubmobile is little more than a seat, four wheels and two wooden axles. The rider steers with a rope connected to the front axle — safety blocks keep him from turning too much — and stops by pulling a simple friction brake that drags on the ground.

Continue reading this article from Scouting Magazine at <http://scoutingmagazine.org/2014/02/craft-perfect-cubmobile-cub-scouts/>

COMMISSIONER RECRUITMENT

Have you been working as a Unit leader and now want a new challenge? Are you interested in helping other Units put on a successful scouting program? The Unit Commissioner position is for you. We are always looking for new commissioners to add to our staff. We could also use help on our round table staff. Your input on how to improve Round Table will be much appreciated. If you are interested in a District position please contact Bruce Cattie: bcattie@buckscountybank.net.

A NOTE FROM OUR TRAINING CHAIR

In today's active and busy world we need Scouting more than ever. Together we offer our youth Scouting values along with Leadership, outdoor skills, in a fun and adventurous way like no other. We have aligned ourselves with Scouting to have fun and offer the Scout the best possible program. Fun with a purpose. This is part of Baden Powell's vision.

To do this we need help, we need to train Scouts and leaders in their current Scouting position. Scouting is designed to be fun with well-planned meetings and activities; Parents, Scouts and Ventures- say that a robust, active and dynamic outdoor program with trips, camps and outings is why they join and stay in Scouting. Let's give it to them! For this to happen it is essential we become trained in all aspects of Scouting. A boy led Troop needs to have Boy Scouts who are trained. A real boy lead Troop has many Scouts who have completed National Youth Leadership Training. I know for a fact it works and works great! Even Leaders benefit from youth training. They have only their jobs to do, assist and advise the Scout. The youth run their troop as it is meant to be.

The Cub Scout Program needs committed adults to lead the way to fun and adventure. This training is offered on a silver platter, all one needs to do is pull up a chair to the Training buffet and go at it. It's simple, easy, and fun and there is a ton of support. You only have to ask. We teach this to the Scouts so why don't we do it ourselves?

All Adults who are currently working without training are doing **Our Scouts** a disservice. You are teaching them not to belong and to do it any way except the correct way. Can I ask why? Would you send you child to school to a teacher who was not trained? Would you send them to swimming lessons to someone who can't swim? Ask yourself would you get into a plane with a pilot who only played video games as his training? Then I ask you why would you send your child to a Pack, Troop, or Crew that has leaders who are untrained? Go to you unit and see who needs training and make sure they get it in a timely fashion. Like Now! Your Scouts deserve a Servant leader. Because it about the Scouts. This is why we do what we do, is it not? Give the boys what they deserve, a fully trained Adult leaders.

Below is from Nationals Website.

“Depending on the adult volunteer's role, the Boy Scouts require all adults to attend a variety of training and leadership programs. Every adult leader must annually complete [Youth Protection](#)

Training. Each adult must also complete a Fast Start training specific to their program. Position-specific training is provided, including unit committee members, Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Unit Commissioners, and others. Skill-specific training is also available to gain knowledge in outdoors skills including camping, hiking, first aid, Leave No Trace, swim safety, climbing safety, hazardous weather, and other skills.”

I will be contact all the adults who are posing as Leaders to assist them in changing their untrained status.

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WHY TURN IN APPLICATIONS?

Turning in youth and adult applications is an essential part of having new Scouts join your Crew, Pack or Troop. As we move into the fall and begin to bring new Scouts into the Scouting Brotherhood it is important for each new Scout to fill out an application and have the unit turn the application into the office. The application needs to be turned in because without an application the boy is not registered in Scouting and cannot earn advancements. Each Scout or Scouting family should be receiving Boy's Life magazine; there is a three month delay between the date of registration and the first issue of Boys Life the Scout will receive. If the applications are not turned in in a timely fashion then the new Scouts will not receive Boys Life. If a Scout is not registered they are not covered by BSA general Liability Insurance. A Scout is not covered under BSA Insurance until they are properly registered. If there is an accident involving an Unregistered Scout the Leader is liable. When a new Scout registers they are asked to supply their registration fee, if they register in September but their Pack does not turn the application in until December what happened to the money the Scout paid for the Months of September, October and November that was supposed to go to their Scout registration?

This is an easy process, when a new Scout joins your Crew, Pack or Troop ask them to fill out an application on their first night and have a representative from your unit turn the application into the Council Service Center as soon as possible. To make the process even easier on Unit Leadership; notify your District Executive and they will pick the applications up from you.