

Fall Kickoff Meeting Minutes

Camp Sunrise

August 28, 2016

Welcome – Introduction of new DE and Welcome to Fall Kickoff

Membership: Tammy Endres –

- Discussion of new attempts for Boy Scout recruitment strategies
- Encouragement for open houses for Troops as well as Packs
- Power of bringing a friend to events (i.e. upcoming Fall Camporee)
- Example of New Parent Information Packet that can be put together to hand out to parents at recruitment nights, etc. that provides parents with all new necessary information
- Applications can be very overwhelming for many people, highlight necessary information for newcomers, making the process less intimidating and more efficient
- Have clipboards and pens ready at recruitment nights
- Be organized and ready in advance for recruitment nights
- Have upcoming calendars to show parents and youth for August – August (full year) as a guide of events for the next year
- There is quite a bit of wrong information on school recruitment nights, everyone has been asked to take a moment to correct. (many corrections were made and updated)
- Taking a note that Tammy is willing to travel to distribute resources throughout the district as is new DE
- Checks now need to be made out to Green Mountain Council for new applications
- It is crucial for **all new applications** to be in sent in ASAP, as this is a liability caution for all
- Reminder to please pick up all recruitment supplies from business, organizations, etc. that you leave any at and please reuse if possible

Council Update: Ed McCollin –

- Leaders who are changing positions **will need** to complete a new adult application
- Reminder that Packs and Troops need to work together for recruitment night as this is a collaboration effort
- Returning from a conference in New Orleans, update that the council in Little Rock, AK just recruited 3300 new cub scouts which is 300 more than last year and they still have 33 more school's left
- www.beascout.org is a great resource and we are averaging at 2 inquiries a day wanting to join scouts in our council
- We are at a new national level of scouts over the last 15-20 years

- Six major goals –
 - Membership – loss of 2 million kids
 - Leadership – always do your homework on top leadership
 - IT Program – Scoutbook App to track all milestones from Tiger to Eagle Scout
<https://www.scoutbook.com/>
 - Pilot Program – Lion Program
 - GILP: General Insurance Liability Program
 - Redefine who we are and why we do it – the power of changing kids' lives
- If you are unsure about any liability questions
 - Refer to the Save Scouting Guide
 - Call Ed McCollin directly
- Youth to Youth Protection Training video will be coming out
- A and B Health Forms for all guests at scouting events

Lion Program: James Bachand

- Not yet an accredited program
- New recruitment strategy for kindergarten age boys
- Will want feedback in Spring on overall program
- Please keep communication going if your unit is participating in this
- Further information at <http://scoutingwire.org/lion/>

Russ Baker:

- Monthly roundtable Schedule:
 - Northern part of the state will meet 2nd Tuesday of the Month at the American Legion in Middlebury, VT
 - Southern part of the state will meet 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the Shaftsbury Methodist Church
- We want to hear from you about what your units want to do so that we can make these roundtables meaningful to you
- National Jamboree in West Virginia we have 80 youth signed
- Currently looking for adult staff
- 10 days long but you can do ½ weeks
- \$475 plus travel costs
- All staff opportunities available

Mount Norris: Russ Baker

- Mount Norris will be expanding its program next year:
 - Long Trail
 - Canoeing
 - New Merit Badges
 - Native American Area
 - Airsoft Rifle Program (pending)
- Pricing structures will be available next month for next year summer camp options

Camp Sunrise: John Dyer

- Superhero theme this past summer
- Legends of the Sea for next year
- Recruitment for new employees is most successful at camporees.

Order of the Arrow: Brock Quesnel

- A National Honor Society for boys
- Great way to meet new people
- Way to keep the older boys actively involved in scouting
- Monthly chapter meetings
- Activities such as; rock climbing, NYC trip, Canoeing, etc.
- Does not take the boys away from their Troop, this is in addition to
- New leadership opportunities for boys
- Greater involvement with OA on a council level as well
- Statewide recognition

NYLT: Dean Silloway

- National Youth Leadership Training is designed to give boys the tools and leadership skills they need to take back to their units, i.e. conflict resolution.
- A week course that is youth led and usually takes place when school ends and before summer camps
- New vocabulary and leadership
- Requirements are First Class and ILST as a Troop as well as a strong maturity within the youth
- Last year there was 40 youth participants and only 3 were from EA.

Wood Badge: Russ Baker

- Please only send true unit leaders
- Program designed for adult leaders to use in their scouting roles

Fall Camporee: Ed Gelbar

- Co District camporee with Calvin Coolidge at Rutland Fairgrounds October 7-8th
- Units need to bring an event (let us know ASAP your activity!) and a static display for scout show
- Prize will be offered for best scout show display
- Cook-off Tasting
- Registration will start at 4PM
- Saturday there will be a camp wide activity
- Vendors on-site throughout the day Saturday
- Fairgrounds are going to make arrangements for food vendors to have on site as well
- This is a great recruitment opportunity so bring a friend for the weekend or just the day!
- *Units should have a parent consent form if scouts will be bringing a friend, please let us know if you need assistance with this.*

- Strong push for the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge, handouts are available for a list of requirements

Miscellaneous Comments/Discussion:

- Please update all advancement information!
- EA Popcorn Training **September 1st at 6:30PM at Rutland Regional Medical Center Conference Room A!**

Awards:

Congratulations to the following individuals who were presented with awards for their outstanding service to our District:

- **Bob Treat** for his recognition for serving as our District Committee Chair
 - **John Dyer** and **Matt Gagnon** as Cubmasters of the Year
 - **Pack 330** Good Turn of the Year
 - **Matt Granger** as Scoutmaster of the Year
 - District Award of Merit:
 - **Kari Gelbar**
 - **Heather Dyer**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fall Kickoff 2016!