JAPEECHEN DISTRICT
GREATER PITTSBURGH COUNCIL BSA

Notes of the Roundtable

February 2, 2011

Japeechen District
Greater Pittsburgh Council
Boy Scouts of America
http://www.gpc-bsa.org/districts/japeechen.aspx

Field Director	Jim Douglas
Program Executive	Clay Shumway
Development Executive	Darla Digiovanni
Unit Service Executive	Chris Edmonds
Membership Executive	Aaron Whigham
District Chairman	Art West
District Commissioner	Bill Ammer
Roundtable	
Boy Scouts	Steve Kuniak
Cub Scouts	Karen Brienza
Communications	Angie Hart
Program	Steve Kuniak
Activities	Ronna Cullen Doyle
Camp Promotion	Jamie Uber
Development	Rick Fellers
Membership	(open)
Leadership (Training)	Mark Eberhart
Advancement	Andy Rodgers
Finance	Eric Okunewick

Calendar

February
2 Roundtable (O'Hara Elementary)
6 Scout Sunday (local unit)
9 Eagle Board of Review, 7 PM (Springdale)
10 District Committee Meeting (Joey D's)
12 Risk Zone/SM-Specific Training (St. Catherine's)
13 District Scout Sunday (Mount Saint Peter Church)
26 Pinewood Derby & Mall Show (Pgh Mills)
26 Trainer's Edge (Flag Plaza)

March
2 Roundtable (O'Hara Elementary)
8 District Committee Meeting (Joey D's)
9 Eagle Board of Review, 7 PM (Springdale)
19 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
26 University of Scouting

April
6 Roundtable (O'Hara Elementary)
9 First Aid Meet (Deer Lakes MS)
12 District Committee Meeting (Joey D's)
13 Eagle Board of Review, 7 PM (Springdale)
26 University of Scouting (AW Beattie Career School)

General Session

Sign-in – 6:45 PM.

Opening – The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Topic – First Aid

Program

Steve Kuniak ***724-389-0731***

Activities

Ronna Cullen Doyle **412-486-1524**

- Scout Sunday, Feb 6
- District Scout Sunday, Feb 13
- Pinewood Derby & Mall Show, Feb 26 – Does your unit need a table for the Mall Show? Let Rhonna know ASAP.
- First Aid Meet, Apr 9 – Need patrol count at March Roundtable. http://gpc-bsa.org/Districts/Japeechen/First%20Aid%20Meet.aspx
- Cope-O-Ree, May 7 – Camp Guyasuta

Camp Promotion

Jamie Uber **412-782-2710**

Jamie announced Camp Promotions presentations will be done in Feb, Mar & Apr. Units should let Mike Crane know so they can try to accommodate all unit requests. Also looking for presenters.

Leaders' meeting scheduled for Feb 22 & 24 at 7 PM. Guidebooks available online now, http://heritagereservation.org/resources/summer/2011Guidebook.pdf . Print copies available in three weeks.

Scouting for Food

Sorena Ostlund

Unit is encouraged to submit their SfF Resitration Cards. This allows GPC to order enough boxes and bags for the distribution in April.

A list of available food banks will be available next month.

Development

Rick Fellers ***724-443-6519***

Membership

(open)

WANTED!
An active scouter, looking to try something new on the district level.

Leadership (Training)

Mark Eberhart **724-449-6354**

- Feb 12, Risk Zone & SM-specific indoor session (outdoor session to be in April)
- Feb 26, Trainer's Edge
- Mar 26, University of Scouting
- Aug 26-28 & Sep 23-25, Woodbadge
  District scholarship available, contact Mark
- District Training - http://www.gpc-bsa.org/Districts/Japeechen/Japeechen%20District%20Training.aspx

Advancement

Andy Rodgers **412-487-8975**

Cliff McCalmont announced the completion of the latest Merit Badge Counselor List, as of February 1. Some units noted their counselors were no longer listed. Cliff explained this was due to the new requirement for ALL counselors to be registered with Youth Protection Training.

The District Advancement Committee is proud to announce the following Boy Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout this month:

- Issac Fischer, Troop 186
- Daniel Horneman, Troop 395

The next Board of Revew is scheduled for March 9.

Communications

Angie Harl **angieharl@comcast.net**

No report.

Finance

Eric Okunewick **412-779-0289**

No report.

District Key 3

Field Director

Jim Douglas **412-325-7940**

Scout Sunday – Jim reminded all of the last word of the Scout Law, "…Reverent." He asked what kind of example are we setting for our scouts if our units don't participate in Scout Sunday services.

Training – Jim encouraged all to get training, especially new leaders.

Jim also shared some words of inspiration.

District Chairman

Art West **412-486-2800**

District Staff Reorganization – Art informed all the District will finalize changes to the district committee, based on the new Council service team changes.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) –

District Commissioner

Bill Ammer **412-389-4429**

Ray Coronet's mother passed away. If you need an address to send a card, contact Bill.

Alexis Pegher Memorial Playground – In memory of Chris' 18-month old daughter, Good Shepard Lutheran in Fox Chapel is building a playground. They are looking for donations of time and money to complete the project.

First Aid – As a leader, are you comfortable you're your knowledge of First Aid in the event of an emergency? If not, you are encouraged to seek training. Also, check unit First Aid kits for expired medical supplies.

Charters – Less than 10 are still outstanding…

Book read – "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch. Bill noted two themes:

- "Brick walls" - are there to see just how much you want what is on the other side; and
- "Head fakes" - like our program, fun for scouts, while they learn, sometimes without realizing it.

You can watch his last lecture on YouTube, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ji5_MqicxSo.

"You are doing a good job!" – There is still room for expansion, asking some to dig deeper to help a little more. More Unit Commissioners are needed.

Emergency Team – Bill will be tapping the "cream of the crop" to form a team to help struggling units. The idea would be to help a unit for up to 60 days.

Changes - No changes are to be made to chartered organizations, representatives, committee chairs, scoutmasters or cub masters. These require approval from Jim Douglas and Bill Ammer. Before making any changes, contact Jim or Bill.

Chartered Organization Representatives – These people are members of the District Committee. Imagine what could be done with another 40 people helping out. Bill & Jim will be visiting the CORs to let them know what their role really means to Scouting.

Updates – Bill is looking for updated information for your unit's Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair and Cubmaster or Scoutmaster. Please send this to Bill.

Next Roundtable…

Our next Roundtable will be on March 2 in the auditorium of O'Hara Elementary School. The meeting will open at 7 PM. Session topics to be covered:

- General – Resident Camp
- Boy Scouts – Cope-O-Ree
- Cub Scouts – Day Camp

Please arrive at 6:45 for sign-in, handouts and ask any questions you may have, prior to the meeting. Otherwise, you are asked to do this during the break.

Duty Roster for our next meeting…

- **Opening – Open! Volunteer needed!**
- **Cookies – Open! Volunteer needed!**
- **Closing –** Pack 625 – Thank you!

We need units to help with the April and May meetings! Openings and closings can be as simple as reading something inspirational. It's easy! Please contact Karen Brienza ASAP.

Available Literature

BS: designates for Boy Scout Troops only
CS: designated for Cub Scout Packs only

New This Month

- District Scout Sunday flyer
- BALOO flyer
- First Aid Meet flyer
- 2011 Cub Scout Day Camp
- Wood Badge pamphlet

Boy Scout Session

Steve Kuniak 724-389-0731

This Month's Topic

The Boy Scout session discussed local camping.

Cub Scout Session

Karen Brienza 412-335-0980

Mall Show, Feb 26 @ Pittsburgh Mills

Two tracks will run, allowing each pack to send their top two Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos to the district races.

Special race for Boy Scouts hosting tables in attendance, just bring your old cars!

Units asked to sign-up for table displays and scout craft demonstrations from 9 AM – 1 PM. Other "scout related" organizations and demos can reserve tables as well.

Units, please email names of your eight cubs heading to the district race to Rhonna ASAP.

There will be no patches, but other award arrangements are in the works.

Blue and Gold Dinners (open discussion)

Discussion covered entertainment, themes, food, budget and committees.

Free place mets are available at the council office, usually themed in line with Resident Camp, "Sea Adventures," this year.

Miscellaneous

- Apr 9 – First Aid Meet
- Discussion of First Aid training for leaders
- May 7 – Cope-O-Ree
- Day Camp fee schedule
- Apr 8-10, National Camping School (Camp Guyasuta) – required for Day Camp Program Director. We need new blood to help with this annual program highlight.

Day Camp (Camp Guyasuta)

Two available "weeks:"

- Jun 27 – Jul 1 (five day week); and
- Jul 7 – 9 (abbreviated three day week).

Cost will increase $5 over last year.

For more information:
http://sites.google.com/site/japeechendaycamp/