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Subject: 2010 Fall Council Wide Camporee

HI All,

It's time to start planning the fall council-wide camporee as it would be awesome to have this information ready to go for May roundtables (we really need to). Let's plan on meeting Sunday, April 11th at 3 PM at the Subway in Lake City, upstairs dining area. (The Lake City subway is on North Lakeshore Drive)

Jeff Kranz – Hiawatha District – can you find a representative for Hiawatha District and let me know who that is?

Randy Hyde – Sugar Loaf District – can you find a representative for Sugar Loaf and let me know who that is?

Please mention this at the April Roundtables so troops get this on their calendar.

Here's what we know so far about the fall camporee:

Camporee Dates: Oct 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, 2010

Location: Hok-Si-La Campground, Lake City, MN

Note: Although we are not going to require pre-registration for this event, it would be extremely helpful to the campground to have a very good idea of how many troops and their numbers that would be attending by September so we can start filling in the campsites, etc and know how much of the park we will need. If we don't fill up the entire park, the city wants to be able to rent out the campsites that we would not use. And they will be getting calls all summer long . . . so, the sooner we know, the better.

Theme: Fall Back Into Scouting or Scouting of Yesteryear – need to finalize

Patches/Ribbons: Generally handed out Sunday morning after campsite inspection and before the troop leaves – Wakpaota will take care of these items

Service Project: This is in the works, projects will be finalized this fall depending on how the season goes at the campground and what needs to be done. I talked with campground manager, Joanne Klees, today. They are doing trail work this spring, so am not sure how much of that will need to be done this fall – there might be some; wood-splitting was mentioned, but only about 20 scouts/people can be in that area at a time – so, we might need to get creative as fall moves closer to us.

Focus: Doing old scouts skills, skills that scouts do not typically do now (box-oven cooking, etc,) How "retro" can you make your campsite look?

Activities: Start thinking about these and please get input from fellow scouts and scouters in your district – none of these are set in stone at this point, so this is just some of activities that have been mentioned to date.

- 1) It's been mentioned to maybe have a climbing wall at this Camporee. I mentioned that to Joanne and she said we would have a ton of red-tape paperwork to go through since Hok Si La is city owned property and she is not even sure the city would allow us to bring it in. This will be a discussion point.

- 2) I would like to see us do one of the historical merit badges, however, we are still waiting on the "official" requirements from national. The original thought was to do the signaling merit badge. Not sure how practical / could we get it done in one weekend – the scouts would have to learn and study Morse code over the summer. Even doing the semaphore activity, I would like to have the scouts make their own flags for this activity. This will be a discussion point.
- 3) Box Oven Cooking - between now and this meeting I hope to experiment with some small box ovens to see how it would work so that each scout could take a little box oven home with them and can we get this activity completed during a "station"
- 4) Campsite Inspection / Challenge – I would like to see us challenge the scouts – no "propane" cooking, all cooking done over open flames, etc.
- 5) Two man wood saw Challenge
- 6) ????

Other thoughts on stations / rotations that have been discussed –

--Have fewer stations, but longer depending on the activity

--split the group up for service projects – ½ the group does service project in the morning and stations in the afternoon and then switch for the afternoon

Attachments – (Check out the April RT page for the attachments titled)

I have attached the campsite inspection sheet that Wakpaota generally uses for its traveling trophy. Wakpaota will still plan on doing this for their traveling district trophy. I would like to see some things changed to reflect the theme.

The attached pdf is from a 1967 printing of the Scout Handbook titled Get A Message Through

Thanks for sharing your time and talents . . .

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