

Hiawatha District Boy Scout Round Table

Gamehaven Council 2009-2010

Pax Christi Church, Rochester, Minnesota

Join us the first Thursday of each month (except for April 8th) for Hiawatha District's Round Table. Enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and maybe even pick up a few pointers to use in your troop. Pregathering starts 6:30 PM, opening ceremony 7:00 PM, ends about 8:30 PM.

September 3: Chat 'n' Chew

We'll use the new firepit at Pax Christi (an Eagle Scout project). Bring a snack you can cook over an open fire (popcorn? pie irons? banana boats?) While we're eating, we'll talk about your experiences with summer camps, high-adventure camps, and other summer activities.

October 1: BSA Generations and Alumni Connections

Bring "old-timers" from your troop or other Scouting experiences; we'll talk with them about the "good old days" of Scouting. Part of BSA's 100th year celebration, you'll also learn how to plan Generations Connections activities in your troop.

November 5: Realistic First Aid

What do you get when you mix corn syrup, chocolate syrup, and red food coloring? Moulage, or fake blood for use in realistic first aid. We'll share recipes, training ideas, and disaster simulations that are popular for use with Scouts. Be prepared to volunteer to "get hurt" (and an old shirt).

December 3: Adult training road maps and awards

We'll review the road map of adult training courses, ranging from on-line courses, district and council (and regional) courses, Wood Badge, and ending with Philmont Training Center (and the new training center in West Virginia). You'll also see the adult recognitions (square knot awards) that you can earn.

January 7: Northern Tier

Although it's winter, relive summertime with a trip to Northern Tier's Sommers Canoe Base in Ely. Bring your pictures and memories, or learn how to plan an expedition. This is year two of our Boy Scouts High Adventure camps tour (Sea Base in 2009, Northern Tier 2010, Philmont 2011).

February 4: Old-time Scouting: Staves

Baden-Powell's first Scouts made hiking sticks or staves, and used them for lots of things. We'll make basic staves and show how to add to them. If already have a staff, bring it to show off. After seeing yours, your Scouts may want to make their own or one per patrol.

March 4: Scouts with disabilities

How do you work with a Scout with a disability? How do you teach other Scouts and their families about disabilities? How do disabilities affect troop activities? We'll discuss these and other questions with a panel including SEMCIL, Scouts with disabilities and their families.

April 8: NYLT Training session

Get exactly the same training Scouts receive at National Youth Leadership Training. The NYLT youth staff will present one complete training module directly from the course. Seeing the NYLT staff in action is a real experience. The topic title to be announced later.

May 6: Open discussion, or "Stump the Chumps"

It's a free-wheeling good time asking each other questions on best practices (and worst!) in a troop, and how to make things run more efficiently.