

Cub Scout Rookie Camp

Over 200 new Cub Scouts and their recruiters came to Rhodes France Scout Reservation on Saturday, October 4th for Cub Scout Rookie Camp. The Scouts participated in the events of archery, bb guns, marbles, hiking, crafts, and model rocketry.

A big thank you goes to the staff who made this event a tremendous success for all involved.

Membership Inventory

During the month of November, your unit commissioner will be asking your unit membership chairman to cross check your roster with the Service Center's roster. Following the fall recruitment, we want to make sure that all youth are properly registered so they are covered by insurance, can receive timely advancements, and tenure is accurate.

Popcorn & Recharterers

Units must have their recharterers to the Council Service Center on or before November 14th. Popcorn payments are due on December 5th. If you have either done before those dates, it is suggested that you bring them to the Service Center early. Just a reminder that one check should be made out for the balance due to the council for popcorn. The council WILL NOT ACCEPT individual checks. A separate check should be made out to cover the cost of rechartering. Checks should be made payable to Lincoln Trails Council.

Why Do I Need To Fill Out Another Application?

We hear this question often by volunteers who are already a registered Scouter in one unit and are registering for a position in another unit, or are changing positions in the same unit. A new application is needed because the chartered organization head or the chartered organization representative must approve its leadership and the positions volunteers hold.

If you become a leader in a new unit or are changing positions in the same unit, the chartered organization head or chartered organization representative must give approval to you to hold that position in their Scouting unit. This may seem like a hassle and a duplication in paperwork, but the chartered partners need to know who their leadership is and approve of them.

Approval for a district position will come from the district "Key 3" - district chairman, district commissioner, and district executive.

Training Vital to Volunteers' and Scouting's Success

James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, was once asked to identify the three most important needs of the young Scouting organizations. After careful thought, West responded, "Training, more training, and still more training."

Training, especially unit leader training, continues to be a top priority of the Boy Scouts of America today. How effectively the Boy Scouts of America can influence the lives of young people is directly related to leaders' abilities and their understanding of the aims, principles, and techniques of their role in Scouting. The key to strengthening leaders' abilities and knowledge of Scouting is training. Training helps leaders acquire knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes necessary to make their contribution to Scouting worthwhile. Training shows volunteers how to use numerous resources including youth leadership to develop and lead a more effective program that instills character, citizenship, and personal fitness in today's youth.

In addition to instilling values, there are other unit-leader training outcomes that positively impact leaders, units and youth, such as youth retention, unit growth, and rank advancement. Through training, the youth get a quality program and have a better time in Scouting. Trained leaders have a better understanding of the program, enjoy it more, and provide a quality program to their youth members.

Check with your District Executive for a schedule of training dates. If you can not attend a scheduled session, contact your District Executive about bringing the training to you.

Don't forget supplemental training - roundtables, powwow, BALOO, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, and Wood Badge. These training events will give you additional skills and knowledge to provide that quality program that your Scouts and you deserve.

BASIC LEADER TRAINING NEEDED BY ALL CUB SCOUT LEADERS

- Fast Start
- Youth Protection
- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- New Leader Essentials

BASIC LEADER TRAINING NEEDED BY ALL BOY SCOUT LEADERS

Scoutmasters and Assistants

- Fast Start
- Youth Protection
- Boy Scout Leader Specific Training
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- New Leader Essentials

Troop Committee Members

- Fast Start
- Troop Committee Challenge

Fast Start Training and Youth Protection are available through the National Website and through www.myscouting.org.