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Proper prior planning prevents pitifully poor performance. This spring, each district will be conducting a program kickoff meeting, and you may be a bit surprised by what you see. In the past, this meeting has been a replacement for Roundtable where packets were given out to each unit and District Committee members held up samples of what was in the packets and explained why it was important. The meeting **really had very little to do with planning though. So let's try something a little bit different...**

Our new attitude towards this meeting is that it is a training session where unit leaders will come to learn HOW to most effectively plan out the unit program for the year. There will still be a packet of information and a disc with sample paperwork and a calendar, and there will be additional tools as well. We will be including 2 copies of the council calendar printed out for each unit and a planning chart to help the units go through the process. At the training your unit will begin plugging important dates into your calendar for the 2009 - 2010 program year. There may even be some special drawings with cool prizes!

Dream a little! As you enter the program planning process you will hear us encourage you to dream a little. If you could have the very best Scouting program in your unit, what would it look like? Part of the process will be to brainstorm ideas, discounting none of them initially. Once you have some ideas, then go through and determine whether or not you can afford to make them reality. Your Scouts deserve the best, and sometimes you really have to work hard to get the best!

Your attendance is vital at this meeting. Please try to make sure that at least one person from your unit committee attends, and **preferably have 2 or 3 people come to the training. With a little "proper prior planning" your Scouts and their families can have the best program possible.**

Friends of Scouting Reaches \$84,000!

NEARING 50% OF GOAL!

Through commitment and hard work the council has achieved nearly 50% of its FOS goal for 2009. Families have been extremely generous in support of Scouting, donating \$35,500 so far toward a goal of \$39,000. Both the Redhawk and Two Rivers District have already met their Family goals! The Executive Board has also surpassed hits goal of \$20,000. Congratulations! The community campaigns are just now kicking off, and we hope to complete our Friends of Scouting campaign by the end of June.

Volunteers Accept New Positions

Dave Murphy of Redhawk District has accepted the position of Assistant Council Commissioner for Roundtables. His duties will include Roundtable Commissioner Training, Roundtable planning coordination, and resource assistance.

Fred Saurmann of Railsplitter District has accepted the position of Assistant Council Commissioner for training. His duties will include training for Unit, Assistant District, and District Commissioners, assist with Commissioner fast start training, and promotion and dissemination of Commissioner specific information.

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