May 2012 WASATCH PEAKS District 18 Newsletter

Roundtable 7-8:10 p.m.
District Committees 8:15-8:45 p.m.
Zone Meetings 8:45-9:15 p.m.

AT A GLANCE

May
- 10 Roundtable / Basic Training Session A - 7 p.m.
- 12 Council Advancement Training
- 17 Heritage Golf Classic

June
- 4 Scout Flag Day at IHOP
- 14 Roundtable / Basic Training Session B - 7 p.m.
- 14-16 Varsity Big Event

July
- 1-7 Silver Moccasin
- 2-7 Envision Family Wood Badge
- 12 Cub Scout Roundtable Only (No Basic Training)
- 16-21 On Belay

August
- 9 Roundtable / Basic Training Session A - 7 p.m.
- 16-18 Powderhorn
- 23-25 Powderhorn

September
- 8 Cub-O-Ree & Webelothon
- 9 FOS Training

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For More Information & Updates:
www.bsa18.org

Scout-O-Rama:

Thanks to everyone that helped with and participated in this years Scout-O-Rama.

Wood Badge List:

If you've been on the District Website, we have a list of those Scouters who have been to Wood Badge. I know it needs updating. Please let Susan Metcalf know at alscoutlady@gmail.com if you need to be add to the list. Let me know by May 12th. Thanks.

Journey to Excellence:

Last year was the first reporting of the Journey to Excellence and it is good to have a program that progress can be measured. The program requires that each Unit make there own measurements and set the own goals. The District can not help with that effort any more. At the Unit level, please have a meeting and start keeping records on a weekly basis so that this information can be translated more easily their information to the reporting paperwork.

Bless you for your efforts.
-Glen Jones

BOY SCOUTS

Roundtable:

If you have anything to do with Boy Scout age young men (11-13 years old), please join us at Boy Scout Roundtable.

Program Feature: Emergency Preparedness
We will discuss planning and preparing for emergencies and will be assembling first aid kits. Come and learn how to Be Prepared!

Putting the Outing in Scouting
It's still not too late to sign up for a council summer camp, although some weeks are full at all camps.

If you still want to sign up, visit the Great Salt Lake Council web site at www.gslc-bsa.org, click on Camps, Boy Scout Camps, then the camp of your choice. Camp guides for 2012 are now available on line as well.

New Online Tour Plans
Effective May 1, 2012, there will be a new tour and activity plan for all units. This update provides units with a new tool for creating tour and activity plans online through the leader's MyScouting.org account. The new tour plan will need to be approved at the unit level. We will have more information at Roundtable.

See you at Roundtable!

VENTURING

Venture Forum:

Please plan to attend Venturing Forum on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Riverton North Stake Center. ((12345 S 2700 W). Basic training is also held in conjunction with Forum.

Upcoming Forum topics:

May 10: Conducting the Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) Course

June 14: Diversity, Growth, and Inclusiveness

July: No Forum - Unit Super Activities

Powerhorn Leader Training is being held August 7-11. This is "High Adventure" training.

Registration information can be found on the Council website under Training -> Leader Training -> Powderhorn Leader Training.

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KEY 3 SCOUTERS' MINUTE

Trim your sail:

One merit badge that I know my boys enjoyed earning as Scouts was Small-Boat Sailing. One thing they told me about that really impressed me was learning how to tack. In a sailboat, you can't get upwind by steering straight into the wind. You have to move into it at an angle, with the mainsail close-hauled, and the centerboard down. By putting together a series of tacks, which looks like a big zigzag pattern as you go through the water, you can actually get yourself upwind of your starting point.

Sailors have a saying for this: They'll tell you to "trim your sail so as to gain an advantage, even in an adverse wind." A good sailor knows how to take the very wind that is trying to blow him backward from his intended course, and use it instead to move his boat forward. His forward progress might not be fast with all those tacks, but it's steady. There are times in your life—there'll be times in your Scouting career—when you'll encounter an "adverse wind." Everything seems to be moving against your intended course. Well, maybe you can't steer straight into the opposing "wind," but by trying a different "tack," you can find a way to move forward. That's one of the secrets of success in Small-Boat Sailing, and it works in real life, too

Yours in Scouting - Harold Bowman, District Commissioner

Parting Note from your District Key 4

Dear Fellow Scouters,

With grateful hearts we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve with you over these past few years. Without bias I am absolutely convinced that we have the very best scouting leaders in our Great Salt Lake Council. Thank you for the love and devotion you give to the boys and young men of our district. Never underestimate the impact you have on a boy's life. The investment of your time and talents will reap eternal rewards as these boys grow to responsible men with a foundation of timeless values you instill in them from the Scout Oath and Law. May God bless you for your sacrifice!

Yours in scouting,
Tom Biesinger, Susan Metcalf, Glen Jones and Gary Adams