

Our Response to Little Sioux Camp Tragedy

Dear Lake Minnetonka District:

Some of you have been emailing about helping out our fellow scouts that were affected by the tornados in Iowa. Pack 206 has done a great job getting things started. For more information please check out our district direct page link http://lakeminnetonkadistrict.org/lakeminnetonkadistrict_108.htm

Committee Chair Pack 206 Debbie Blum:

"Just a quick update, my sister went to one of the scout funerals and said the boy was buried in his scout uniform and there was a wonderful and impressive showing of scouts and scout leaders all in their uniforms who went to the funeral. She said the service was so moving



Troop 537 visiting a Scout injured in the Little Sioux tragedy.

and not a dry eye in the room."

Committee Chair Troop 537 Bill Richmond:

"We went and visited the 2 boys in the Hospital. One scout was still in ICU could only meet with 1 representative of our troop. The other scout was available to meet with all of us. We presented our get-well gifts and had a moving exchange with Rob and both boys' parents."

District:

We have connected with Mid-America Council and we have been invited to join the Iowa lakes of Okoboji for Boji-Fest. See www.LakeMinnetonkaDistrict.org highlight section or calendar tab August 22-24.

New Method of Communicating

We have a district specific bulletin board for all of us to advertise unit and community events, list items for sale or need, ask questions or offer resources and suggestions. We also have a world-wide forum to post questions and generally help make a better quality program for our youth. Both forums require you to register before using by going to our District Website www.LakeMinnetonkaDistrict.org click on the Community Bulletin Board tab.

AUGUST

- 3.....Wild Mountain Water Park – Scout Days
- 7.....District Commissioners Meeting Parker's Lake Plymouth 6pm
- 7.....District Bean Feed: Parker's Lake Plymouth 6pm
- 7.....Roundtable: Cub Scout Membership Focus: Parker's Lake Plymouth 7pm
- 7.....OA Chapter Meeting: Parker's Lake Plymouth 7pm
- 8.....Council Sea Base out Island Adventure Contingent
- 9.....Parents and Leaders visit Cub and Webelos resident camps 10-1pm
- 14.....Touch a Truck – Chaska 5pm
- 14.....Bike Helmets – Plymouth 6pm
- 15-17.....Wood Badge Second Course Weekend 1
- 15.....Scout Days with MN Twins 7pm
- 17.....Wild Mountain Waterpark Scout Days
- 18.....Golf Classic – Minikahda Club
- 18.....DEADLINE – Lake Minnetonka District Scout Night with the Twins – order online
- 21-Sept 1 State Fair – be an ambassador or stop by Northern Star Council's booth
- 22.....Fish-a-Thon Lake Minnetonka Maynard's Docks 10am-6pm
- 22-24.....Boji Fest – Iowa
- 28.....Bike Helmets – Plymouth 6pm

Detailed Calendar with Registration Forms
www.LakeMinnetonkaDistrict.org

District Highlight

Lake Minnetonka would like to welcome Pack 422. They have already been busy this summer: "We did a good job promoting our new Pack at the 4th of July parade. Two other local Packs (303 and 330) also had a unit in the Parade. They had a float with a camping scene. Marc and I were able to talk to many kids and their parents along the parade route. Thank you Patti for



Pack 422 Cub Scouts at the Chanhassen 4th of July Parade

providing the supplies and handouts. The event was cost effective. Many of the

moms I talked to wanted our Website information. Walsler Chrysler Dodge loaned us a brand new Ram truck. The truck color matched our "Join Scouts" window stickers. Also, Target donated nice 4th of July Tee-shirts." *Best regards, Dale Blomgren.*

Friends of Scouting

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2008 campaign—we started and finished strong. Our Family goal was \$107,050 and we finished at \$119,843. Our community goal was \$22,000 and we finished at \$28,819. We are leaving a legacy while impacting our community.

First Traditional District in Council to make Chief Winner's Circle (CWC)

It is a huge for council's everywhere. We are measured on 2 things—an increase in our June 30 youth membership numbers from the year before and increase in units. Currently we serve 2,422 youth which is a 3% increase from 2007 and 64 units which are 4 more than we had last year at this time. Our year-end December 31 Goal is to go over 3000 total youth served - this is something we can achieve!

Events

FISH-A-THON for Tigers, Cubs and Scouts! We have an opportunity to connect with www.fishingforlife.org on Aug 22nd on Lake Minnetonka at Maynard's Docks. Come and see Marathon Man, participate in a fishing derby, earn requirements for advancements, and eat. Bring a friend to join Scouts and both receive a refurbished (Gander Mt) rod and reel at the Scouting Booth. COASTER DERBY CAR RACE for youth ages 6-14 at James J. Hill Days in front of the Wayzata Post office. Flyer, rules, entry form, photo gallery, and derby car kit located www.LakeMinnetonkaDistrict.org district highlights or calendar tab Sept 6. SCOUT NIGHT WITH THE TWINS watch our Eagle Scouts during the pre-game Flag ceremony. Special Scout package for online purchasing until Aug 18 10am for the Sept 5th 7:10pm Detroit Tigers game.

Serving: Augusta, Bongards, Burschville, Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, Cologne, Corcoran, Crystal Bay, Dahlgren, Deephaven, East Union, Excelsior, Gotha, Greenfield, Greenwood, Hamel, Hanover, Independence, Jonathan, Long Lake, Loretto, Lyndale, Maple Plain, Mayer, Medicine Lake, Medina, Minnetrista, Minnetonka, Minnewashta, Mound, Orono, Plymouth, Shorewood, Spring Park, St. Bonaficious, Tonka, Bay, Victoria, Waconia, Watertown, Wayzata

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The Brink of Quality

By National BSA standards all districts are responsible for a number of measurable outcomes at the end of each year, the main outcome of which is membership, more affectionately referred to as "the numbers game."

While a level bean counting is prominent in any organization where its members drive the health and vitality of its program, in Scouting we look to show how the Scouting programs positively affects those beans.

Each year we hold a council-wide recruitment event: Fall Roundup. It's more than likely familiar to you, but it is more than ever important for Manitou in 2008. Quality is within our reach!

Because of our very successful Webelos transition and excellent retention from our troops who supplied great program, the Manitou District is only 7 Boy Scouts away from our year end goal!

What's next? Cub Scouts – the district goal is 311 Cub Scouts between now and the end of the year. Venturers – the district is 4 away from goal. We also need to start 1 new unit.

It's time to get behind Fall Round up for Manitou District! We must connect with our churches and schools – get the word out that this is the year to join Manitou Scouting. Why wait when adventure is knocking on your front door?

For more information on FYR, read on in this issue of Manitou Navigator.

August

- 5.....Fall Round-Up Training
 - 18.....Key 4
 - 21.....Roundtable Kickoff/ District Popcorn Training
- ## September
- 4.....Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg 7:30 PM 1st Lutheran Church
 - 8.....Key 4
 - 10.....District Committee/Commissioner Staff mtg, 6:30/7:30 North Campus Rm 428, 424
 - 19-21.....OA Fall Conclave
 - 15-26.....Fall Youth Round-Ups
- ## October
- 2.....Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting
 - 4.....Manitou District Training
 - 6.....Key 4
 - 8.....District Committee/Commissioner Picnic
 - 10-12.....Fall Camporee/ Webelos Woods
 - 19.....District Scout Sunday

Fall Round-up

Come one, come all to the Manitou District Join Scouting Night training gala on August 5th, 7PM at First Lutheran Church. We will build the Fall Round up plan for our district, go over goal and materials and present all the new campaign items for 2008! We've got an exciting and enhanced program for you. Please be sure to have a pack representative, preferably your Pack Fall Round up Coordinator, present at the event!

Roundtable Kick-off

Roundtable kick-off, hosted by our district commissioner, will be held at 1st Lutheran Church on Thursday, August 21st at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Be ready to pick up information about upcoming events. Come to Roundtable Kick-off and we'll fill you in! For more information check the Manitou District web site at www.northernstar.org/manitou.

Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee is coming up fast and will take place on Friday, October 10th through Sunday, October 12th at Fred C. Andersen Camp in Houlton Wisconsin. The theme this year will be Jurassic Park. If you have any questions please contact Mitch Johnson at (651)653-8959.

Popcorn Sale

The 2008 Trail's End Popcorn Program is fast approaching and the big question on everyone's minds is who is your popcorn coordinator? Have you designated a volunteer in your pack, troop or crew to lead your unit into financial bliss with a successful popcorn program this fall. The Popcorn Kick-Off will take place at the roundtable kickoff at 1st Lutheran Church. If you have any questions please contact Tim Anders at (651) 254-9128.

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National Summer Time Pack Award

Did your pack have an activity for each of the summer months? If so, your pack qualified for the National Summer Time Pack Award. The award information can be found at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Forms/Camping/SummertimePackAward.pdf>. If you have any questions please contact Tim Anders at 651-254-9128.

Getting Published

If you'd like a picture or story published in the Manitou Section of Navigator, please forward those to the council, care of Tim Anders by the first of the month. We will do our best to get them included!

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