

Roundtable Notes: February 12, 2014

News:

- It is time to nominate your leaders for awards: the Spark Plug, the Bronze Bear, or the District Award of Merit. Please see the district website for more information; all nominations are due by the March Roundtable, on 3/12/2014.
- FOS is now ICL—Investment in Character and Leadership. Units will be contacted to arrange family presentations; our District will also be hosting our annual community fundraising breakfast. Contact Loren Brown at mtdewbum@hotmail.com if you would like to help with the campaign. Our goal for 2014 is to have the fundraising complete by the end of April, so let's not drag it out!
- For the ICL Community Breakfast, we are looking for great photos of our units—all of them. Please read the attached flyer on how to upload your photos for a mega-slideshow that will play the breakfast. The deadline for uploads is March 19th.
- Winter Camporee was a fun success! Thank you to Scott Jensen and Chris Laity, and their camping cohorts, for making a great event.
- Troop 207 took First Place in the 2014 First Aid O'Ral. Great job!
- Scout windows were up around town for Scout Week: congratulations to third place Troop 218, second place Troop 207, and first place Troop 206 for bringing home ribbons!
- Randl's Scouting Trivia from the January Roundtable: There are ten U.S. Presidents who were Boy Scouts; can you name five of them, including the only Eagle Scout who has become President? Answers: Teddy Roosevelt (while he was too old to be a Scout by the time BSA was founded, TR was a committee member and the first Council Commissioner for the Nassau County Council), FDR, Eisenhower, JFK, LBJ, Ford, Carter, Clinton, GW Bush, Obama; Ford was the only Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Rudy Whitney from Troop 228 for getting the right answer!
- Randl's Riddles for February: (1) What did the girl cat say to the boy cat on Valentine's Day? (2) What did the boy bee say to the girl bee on V Day? (3) What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus on V Day? (4) What do you call two birds in love?

Upcoming Events:

- Free basketball on Friday, 2/21 at Carroll College for all Scouts and Scouters (Boys, Girls, and adults). Just wear your uniform to the game and have fun. Other adults are \$5, siblings \$3. See the attached flyer for more info.
- Chariot Races for Cub Scouts will be Saturday, February 22nd from 9-2 at the East Valley Middle School. More info will be available soon.
- Food Share is looking for volunteers to help with set up and tear down of their Mardi Gras fundraising event at the Great Northern on March 1st and 2nd. Please contact Food Share at 443-3663 and speak with Dana Friede for more information.
- The OA is having spring training February 28th-March 1st; see the attached flyer for information.
- The Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, March 15th at East Valley Middle School. More info to come.
- The Annual Adult Recognition Social will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Valley Church on Shirley Road. This is a time for adult Scouters to get together and enjoy the company, refreshments, and recognition of excellent Scouting. RSVPs are not required, but are appreciated to Vicki Hentz at vickihentz@netzero.net or 439-9162.
- Merit Badge University is March 29th; see the website for registration details. Sign up early for the best choice of program!
- Scouting for Food will take place on the first two Saturdays of April—the 5th and 12th. Units distribute collection bags in neighborhood on the 5th, and return on the 12th to gather up the donated food. Last year, we collected more than 1600 pounds of food, as well as cash donations! Please request the number of bags your unit would like to distribute before the March Roundtable with Vicki Hentz. Packs and Troops are encouraged to work together.
- State Camporee will be June 19-22 at the fairgrounds in Townsend. The early registration discount is good until 2/20; the registration form is attached to this email. More information can be found at <http://montanacouncilcamporee.org>.

Journey to Excellence:

- There are new scorecards for the 2014 Journey to Excellence (attached to this email). The highlight for this month:
 - Camping: for a Troop to reach Bronze level, they need four short-term campouts and one long-term camp per year.
 - For a Pack to reach Bronze, they need to increase the participation in camping activities by two percent over last year, or have 33% of their boys participate in camping activities.

The next Roundtable will be Wednesday, March 12th, at 7:00 pm at the CR Anderson cafeteria; commissioners will meet at 6:30.