

Roundtable Notes

September 11, 2013

News:

Matt Specht, our new District Director, introduced himself to the leaders at Roundtable. His email is matt.specht@scouting.org. Matt's phone is 816-260-3859.

Upcoming events:

- Carnival Classic on Sunday, September 15th from 11-4 at Memorial Park. Pack 214 is sponsoring a district-wide Cub Scout booth with a pinewood derby track. Any Scout leaders who would like to help advertise Scouting, please contact Christi Buffington at buffingtonchristi@gmail.com.
- Fall camps for Cub and Boy Scouts will be held September 20-22nd. The District website has the agenda, maps, etc. **Cub Scout leaders:** please contact Cami Robson at 933-8769 or cams3sons@yahoo.com to let her know a ballpark figure of how many Cubs and family members to expect.
- Saturday, September 28th is National Public Lands Day. The Montana Conservation Corps is looking for volunteers (Boy Scout and up) to work at Centennial Park from 9am-1pm. Please RSVP to Doug Wheeler at 461-3728 or dougwheel@bresnan.net. See the attached flyer for more info.
- A Year of Faith Retreat will be offered on Saturday, October 19th from 1-5pm at Carroll College. Girl Scouts and Cub & Boy Scouts of all denominations are invited to earn this Catholic patch. See the attached flyer for more info.
- On Saturday, November 2nd, Scouts are invited to attend the football game at Carroll for free! See the attached flyer for all the details.
- There will be a retreat for all Boy Scouts who would like to earn the Ad Altare Dei award (this is a Catholic religious award) on December 7-8th. Contact Tony Etherington at tetherington@mt.gov for more information.

Popcorn:

- Sales start on Saturday, September 28th. Please see the attached Popcorn Post #2 for more information on how to have a great sales year. If your unit has not yet picked up your sales kit, please contact our District Popcorn Kernel, Christi Buffington, at buffingtonchristi@gmail.com.

Items of interest:

- Two Scouts earned their Eagle rank this summer: Jacob Touchette from Troop 207 and Russell Sticht from Troop 209.
- Samantha Pierson-Hartwig was awarded her Wood Badge beads.
- Tom Mazanec recently had surgery and is recovering at home.
- Troop 214 hosted a Troop from Colorado this summer and learned about the Koshare Dancers, an organization for young people interested in Native American lore. For more information, check out www.koshare.org.

Journey to Excellence—Retention:

- The JTE helps units ensure a quality program for their youth.
- Retention is a year-round process for units; they need to have a variety of activities to keep kids interested.
- How to become a Gold unit in Retention:
 - Packs: Retain and re-register 75% of youth; or retain and re-register 65% of youth AND have a 2% increase in youth members.
 - Troops: Retain and re-register 85% of youth; or retain and re-register 80% of youth AND have a 2% increase in youth members.

Randl's Riddle: (well, this month trivia):

- What are the five more commonly earned merit badges in Scouting?
 - Tony Etherington answered most correctly; apparently, there is some dispute in this matter. He proudly took home a delicious Chocolive bar.
 - Come to Roundtable next month for the answers...and to have a chance to win the October riddle!

Next Roundtable: Wednesday, October 9th at CR Anderson at 7:00pm. Commissioners' meeting will be at 6:30.