

ROUNDTABLE NEWS FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE DISTRICT



DEER TALES



OCTOBER 2008

DEN CHIEF

The Den Chief Position is perhaps the most beneficial leadership position offered in BSA. First, Troop leaders who need to find a viable leadership position for the troop's First Class through Life rank Scouts can turn to the Den Chief position. Second, the Pack and Cubmaster benefit from the Den Chief Leadership position by providing assistance to Den Leaders. Third, and most importantly, the Den Chief position provides an excellent opportunity for a young scout to learn leadership skills while building self-confidence.

Troop leaders who find themselves in a quandary as to how to provide sufficient leadership opportunities for their troop's First Class through Life rank Scouts can turn to the Den Chief position. In fact the Den Chief should be among the first positions considered, especially for the younger First Class scouts

Leadership positions are not required for a scout to progress to the First Class rank, thus troop leadership positions should not be given to these young men. Troop leadership positions should be reserved for the older more experienced First Class through Life ranks. The young 11-year old boy that joins a troop is very busy learning scout skills and camping skills required to reach Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. It's too early in his scouting career to expect this young scout to be a leader while learning the "ropes" of scouting. However, once a scout reaches First Class, he is better equipped to assume a leadership position and Den Chief is an excellent first assignment.

Not every First Class, Star or Life scout is perfect for this job, thus the Scoutmaster must be discerning in his selection. The Den Chief must be dependable and able

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—MUST MINISTRIES

OPEN MEALS: We need groups willing to provide and serve the following meals for October, November and December:

Lunch October 2	Lunch November 6	Lunch December 4
Lunch October 14	Lunch November 25	Lunch December 8
Lunch October 27	Breakfast December 9	Lunch October 28
Lunch December 9	Breakfast October 30	

If you would like more information about working in the Loaves & Fishes Kitchen, or the rest of the open dates for the year, email Megan Dorris at mdorris@mustministries.org or call 678-418-4488.

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned meat, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned and dry beans, Mac and cheese, Baby Food, rice, boxed meals.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *November Cub Scout Theme: Seeds of Kindness*
- *Training Opportunities*
- *Upcoming Events*

WELCOME!!!

Please take a moment and make welcome our new District Executive!

BURCH GLOVER

He is an Eagle Scout from Tennessee, and recently married!

Congratulations, Burch! On the marriage and the position!

DEN CHIEF, *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

to meet with the den weekly, in full uniform. This schedule must also not interfere with his meeting with the troop each week, as the Den Chief's continual growth in Boy Scouting is also very important. Lastly, the Scout's parents must be involved with the decision, as frequently they must transport their son to and from Cub Scout activities.

Cubmasters should actively seek Den Chiefs to assist every Den Leader in the Pack. The assistants provided by a maturing First Class scout or higher are invaluable to the Den Leader. Ideally the Den Chief would begin in the fall, when the Pack resumes its activities, and continue through the Blue and Gold to the point the Pack breaks for the summer. The Den Chief helps the Den Leader by organizing and overseeing games, puzzles, stories, etc which allows the Den Leader to focus on individual cub scouts and on providing a quality program each week. After the first month or so of weekly Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings the Den Chief can assume a greater and greater role in the Den, to the point of conducting the Den meeting with the Den Leader providing appropriate oversight.

The leadership skills and self esteem gained by the First Class Scout is tremendous. First the scout learns the concept of chain of command and how to communicate with adults and subordinates. As Benjamin Franklin wrote, "He that can not obey, can not command" thus the scout begins his lessons in leadership. The Adult Leader provides instruction on what activities the scout is to lead then the scout explains the rules to the cubs and how to play the games. As the scout learns how to instruct, he can gradually assume the responsibility of teaching the skill sets required for the Cub Scout to advance.

To the Cub Scout, the Den Chief is Boy Scouting, thus he is BSA's ambassador and sets the standard by which Cubscouts and their parents judge BSA. The Den Chief's example will greatly influence the Cub Scout and their parents in their decision weather or not to continue scouting in a troop, and if so which troop.

Perhaps the most significant benefit is the self-esteem gained by the Den Chief. He is several years older than the Cub Scouts and thus the authority for everything the younger boys consider important. For example, the younger boys will observe the Den Chiefs uniform and want to emulate him. The Den Chief knows how to display, salute, and fold a flag. The Den Chief knows about pinewood derby cars and how to fix a cut with a band-aid. In short the Den Chief becomes an older brother, someone the Cub Scout look up to, and the Den Chief basks in his popularity and draws strength and self-assurance from the experience.

The Den Chief position is a very important position that provides benefits on many fronts. Scoutmasters, consider this leadership option for your Troop. Cubmasters, actively and aggressively seek Den Chief support for your Adult Den Leaders.

If you have questions or comments please contact me at 770-421-9801(h) or 404-791 0622(m).

Lewis Miller
Chairman, Advancement Committee
Mt. Lake District

GOT TRAINING?

Are you in need of training? Too many schedule conflicts? Check out Atlanta Area Council's website! They have a calendar dedicated to training and it shows what's going on in all the Districts and Council. This is fabulous...it's one stop shopping for training! Here's how you get to it:

www.AtlantaBSA.org

Click on Programs/Services (top center)

Choose Training (top left)

Choose Calendar (very first option)

Eureka! One-Stop-Shopping for Training!

HEALTH & SAFETY MINUTE

**Mountain Lake District Health & Safety Committee
Trent Trees**

Guide to Safe Scouting **TREK SAFETY**

Each of the following elements plays an important role in the overall Trek Safety procedure. Fun and safe overnight trekking activities require compliance with Trek Safety by both adults and youth leaders.

1. Qualified Supervision
 - a. Mature and conscientious adult at least 21 years of age who understands the potential risks.
 - b. Committed to the seven points BSA's Trek Safety
 - c. One additional adult who is at least 18 years of age.
 - d. Someone in the group currently trained in first aid, Wilderness First Aid Basic and CPR recommended.
2. Keep Fit
 - a. BSA Personal Health and Medical Record – Class 3
3. Plan Ahead
 - a. Tour Permit
 - b. Instruction and skill level
 - c. Weather and Temperatures
 - d. Elevation, Terrain, Wildlife, and Trails
 - e. Alternate Itinerary
4. Gear Up
 - a. Maps
 - b. Clothing and equipment for appropriate weather
 - c. First aid kit
 - d. Means to treat water and medications
5. Communicate Clearly and Completely
 - a. Trip plan communicated to home base
 - b. A means of electronic communications with back up power.
 - c. Youth and adults are responsible for making sure that everyone knows what to expect and what is expected of them.
6. Monitor Conditions
 - a. Leaders responsible to make good decisions
 - b. Capabilities and stamina of the group
 - c. Monitor weather, terrain, group morale, food and water
7. Discipline
 - a. Each participant knows and understands and respects the rules and procedures for a safe trek
 - b. Adults and youth leaders must be strict and fair, showing no favoritism.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—MUST MINISTRIES, *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

Please consider organizing a food drive in your neighborhood, at your school, workplace, civic organization, or church today!

If you are inquiring about serving meals in the Loaves and Fishes Kitchen, Overnight volunteering or Great Day of Service for your church, please contact Megan Dorris at mdorris@mustministries.org or call 678-418-4488.

2008 THANKSGIVING MEAL: We are looking for volunteers to help with the 2008 Thanksgiving Meal. We need volunteers to fill the following:

- Cook/Prep Crew - These volunteers will meet on Wednesday, November 26th to prep/cook the meal. They will also meet early Thursday morning to heat and pack the meal for movement to MUST.
- Clean up/Set up Crew - These volunteers will clean the dining area before, during, and after the meal as well as assist in dining room preparation. They will also make sure tables are cleared and reset, and garbage cans are emptied.
- Servers - These volunteers will serve the food and be the hands of the operation. They will take the order of the clients; bring their meals and drinks to the tables. We will need 2 servers per table at all times.
- Hosts - These volunteers will greet our guests and help to keep the line and dining room moving smoothly. They will walk around the area and be the love in the room, greeting, smiling, hugging, hand shakes, as well as helping keep the peace. They will also run the gift table and the volunteer intake table.
- Salads/Desserts - These volunteers will be responsible for running the prep area and ensuring that all desserts are served properly and that the dessert table is always full. Also, this team will be in charge of keeping the salads made and ready for our guests.
- Drivers/Delivery - These volunteers will deliver food and run errands in between the Walker School and MUST Marietta on Thursday.
- Team Leaders - We also need 5 team leaders. These team leaders need to be available for the entire day and will ensure the quality of service for their team.

2008 THANKSGIVING MEAL: We plan to serve 400 to 450 meals. Below are the donations needed to make the Thanksgiving Meal a success:

Kroger or Publix Gift Cards	30 Turkeys
350 pounds of ham	12 pans of green beans
4 pans of sweet potato casserole	500 servings of mashed potatoes
500 servings of stuffing	700 rolls
An assortment pies, cakes, cookies and brownies	1000 Plastic Dinner Plates
1000 Plastic Dessert Plates	1000 Plastic Salad Bowls
1000 Plastic Cups	1000 Dinner Napkins
500 Take Out Container	500 Take Out Bags
1000 Plastic Forks, Knives and Spoons	Table Decorations (12 Round and 2 rectangle)

Gifts for Donation Table:

- Coats
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Gift Bags
- Any other donations

Please contact Jenaila Hawkins at jhawkins@mustministries.org or call 770-427-9862 ext 1113 for more information.

ADVANCEMENT NEWSLETTER—FOR OCTOBER 2008

In September two young men from Mountain Lake District became our newest Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Eagle Scouts **Jonathan Greenwood, Ezra Assefa**, and their families.

Special thanks to:

All of the Unit Members who participated, sorry but we didn't get all of your names to thank you personally :(
Extra Special thanks to the Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who participated.

Community Leaders who participated:

Brian Hermanson, Executive Director Cobb Symphony Orchestra, Retired Professional Clarinet Performer.
Gene Clark, Local Attorney and previous State Representative for Marietta.
David Jacob Heino, Owner Expeditionary Technology, Retired Commander Special Forces

District Representatives:

Mr. Ken Roberts
Mr. Steve Balschi
Mr. Mike Gullede and Ms. Vivian Gullede, Eagle Ceremony Training
Mr. Dale Brott, Life to Eagle Training
Mr. Frank Cullins
Mr. Alan Stensland

The next Eagle Board of Review is Tuesday October 21, 2008 at 7:30 PM at Kennesaw United Methodist Church. At the same time is a class on conducting Eagle Courts of Honor. This is a great class for parents who are waiting for their son to finish the EBOR.

Also, on the same night and same time is a Life-to-Eagle class for Life (and almost Life) Scouts.

Lewis Miller,
Chairman, Advancement Committee, Mt Lake District

DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY BY
THE HARVEST YOU REAP, BUT
BY THE SEEDS YOU PLANT.

- ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to check the calendars on our District's and Council's website.

Lots of great things happening!

Mountain Lake District: www.mountainlakedistrict.com

Atlanta Area Council: www.atlantabsa.org

OCTOBER

- ◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church.
- ◆ **Troop 2096 1st Annual Camping Gear Swap Meet**, October 11, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., First Baptist Church—Acworth. Buy/Sell used camping gear, water gear, uniforms, or anything else a scout or an outdoorsman could use. There is no cost to set up a table and peddle your wares. For additional information or reserve a table contact Brad Braswell, SM Troop 2096 at bbraswell@msn.com.
- ◆ **It's a Jungle Safari at CubWorld**, October 11, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Bert Adams Scout Reservation. \$10.00 per Scout. Reservations online at www.atlantabsa.org.
- ◆ **Fall Camporee**, Highland Games, October 17—19. Contact Mike Heiges at 770/975-0806, mike.heiges@gtri.gatech.edu or Dave Johnson at 678/491-9923, cdjohn63@gmail.com, for questions/registration.
- ◆ **Duty To God Encampment**—Faith of our Fathers, October 24—26, Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Cost is \$8.00 if registered by October 20, after this date the cost is \$10.00.
- ◆ **Webelos Woods**, October 24—26, More info coming soon!

NOVEMBER

- ◆ **Bug Scout Family Camp**, November 7—November 9, Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Cost is \$10 per Scout/Sibling; \$5 per Adult. Registration is by October 9 (Roundtable). After this date cost increases.
- ◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church
- ◆ **Turkey Shoot & Cub-O-Ree**, November 15, Living Hope
- ◆ **Scout Expo—Scouting Carnival 2008**, November 15, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Jim R Miller Park. Cost is \$3.00 per person, includes patch.
- ◆ **Scouters' Academy 2008—Hooray for the Red, White, and Blue!** November 15, 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Cost \$30.00. Registration by October 29 and can be done online at www.atlantabsa.org.

DECEMBER

- ◆ **2nd Annual Mountain Lake District's Dutch Oven Cook-off**, December 6, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church
- ◆ **Recharter Day**, Saturday, December 13, Due West United Methodist Church, time TBA.

JANUARY

- ◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church
- ◆ **Scouters Winter Campout (SWC)**, January 9—11, Woodruff Scout Reservation.

FEBRUARY

- ◆ **Mountain Lake District's Awards Banquet**, February 7 (TENTATIVE)

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is by midnight the Monday prior to Roundtable.

Please note, it is with the best of intentions to provide you with the most accurate and grammatically correct information; however, please keep in mind mistakes do happen. I will endeavor to DO MY BEST! Tracy Brock