

ROUNDTABLE NEWS FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE DISTRICT



DEER TALES



SEPTEMBER 2008

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETINGS

The information presented here is not intended to replace BSA guidance but to augment it from real life experiences as Cubmaster for three years. I intend to discuss Planning, Room Organization, Den Assignments, and the Basic Pack Meeting.

Planning: August is a great time to plan the up coming year. Plan each month from September through May or perhaps June depending on the school year. The BSA magazine "Scouter" and other BSA material are great recourses and you should make use of them often.

Pack meeting planning is simplified, given that certain months lend themselves readily to seasonal themes. Months such as November with Thanksgiving; December with Christmas; February with Blue and Gold; and another month set aside as a fundraiser. Another month is needed for Pinewood Derby and the last month is for promotion recognitions. This leaves but three months to create a theme.

A fundraiser event that worked well for me was a Dad-and-Lad cake auction. The Cub scout and his dad (or guardian, grandfather, friend, etc) would bake a cake, brownies, cookies, etc and deliver them to the pack meeting to be auctioned off by a professional auctioneer. The auctioneer's musical prattle is new and exciting for most boys. Plus the experience the scout's experience of working with dad to create a masterpiece of culinary delight is reward itself. Many of these masterpieces look like Army tanks (camouflage green and gun turret included), Battle ships, football fields, airplanes, computers, chessboard, and the list goes on. Invariably the family that brought the masterpiece bids on it to take it home yet other families, prodded by their scout, also bids on it and great fun is had by all.

The reason for a fundraiser is to pay for the awards and advancement pens and patches the scouts earn throughout the year. I also bought, from these funds, next year's books and presented the scout with them during the last month's Pack meeting when we had promotion recognition.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—MUST MINISTRIES

NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We are looking for volunteers to cover three gates. We need a minimum of 2 volunteers at each gate for a minimum of two hours to collect food and give out MUST stickers. The dates and times this year are Friday, September 26th from 4p to 11p, Saturday, September 27th from 10a to 11p and Sunday, September 28th from 12:30p to 6p. We also need volunteers to help load food into the truck and drive golf carts around to the gates to pick up the food. Volunteers will be given parking passes and entrance into the fair in exchange for working. Families are welcome to work together as a group if they'd like. If you would like more information about the fair and its activities, please visit the website at www.northgeorgiastatefair.com. Last year we collected over 8 tons of food, so it's a huge undertaking and we need lots of help. This is a great service project for church youth groups, Girl and Boy Scout troops, etc., so please spread the word. Please contact Annette Lee directly at alee@mustministries.org or call her at 678-218-4481 to schedule their date/time and for more information.

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

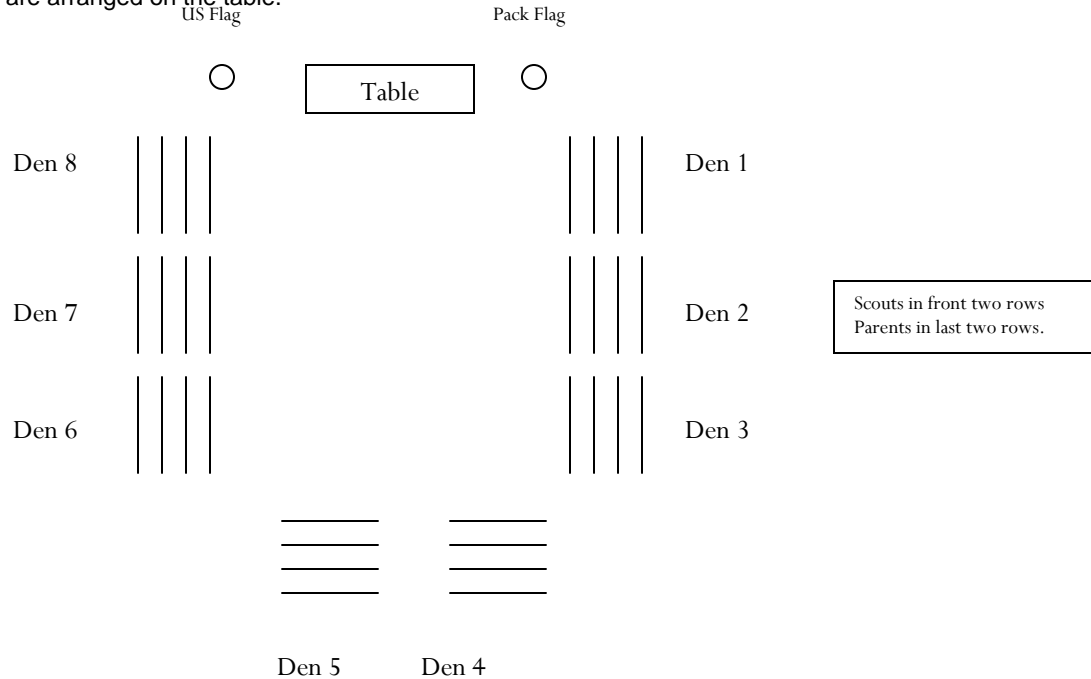
- *October Cub Scout Theme: Adventure in Books*
- *Training Opportunities*
- *Upcoming Events*

LET BOOKS BE
YOUR DINING
TABLE,
AND YOU SHALL BE
FULL OF DELIGHTS
LET THEM BE YOUR
MATTRESS
AND YOU SHALL
SLEEP RESTFUL
NIGHTS.

- AUTHOR
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Room Organization: The physical arrangement of the room where the Pack Meetings are held is important. An arrangement allowing each den to set together as a group builds unity. Also consider a “U” shaped arrangement will maximize program efficiency and increase view ability by the participants (see figure below). The Cubmaster works from the front of the room where the awards are arranged on the table.



Den Assignments: Two Dens should be assigned special duties each month, and these duties rotated each month with each Den accomplishing each job at some point during the Scouting year. These Den assignments are termed the “Service Den” and “Program Den”.

The Service Den’s responsibility is to arrive early to the meeting location and set up the room, as described above. After the meeting, the Service Den resets the room to its original configuration. Large packs may want to assign two Dens.

The Program Den is responsible for Colors (flag ceremony). The Program Den marches the flags from the rear of the room to the front, posts the flags, and leads the Pack in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Pledge. At the end of the Pack meeting the Program Den retires the colors. Large packs may want to assign two Dens, one for the opening and the other the closing.

Basic Meeting: There are three major parts to every meeting; a beginning, middle, and end. The Pack meeting should be planned for approximately one hour but no more than an hour and a half. It is difficult to keep the attention of this age group for an extended period of time. Plan each segment of your meeting for the average age of your group and allow 1 minute to 1 ½ minutes per year of the group’s average age. Each segment should be sufficiently different to re-engage the scout’s attention. For example one segment the scouts will be seated. The next they should stand or sing instead of listening. The idea is to mix it up to keep there attention.

It is important to establish the habit of starting the Pack Meeting on time and ending on time. It’s unfair to punish those who arrive on time by waiting for those who are late. Once the practice is established and maintained, the majority of the folks will arrive on time. The beginning of each meeting should include Colors, Cub Scout Pledge, a non-denominational prayer (Program Den responsibility), and a welcome statement. The welcome statement should include a brief description of the meeting’s agenda.

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HEALTH & SAFETY MINUTE

Mountain Lake District Health & Safety Committee Trent Trees

Can Cubs Scouts Go Camping (2001 AAC H&SC)

Overnight camping by Tiger, Wolf and Bear Dens is not approved except for Council operated and certified camping programs. A den or pack should not take boys of this age on BSA sanctioned trips except at Council sponsored events.

Webelos Scouts may go camping as a den or part of a pack activity, but the BSA has specific limitations on these trips. The scout must be under the direct supervision of his parent(s) or the parent of another scout who has no more than two Webelos Scout to look after. The same rules, restrictions and permits apply to Webelos Den camping activities as to BSA activities (See the "Guide to Safe Scouting")

How to beat Lyme disease (2002 AAC H&SC)

Lyme disease is a infection that occurs after a tick bite. Since it usually takes a day or two of the tick being attached to you before you get the Lyme Disease infection, the most important thing to do is to look for ticks regularly (daily) when you are out of doors. In the spring the tick is extremely small and if it is in the hair, it is easily missed, so look closely! Typically in the spring the tick is smaller than the head of a pin.

The first, and most typical finding of the infection is a skin rash that looks like a bulls eye or target.

The early other symptoms include feeling tired all the time, joint pains, headaches and fever.

After several weeks the heart may become infected and there is chest pain and "palpitations" (skipped heart beats or racing heart rate). When this happens, watch for signs that the brain and nerves are not working well. The infection can cause meningitis.

Treatment of Lyme Disease requires an antibiotic given by a doctor. If you think you have the infection, see a doctor quickly! Like any infection, Lyme Disease may reoccur and if you don't take all of the antibiotic, you may not be cured.

Removing Ticks (2002 AAC H&SC)

If you find a tick it should be removed as soon as possible. Do not burn the tick with a match or alcohol, either of which may kill the tick before removal. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull steadily and gently away from the skin. After the tick is out, disinfect the area by washing the area and using a disinfectant. Watch the site of the tick bite for the characteristic "target" rash.

2001 + 2002 Atlanta Area Council Health & Safety Committee

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The middle of the meeting takes the majority of the time allotment and should be divided into at least two parts or perhaps more with each part having appropriate segments. The first major part is presenting the awards. By den, call each scout forward and present him with his award. Of course each award should be described so the parents and grandparents know what was achieved.

Part two is the theme for the month. For example if this is the month of October with Halloween just around the corner, perhaps you have a guest storyteller spin an appropriate spooky tale. Or with elections in early November, invite a local politician to talk to the scouts about the importance of voting and the particulars of his office. It's good for the adults too.

The closing includes announcements like when the next Pack meeting is scheduled, then the Cubmaster gives a Cubmaster minute. The Cubmaster's minute is a short object lesson. Then have the Program Den retire the colors, and the meeting is over with a "Goodnight Scout" salutation from the Cubmaster.

If you have questions or comments, please call me at 770-421-9801.

Lewis Miller
Advancement Chairman, Mt Lake District

MOUNTAIN LAKE DISTRICT'S TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

****Before attending New Leader Essentials and/or Leader Specific Training, go to <http://olc.scouting.org> to set-up your account for online training. Begin with **Fast Start & Youth Protection** for your level (i.e., Cubs, Boy Scout, Venturing, Etc.). Print and bring your certificate to training.****

New Leader Essentials

Saturday, September 27, 7:30 a.m.—8:50 a.m.
Kennesaw United Methodist Church

Leader Specific Training

Saturday, September 27, 9:00 a.m.
See registration form for cost.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS)

6:00 p.m. Friday, October 3— 12:30 p.m. Sunday, October 5
Camp 175, Kellogg Creek Road, Acworth
Cost \$10.00

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Saturday, October 4— 1 day only, 7:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Camp 175, Kellogg Creek Road, Acworth
Cost \$5.00

Outdoor Webelos Leaders (OWL)

Saturday, October 4—1 day only, 7:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Camp 175, Kellogg Creek Road, Acworth
Cost \$10.00

Deadline to register is September 20. Further information and forms can be found online at www.mountainlakedistrict.com, click on training on the left side of the page.

COUNCIL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Venturing Leadership Skills Course

October 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Volunteer Service Center
Cost is \$15.00 and includes course materials, lunch, and VLSC patch.

B.A.L.O.O. (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

October 11, 8:00 a.m.
Bert Adams Scout Reservation
Cost \$10.00
Pre-registration required prior to October 3.

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.



POWDER HORN 2008

Powder Horn 2008 was held at Woodruff Scout Reservation the weekend of Sept 5-7 in beautiful weather, and attended by 35 participants and 16 staff members, from several councils in the area. From Mountain Lake District were Participant Lewis Miller, Participant and Staff Member Vivian Gullede and Staff Member Mike Gullede.

Powder Horn is an Activities Resource course, to help leaders of older scouts and Venturers advise and assist in planning various outdoor and high adventure activities with the youth. From COPE course to sailing, hiking on the Appalachian Trail, rifle and archery, to gazing at the stars, and much more, the course is a valuable addition to scouting's advanced leader training. We hope many more adults will attend the next course, and earn their coveted Silver Powder Horn device, which is attached to the right pocket of the Scout Leader's field uniform. Check it out !!!

ADVANCEMENT NEWSLETTER—FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

In August four young men from Mountain Lake District became our newest Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Eagle Scouts **Daniel Brady, Timothy Broudeur, Nate Stolz, and Joshua Priest**, 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:

Director of Orchestra at McClure Middle School and Musician with Cobb Symphony Orchestra Ms. Alice-Ann Robertson

Eagle Mom and Cobb Commissioner Ms. Helen Goreham

Eagle Dad, Eagle Scout and Airline Pilot Mr. Len Goreham

Cobb County Attorney and Former State Representative Mr. Gene Clark.

Eagle Scout, Manager of Kroger Mr. Michael Biggs

Owner of Expeditionary technologies, Retired Special forces Commander, Mr. David Heino

Cobb County Police, Corporal Kevin Ashbaugh

District Representatives:

Mr. David Pettett

Mr. John Knowles

Mr. Ken Roberts

Mr. Steve Balschi

Mr. Richard Angeli, Eagle Ceremony Training

Mr. Dale Brott, Life to Eagle Training

Mr. Frank Cullins

Mr. Jimmy Stephens, the Key guy!!!!

The next Eagle Board of Review is Tuesday September 16, 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. Kennesaw United Methodist Church
- ◆ **The Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup** will be Saturday, September 13, 2008. See website for details and registration: www.allatoonacleanup.org.
- ◆ Saturday, September 20, **CPR Saturday**. Registration is online at www.goodturn.net.
- ◆ **Scout Days & Nights** (visit www.atlantabsa.org for further information):
Atlanta Braves vs. New York Mets—September 21, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ The 35th Annual **Corporate Classic** Golf Tournament, sponsored by Coca-Cola, will take place at the Atlanta Athletic Club on September 22, 2008. Join us for a day of golf, fun, and for an evening reception and auction. Foursomes start at \$3,000 and all proceeds go to support Scouting in our 13 county area. Contact William Bryant, Finance Director, at WBryant@atlantabsa.org for more information.

OCTOBER

- ◆ **Huntsville Space Center Fall Boy Scout Day** will be October 4, 2008. Admission is \$18.00 per person and includes: Admission to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Museum; One IMAX movie at the Spacedome Theater; hamburger box lunch; a Scout Day Patch for each Scout; a Scout Day Certificate for each Troop/Cub Pack; events and activities. For further information call 800/63-SPACE, ext. 200; or www.spacecamp.com.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

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

JANUARY

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

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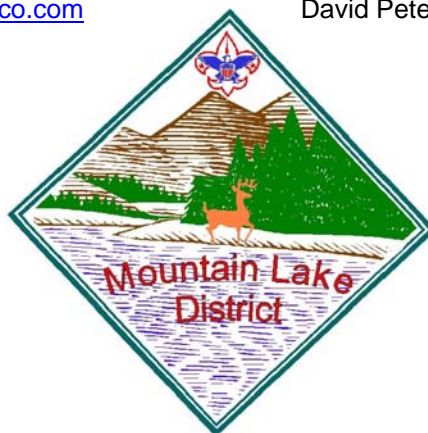
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Deadline for newsletter submissions is by midnight the Monday prior to Roundtable.

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