

Bigfoot District Newsletter

Catch 'Em Being Good

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By Kevin Nelson, District Commissioner

When I was in Africa serving an LDS mission my mission president told us, “People don’t care how much you know unless they first know how much you care.” I know you’ve all heard that couplet before but it seems particularly important as we visit our units.



Before we can ever offer to give advice or feedback on how they can improve their service to the Scouts they work with, our unit leaders need to feel accepted, valued and important. We all do. That is why our challenge for this month in our unit visits is to catch our unit leaders – and the boys – doing something right. Perhaps you have already done this. But most of our Pack meetings and certainly our Scout, Varsity and Venturing meetings, will yet happen between now and October 4th at our next Roundtable meeting.

As you visit, concentrate and look for things that your unit leaders are doing well, areas they are succeeding in. Then, take them aside and tell them. Be specific and be sincere. Then, if you really want to build a relationship of trust, when you get home, send them a personal note and tell them, again in specifics.

On our “hurry up, instant message, fast food culture, the power of the hand-written word is more valuable than ever. And with a foundation of trust, the sense of “we are in this together” approach to service, the ones who will be the true benefactors will be our young men.

Updates

Potential Eagle Project

There is a potential Eagle Scout project available, for 16-17 year old boys, at Joplin Cemetery. This project is quite detailed, needing a professional outcome. Please contact

Ray Wallace at 377-9535.



Potential Troop Service Project

Friends of Kuna Library need help with their fall book sale. The book sale is scheduled for October 24th-27th. The project requires such responsibilities as recruiting volunteers (for book sale set up and take down, and for cashiers during the sale), advertising (materials are provided - requires set up and some distribution), reminder phone calls, and attendance and assistance at the book sale when available (i.e. afternoons after school) or as needed.

For further information, please contact Lourdes Zeyer, President, Friends of Kuna Library at 922-4700

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Child abuse is an increasingly serious, widespread problem in society, affecting every ethnic group, socioeconomic level, and geographic area. The Boy Scouts of America has developed Youth Protection training to prepare its leaders to help children who have

been, or are being, abused.

The training program includes information for parents, as well as age appropriate videos for youth members. Materials may be used in Pack, Troop or Den meetings to show Scouts and their parents what they should do to prevent abuse from happening to them.

Every leader in Scouting should complete Youth Protection training.

The Council requires that at least one adult accompanying the unit on any outing **must** be Youth Protection trained in order to obtain a Tour Permit.

Youth Protection training is available in video tape format, on the [internet](#), or at various training classes.

TRAINING!

Fast Start Training
Available at Round Table!

New Leader Essentials
October 13 8:00 am
1st Christian Church
Nampa, 619 12th Ave S,
Nampa.

Cub Leader Baloo
Training Oct. 26-27
Near the Boise River in
Lotus.

Adult Outdoor Leadership
Training October 12-13 at
the Kiwanis Park in

Congratulations to New Cub Leaders who have finished Fast Start Training!

Caldwell. This is an overnight activity plan for cold weather. And a day full of fun.



National Logo Contest

In honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary, Boy Scouts of America wants to create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of scouting... and, they are calling on Scouts all across the country to help them in the effort! They have launched a national contest to inspire creative thinking and engage Scouts at every level. Every registered Scout is eligible. Entries are due by Nov. 30, 2007. Winners will be chosen in several categories. For more information, visit the official contest site at:

<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/NationalLogoContest.aspx>