



THE COOK'S FORK

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Welcome back to another year of Scouting! I hope everybody has a restful summer. It's been a busy summer with having our new District Executive John Chick coming on board. As a committee, we have been meeting with John and setting up our goals and plans for the coming year.

We had a very successful Program Kick-Off at Hoyt on August 18th. If you missed the Kick-Off, we still have your unit packets. You can pick them up at the September Roundtable. There is a wealth of information for all our units in these packets.

Roundtable

Our September Roundtable is scheduled for September 15th at St. Thomas in Bethel. This is a change from our normal practice of the second Wednesday of the month so please mark your calendars. Rich Barton returns as our Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner and Dave Barrett is our new Cub Roundtable Commissioner. October will return us to the second Tuesday of the month for Roundtable.

Fall Recruitment Nights

Many of you have been contacted about your Fall Recruitment Nights. And we thank you for getting us your dates. It's important. As a committee, we will be contacting you to further assist you in your recruitment. One of us will be at your recruitment night to assist you in any way possible. This is part of our initiative to reach out to you on a year round basis. We are here to help you.

If you have not scheduled your recruitment night, please do as soon as possible and let our DE, John Chick know the date.

Two points to remember as you register your new Scouts and leaders:

- **Make sure the new youth applications are into council by September 30th.** This will ensure these boys will be on your charter papers for November.
- **All new adult leader applications/registrations must be accompanied by the Youth Protection Training Certificate.** All new leaders must take the Youth Protection Training online before being registered. So please inform your new leaders of this requirement. They do not need a membership number to take this very important training. They can go to MyScouting.org to take the training.

Fall Camporee

Registration forms are now available for the **District Fall Camporee - "Surviving Hoyt."** Dates are October 15 – 17, at Hoyt Scout Camp in West Redding. This event is for Cub Scouts, Webelos and Boy Scouts. Yes I said Cub Scouts! There is a full day of Cub activities planned for Saturday the 16th. This is a first for us as we work to expand our district program offerings to our Cub Packs. In addition there is a very active program planned for Webelos Dens and Troops. So register ASAP and take advantage of the early bird registration prices! This is going to be an exciting and fun filled weekend for all!

District Recognition Breakfast

We are in the final planning our annual **Scatacook District Recognition Breakfast** for November 4, 2010 at the Ethan Allen Inn in Danbury. Several district Scouters will be recognized for their service to our district and to Scouting. Information will be available at the September Roundtable. This will include the names of those being recognized and the registration form. This is an event you do not want to miss and one you want to support! This is a great way to say "Thank You" to some very deserving and distinguished Scouters.

Re - Charter - November 20, 2010

If you have checked the District Calendar, you will see we have scheduled the annual Re - Charter for November 20th at the Hoyt Cabin. Even though it's only September, it's not too soon to start planning for this event. Michael Carpenter, our District Commissioner, and his staff have started preparing for the event. Your Unit Commissioner or the Assistant District Commissioner in your town will be available to assist you in this process.

It is extremely important that your unit is represented on the 20th. The Commissioner's Staff and members of the district committee will be available on the 20th to walk you through the entire process and ensure all your paperwork is complete and correct. Your re-charter discs should be available at the October Roundtable along with a sign-up sheet for November 20th. So unit leaders, make it your job to see that your unit is represented at Re-Charter! Let's make it 100% attendance.

Klondike

January is not that far off and planning for the Klondike has been in full swing since the spring. Our Klondike is scheduled for January 28 & 29, 2011 at Hoyt Scout Camp, West Redding. So mark your calendars now. The first bits of information will be available at the September Roundtable. This year's Klondike is sponsored by the Ridgefield troops.

Training

The district training team has their dates for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture training scheduled. Flyers/ registration forms are now available online. Our goal is to have every leader in every unit trained. Ambitious, yes! Necessary, absolutely! Every boy in our program deserves a Trained Leader! Let's all work to make this happen.

New for Cub leaders this fall is Cub Training online. Yes, Cub leaders can now do their basic training online.

If you have any questions on training, contact Dave Fanning for Cub Training and Tom O'Brien for Boy Scout and Venture Training.

Capital Campaign for Deer Lake

You will hearing a lot about the final phase of the Deer Lake project. As many of you know, the Council took on a capital campaign project to improve and convert Deer Lake Scout Camp to a Cub resident camp for the council. To date the new dining hall up as well as other major renovations. The final phase is to ask those who can to sponsor, through monetary or equipment donations, the rest of the equipment, materials and facilities needed to complete the project. Flyers will be available at Roundtable. Please support this very worth while project that will benefit us all.

District Committee

For those of you who are new to Scouting, the District Committee is a group of volunteers – just like you. The only paid profession is our District Executive. Our purpose is to help you and your units deliver the program to the youth in our towns. As you can see from the information above, we provide a wide variety of services and program to our units. We are working diligently to continually expand our service and availability to you. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

Our three primary district contacts are:

- Eric Larson District Chairman Scatacookchair@gmail.com
- Michael Carpenter District Commissioner mike@mcarpenter.com
- John Chick District Executive jchick@bsamail.org

Other members of the District Committee are listed on our website:

www.scatacook.org

Please visit the district website often. There is a wealth of information for everyone. And we continually update the material, thanks to our Webmaster Jay Lubin!

Finally, thank you for all you do for the youth in your communities. Without you the volunteers, we would not be the great youth program we are today. You are the backbone, the foundation of Scouting in Scatacook, Connecticut Yankee Council and Boy Scouts of America.

Remember -

You are Scatacook!

Eric A. Larson

Scatacook District Chairman