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LEADER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

This month we'll be talking about Cub Scout camping. There will be several ways for vou to experience outdoor camping before you take your Unit or Den for a weekend outdoors. If you plan on camping with your group, the key to outdoor training will be the Leader Outdoor Experience.

On May 10-11, 2002, Greater St. Louis Area Council will have the newest version of the "Webelos Leader Outdoor". This is a required outdoor experience for all leaders working on their Webelos Den Leader Award. It's also a great way for a Den Leader to gain knowledge and experience in the Scouting ways of camping.

Ideas for planning, recruiting leaders, and the actual campout will be presented. For more information, call the Council Service Center, (314) 361-0600 and ask for "Camping".

This is an entry-level training and is geared toward Cub Scout Camping.

DAY CAMPS

Volunteers are still needed at all the Day Camps in River Trails District. As a reminder to all Units, each Unit must provide 1 volunteer for each 8 boys.

The Directors are:

CRYSTAL CITY CAMP

Renee Grobe – (314) 712-2728

ARNOLD CAMP

Carol McClintock - (636) 282-9297 **BEAUMONT CAMP**

Pam Davis - (636) 677-1883

HILLSBORO CAMP

Melanie Pippin - (636) 337-0196

http://www.geocities.com/cubmasters/

Here's the website from Pack 482 that'll keep you updated on Crystal City Day Camp progress. This can also be accessed by going to:

http://www.homestead.com/rivertrailsdi strict/index.html

At the River Trails site, go to Cub Scouts and you will see a link to Dav Camps.

CUB SCOUT CAMPING

Don't confuse Cub Camping with Webelos Camping. Cub Scouts may do Family camping at some selected campsites.

Cub Scout Family camping is not a structured activity as is Webelos Mini-Camps. It is for fun and learning about the outdoors and observing nature at it's finest.

Camp Grizzly, located on the Beaumont Scout Reservation, is the ideal area for Cub Scout Camping. The whole area is geared towards Cub Remember that this is a Scout activities. FAMILY CAMPING AREA!! This includes ALL family members, registered or not. There is a 50-cent fee for all non-registered attendees.

Boys must not sleep in the same tent as the leader unless the leader is the parent. Boys may share the same tent. This **IS** a family camp.

For more information about the facilities and rules at Cub World (Camp Grizzly), call Doris Garver at (636) 475-3601 or the camping service at the Council Service Center at (314) 361-0600.

DEN CHIEF CONFERENCE

If you're a new leader, you might want to know that there is a resource to help you with your Den activities. An older Boy Scout who has attended the Den Chief Training Conference will be qualified to help a Den Leader with their program and provide a role model for the Cub Scouts.

Ask your Cubmaster to contact the nearest Scoutmaster for a Den Chief. The Scoutmaster, at the request of a Pack Unit leader, selects a Den Chief. He should be at least First Class rank and have attended the training conference. (You don't need another Cub Scout to look after.)

It's a good idea for the Den Leader to attend the Conference with the Boy Scout. A good working relationship depends on both the Den Leader and the Den Chief knowing what is to be expected of each other.

The next Conference will be Saturday, March 9 and will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation. It is from 9:00am to 3:30pm and the cost is \$10.00 since the reservation deadline is past. Call (314) 361-0600 for more details.

CUB SCOUT LEADER BASIC TRAINING

Get ready for the coming year and up-date your training card. If you are planning to go on to another leadership position, you need to attend the next training session.

We've already mentioned that the BLT is split up into 4 different Leader Specific groups. If you are going to advance with your youth, it will benefit both you and your Unit to attend the upcoming Training opportunity.

The cost of this will be \$12.00 for the whole course if you want all the books, but \$3.00 if you are attending only the Leader Specific session. If you are attending only the Leader Specific, be sure to bring your training card and your notebook that you received at the last training.

Registration for the New Leader Essentials will start at 8:00am. The Leader Specific sessions will begin at about 9:45am. Plan to be there a little early to register for the Leader Specific. You must register to receive credit for attending!

Questions? Call Fred Helferstay, Cub Scout Leader Training Vice-Chairman at (636) 296-9543.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Youth Protection will be offered at the end of the Basic Leader Training sessions. If you need the training, plan to come early. The YPT will start at about 12:45pm.

Youth Protection Training is necessary to take your group on an outing or participate in Day Camp. Fred Helferstay can also answer any of the questions about Youth Protection Training.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Registration for the University of Scouting is due by now. There's still time to register by calling (314) 361-0600. This is an opportunity you really don't want to miss.

This is an advanced training opportunity that is presented by experienced Scouters from all over the Council. You will hear ideas and methods that will help in your Unit organization and planning. It can help by giving you ideas on better presentations at your Pack meetings. Resources for materials will also be available. Plan to **BE THERE!**

The date is **March 23** and will be held at the Maritz campus. For more information, call Marty Portell at (636) 282-0218.

The Boy Scout Roundtable staff will present a weekend of knots and lashings on April 5-6-7. If you have trouble-teaching knots to your Scouts, this is the opportunity to learn.

Leather working demonstrations and projects will be available. <u>Projects</u> that you might want to do must be paid for at the time of use.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Each participant will need their own camping gear (tents, bedding, etc.) and their own food. For more information, call Carl Rice at (636) 677-0515 or Cathy Fincher at (636) 937-3662.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

We have not quite reached our goal for this campaign. If you have not been contacted yet about a presentation, let Cheryl Ecker, (636) 931-0456 know.

Not only does FOS help support the facilities we use for the programs, training, and Scout camping, it is a requirement for a Unit to achieve the Quality Unit award. Lets all help make this a banner year.

FAMILY CAMPING SKILLS WEEKEND

The weekend of June 21-22-23 will feature an experience for Cub Scout Leaders that will help them learn more about the Cub Scout camping program. For families wanting to spend more time with their children this will be a great way to learn about the facilities at Cub World and how the program works at Camp Grizzly.

"Camper Skills" areas will be set up for families to try their hands at the finer points of enjoyable camping. Camping at the Cub Scout level should be made easy and fun so that the boys will look forward to camping with the Boy Scouts when they graduate from Webelos.

The program is geared for younger boys **and** their parents to participate in the activities.

Everyone who is interested should call Kelly House at (314) 575-1509 or George Garver at (636) 475-3601. We will need to know an approximate number for the set up. Registration forms will be at a coming roundtable.