

April 2002

CUB LEADER TRAINING

The Cub Leader Training session was well attended by Leaders wanting to know the best way to provide a quality program for the boys in their Unit.

Congratulations are in order for the participants. Thanks to Fred Helferstay for his leadership in providing this program.

FAMILY CAMPING SKILLS WEEKEND "ADVENTURES THRU TIME"

On Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, the Roundtable staff will sponsor a "Family Camping Skills Weekend" at Beaumont Scout Reservation, in Cub World. Registration begins at 8:00am and activities will conclude with a formal flag retirement at 7:30pm at the Council Ring.

Familys are encouraged to attend as a family. Scouters and non-Scouters alike are invited. If you or your family members are not registered Scouters, there is a \$.50 fee for insurance.

Contact Kelly House, (314)575-1509 for more information. Volunteers are needed for some of the projects.

DAY CAMPS

The theme for this summers Day Camps is "Under the Sea". This is a good time to be planning what costumes would be good and what games you could think about for the enjoyment of the participants of Day Camps. Any good ideas need to be considered by both the Directors and the Day Camp Staffs'.

Please contact your Director with ideas and let them know which days you can be there. It helps in the day-to-day planning for a smooth running camp. The Day Camps and Directors this year is:

> Cub World –Beaumont June 17 – 21 Pam Davis, Director, (636) 677-1883

Arnold City Park, June 24 – 28 Carol McClintcock, Director (636) 282-9297

Hillsboro City Park, July 8 - 12 Melanie Pippin, Director (636) 337-0196

Crystal City Park, July 15 – 19 Renee Grobe, Director (636) 931-7677

LEADER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Watch for flyers giving more information on the next Leader Training opportunity. In keeping with the commitment of the Council Training Staff, more opportunities for expanding your knowledge of how a Scouting unit works are being offered.

Cub Scout Camping is a logical choice for preparing your boys and parents for the transition to Boy Scouting. Camping doesn't necessarily mean digging latrines, foraging for food, or being like Daniel Boone. When camping is done in the spirit of fun and exploring, it can be a great experience for both boys and adults.

DUFFLE BAG

The Greater St. Louis Area Council newsletter, the "*Duffle Bag*", gives information for all the coming events and will have updates on what is going on in our Council and District.

If you are not receiving this newsletter, please call GSLAC at (314) 361-0600 and ask how you can subscribe to it. The top leaders of each Unit receive the "*Duffle Bag*", but sometimes it (information) doesn't get passed along in a timely manner.

In the April issue, there is a telephone list of all the employees at the Service Center that will help you make direct contact with the person you want to talk to. It is a new system designed to make it easier to contact any individual at GSLAC. You need to keep a copy of these numbers with your records. Two phone numbers to remember if you need help with your unit or to answer questions: Jeff Doty, <u>District Director</u> – (314) 256-3128 or Keith Messer, <u>District Executive</u> (314) 256-3026. Put these numbers in your phone book for future reference.

COUNCIL RECGONITION DINNER

Each year the outstanding Scouters from all over the Greater St. Louis Area Council are recognized for their contribution to the Scouting movement and the dedication to youth. This year the dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at the Millennium Hotel.

Fellowship starts at 6:00P.M.and dinner begins at 6:30P.M. The cost of the dinner will be \$20.00 per person and is payable to GSLAC.

Parking is available at the Stadium East Garage for a reduced rate of \$6.00. (You may want to car pool.)

You will receive an invitation soon with all the details. Reservations must be turned in by Friday, May 15, 2002 and should be mailed to GSLAC. Invitations will be sent to the leadership of each Unit, so be sure to tell your Unit Committee Chairman if you want to attend. Or call Doris Garver (636) 475-3601.

CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING

As a COR, it's a good idea to know what the responsibilities are and your commitment to both the Unit and the Chartering Organization. There is an orientation/training scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2002. The registration will begin at 8:00am and the meeting will end at noon. This session will be held at St. Lukes Church just off Highway M.

There are responsibilities to this position that need to be recognized by both the COR and the Sponsoring Organization. This session will address these responsibilities and give ideas for good communications between the Unit and the Sponsoring Organization.

For more information, call Jean Stephans (636) 343-9267 or George Garver (636) 475-3601.

Planning has begun for the next Pow-Wow. A suggestion sheet is on the handout table at this Roundtable for you to give your ideas for the next Pow-Wow.

There is no commitment on your part, just your suggestions. All suggestions will be considered and the final agenda for this years Pow-Wow will be set at the next Staff meeting. Anyone interested in serving on Pow-Wow Staff should contact George Garver, (636) 475-3601, with their area of interest in mind. Final selections for Staff will be made at the Fall Council Pow-Wow Staff meeting.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING RESULTS

River Trails District has completed its Family Friends of Scouting goal and exceeded it! The District has achieved more than 115% of the Family base goal!

THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks goes to all the Trailblazers and Crew Chiefs who gave of their time and efforts and to the Units who provided us with the opportunity to let us do the presentation. Many Scouters don't realize the amount of money that goes to provide the Scouting Program in GSLAC.

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

Troops need trained leadership. If you are planning to join a Troop this fall, now might be a good time to attend Boy Scout Leader Training. It will start Tuesday, April 9 with the second session on Tuesday, April 16. Saturday April 20 will be the one-day session and the weekend of April 27 will be the overnight.

Call Marty Portell (636) 282-0218 or George Garver (636) 475-3601 for more information or see us at Roundtable.

KNOT A WEEKEND

Carl Rice and the Boy Scout Roundtable staff will present a weekend of knots and lashings to Scouters who want to learn the proper way of tying things up. (You can't do this to the kids.)

The date is April 6 & 7 and will have camping facilities available. You will need your own tentage and equipment, but all rope and spars will be provided. Give Carl a call at (636) 677-0515 and let him know if you can make it. It is a two-day affair.

SUMMER TIME PACK AWARD

Prepare for this summer and confirm any Reservations you might need for your activities. You must be active with your unit during the summer months to qualify for this Unit award.

WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

Check your Tiger, Wolf, or Bear book for information on this individual award that can also be worked on as a den. This can also help qualify for the Summertime Pack Award.