

Knox Trail District

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What's Happening at Roundtable?

Knox Trail District Roundtables meet at Amelia Park Skating Rink, 21 South Broad Street, in beautiful downtown Westfield. Roundtables are held on the second Monday of the month, unless that conflicts with a holiday. Check the PVC calendar or go to www.pvcbsa.org and check the calendar for changes. We begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Great snacks and socializing follow training. Attend Roundtable to achieve training requirements.

Wanted: New Members!

Boys in your community are looking for an exciting program of activities that will keep them busy all year long. Your Scouting program will help them all get what they want.

But they can't get it if they don't join. And they won't join unless you ask them to...again and again. Recruitment materials are available at the Council Service Center. Your unit commissioner can help you plan and hold an Open House, Bring-a-Buddy Night, or special activity designed to attract new members. Put a photo of your unit having fun in the local paper; and be sure to include the name and phone number of a contact person.

Need help getting a recruitment drive organized? Contact Fritz Schmidt at the Council Service Center, at 594-9196 or send email to fschmidt@bsamail.org.

For information about recruiting incentives see page 1 of this issue. More information is available at Roundtable and at the Council Service Center.

District Bowl-a-thon a Big Hit

Thanks to the 70 bowlers (last year we had 46 bowlers from 9 units) from the following units that participated in the 2008 Knox Trail District Bowl-a-thon:

Pack 83, West Springfield
Pack 109, Westfield
Pack 120, Chester
Pack 185, Agawam
Pack 303, Springfield
Pack 653, Holyoke
Pack 670, Holyoke
Troop 35, Springfield
Troop 49, Springfield
Troop 83, West Springfield
Troop 120, Chester
Troop 424, Chicopee
Troop 635, Holyoke
Troop 820, Westfield

Cub Scouts earned belt loops, and everyone had great fun bowling and watching others bowl. Participating units earned a total of \$1,643 for their unit treasuries, and helped the district and council meet financial goals. Thanks to all bowlers, unit leaders, and parents who participated, and a special thank you to Joanne Dempsey and who helped get things organized. Thanks also to Fun Time Lanes in Holyoke, Airway Lanes in Springfield, and Lee Lanes in Lee for providing bowling at a discount for our fundraiser.

Knox Trail Winter Activities

Chill the Bone,

Warm the Scouting Spirit!

Dedicated Knox Trail volunteers delivered super-fantastic winter activities during perfect outdoor conditions in January.

Thanks to Scoutmaster Dave Baker and Troop 114 who provided a great Klondike Derby at Camp Moses. 163 Scouts and 55 adults from 14 different Troops participated. The theme for the day was "Secret Klondike," and the spy-based activities were well received by everyone. We ran out of patches, but not Scout spirit as everyone did their best at the activities developed and delivered by the boys of Troop 114.

Thanks to Scoutmaster Ron Albert and Troop 338 for organizing and delivering an exciting "Surf's Up!," tropical-beach-themed Yukon Derby to 98 Cub Scouts and 52 parents and leaders from 11 Knox Trail Packs at the American Legion grounds in Southwick. It sure was fun watching Cubs and adults decked out in

sunglasses, straw hats, and colorful leis tromp through knee-deep snow to get from event to event. Knowledgeable Boy Scouts from Troop 338 helped the Cubs have an enjoyable morning staying warm by running from one fun event to another, all topped off with an exciting sled race. A good time was had by all.

Centennial Quality Unit Award Period Underway

You filled out the form, now make those goals a reality by working to implement the methods to achieve them.

At membership recruitment nights, sign-up families, not just boys. Invite those boys who dropped out to come back and have a spring and summer of outdoor fun in town and at camp.

Get new leaders to training. Fast Start for all programs is available on line. Youth Protection Guidelines is available on line. Troop Committee Challenge is available on line. Shu Shu Ga just started. CSLST and NLE will be coming again in June.

Commit to the Popcorn Sale. Invite Fritz to your next Court of Honor or Pack Meeting to deliver a Friends of Scouting presentation.

Start planning your summer activities, and be sure to inform all of your families of your spring, summer, and fall schedule.

Plan to have your completed charter submitted by December 15.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Fritz at 594-9196 or send email to fschmidt@bsamail.org.

Friends of Scouting on the Roll

The Knox Trail District Friends of Scouting Campaign is at 30% of our goal of \$29,000. **Thanks to the 17 units and many local businesses and individuals who have already made generous pledges and sent in donations totaling \$8560.**

Top FOS fund-raising units in the Knox Trail District to date are:

P 110, Westfield \$835
P 78, Agawam \$670
T 114, Southwick \$625
P 120, Chester \$447

We hope every unit will do its part to help the district achieve our challenging goal. To arrange a presentation at your unit's next family event—like a Pack Meeting or Troop Court of Honor—call Fritz at 594-9196.