

Camping Committee Notes
April 24, 2008
Miakonda Ford Center

Attendance: Jim Whitehead, Chair; Joel Moszkowicz, Staff Advisor; Dick Reynolds, VP Program; Wendell Welker, Swan Creek; Dave Richardson, High Adventure; Tom Barnhizer, Northwest; Chris Nowak, Cub Day Camp; John Bolster, Miakonda Operations; Darl Crawford

Welcome / Opening – Jim started the meeting at 7:02 pm. He introduced and welcomed Tom Barnhizer, Northwest District's new camping chair. He then shared our council's standings on the Centennial Commitment Sheet for 2008 noting our recent history and the goals for 2008 as follows: Boy Scouts registered 6/30 in camp 2006 – 66.2%, 2007- 84.7%, our 2008 goal – 85%; National Standard 67%. Cub Scouts registered 6/30 in district or council camp 2006 – 28.1%, 2007 – 26.6 %, our 2008 goal – 30; National Standard – 70%

How can we make the CS Camping percentage increase? Jim would also like to see how the Central Region / National Office gets these numbers?

The minutes of the March meeting were approved with the following changes: The capacity for Webelos II camp at PSR is 96 not 100; corrected the spelling of Doug Dittman's name as Dean of the Miakonda Campmasters. Motion -Dick Reynolds 2nd – Dave Richardson

Business Items

1. Camp Evaluation Tools- Jim wanted to know if the committee wanted to add anything else? It was suggested to include more open-ended questions, but no specific suggestions were put forth. Tom Barnhizer feels that we conduct good evaluations at PSR, however the suggestion was made to have those packets handed out on Wed. so the unit leaders can spend the time to complete those with full detail. The committee did agree that we need to continue to evaluate with many different forms in order to ensure quality program.

2. Camp Alaska 2008-2009 – Jim asked the question if the committee really needs to conduct "inspections" with units who are having a Camp Alaska weekend. Darl feels that we should conduct inspections, overall the question of trusting the unit leader is the issue. It was noted that not all district camping chairman conduct inspections. Committee asked that we modify the current documents on Camp Alaska to change from inspection to evaluation.

3. Camperships – Jim and Joel have gotten word that Richard Fisher would like to have the camping committee review the current practice / policy of the camperships so that we can take over the process, empowering the camping

committee to help those needing assistance for camping. It was noted that sensitivity and discretion would be utmost in importance. Jim asked Joel to find all documents and practices for camping committee to review at next month's meeting. Any changes or modifications would not be in effect until the fall at least because the camping season has already kicked off and the campership forms have been turned in for decision already.

4. Promotional Kickoff Packets – Joel explained the dates he has and the seeing that these kickoff packets will be ready for distribution starting May 1st. Some units have program kickoffs at Camp Miakonda, others at district meetings, etc.

5. EB CDC – per last committee's mention, Joel is looking to invite volunteers from each district to attend a day at White Star Park in Woodville, OH during the EB CDC July 30-August 1. Sonya Whitehead is working with SC District volunteers for a visit, Joel encourages all districts to take a look, especially Wood District who can really benefit from this format. The overall intention is not to have CDC in the districts in 2009, but introduce the idea to volunteers hoping to find some interest and possible leaders to promote this format of CDC. Darl mentioned to the committee the success in years past of having district volunteers staff the CDC at Miakonda which might allow CDC to continue at Miakonda, more discussion to follow.

District Reports

Wood – Jim shared Jack Homan's e-mail report – Great camporee at Lake Forester outside of Luckey, over 100 in attendance. He extended invitation to join in the Inagural run of classic cars from Miakonda to PSR on 4/26.

Swan Creek – Wendell mentioned Spring Camporee this coming weekend at Toledo Suburban Aviation (formerly Wagon Wheel Airport) and the Fall Camporee at PSR with a wilderness survival theme. He reiterated the anticipated Boy Scout summer camp attendance.

Commodore Perry – Darl Crawford reported for Tom Miller, Spring Camporee last weekend in May with a Aquatics theme, 73% of troops going to PSR, 85% going somewhere.

Eagle Bay – Jim shared Ron Chapman's e-mailed report – Spring Camporee this 4/25-27 at Camp Perry, American Heritage is theme, 9 troops/147 people preregistered. District committee suggests an evaluation card available for each meal to deal with specific issues as they arise.

Northwest – Spring Camporee last weekend with 4 units in attendance and visitors on Saturday (67 youth, 17 adults) at Seven Eagles.

Subcommittee Reports

Order of the Arrow – Joel reported for lodge, spring ordeal two weekends ago, 38 in attendance, 46 paid, 6 brotherhood. EC Ordeal planning meeting this Saturday at 4 PM with an overnight fun night planned.

High Adventure – Dave shared the status of the 2008 and 2009 Philmont contingents and noted that we do not have any 2009 interest shown yet for either Seabase or Northern Tier. Jim asked if committee would like to hold a high adventure rally sometime in the fall before the start of taking reservations for most high adventure bases the following year. Jim also asked how we ensure attendance. This event would be at Camp Miakonda in the council lodge, open to anyone; also inviting local and regional non-BSA high adventure companies to promote their programs or services. Printed and personal contact promotion would be needed to ensure good attendance. It was decided to hold rally in October timeframe. Motion -Tom Barnhizer, 2nd - Darl Crawford.

2010 Jamboree – Darl reported for Linda Whitacre, committee knows National fee for jambo, and location (Ft. AP Hill). We do not have a final price, but we are accepting interests for leaders, you can complete that information at www.jamboesc.com. Looking to do two series of patches, one that would be a fund raising patch, the other would be for participants and staff. Possibility exists to have 1 troop with side trips, 1 without (to keep costs down).

COPE – John reports that we are having three COPE instructor courses: May 9-11, May 30 – June 1, June 7-9. The Junior League of Toledo is taking the bulk of these instructor spots. John also mentioned that Bruce Groves from UT is working to finalize the incorporation of COPE for college credit for the fall but for sure for the spring of 2009. In addition, the Catholic Diocese of Toledo is interested.

Summer Camp Program Reports

2008 Camp Frontier – (Dick Reynolds reporting for Chris Reynolds), Early Bird deadline is May 15, camp hats instead of t-shirts (free with full payment by May 15). Staff needs include 21 yr olds for both *Aquatics Director* and *Tower Director*, leads are out but no contracts are back. Two 16 yr old *Aquatics staff* also needed. First staff development weekend is May 9-11 at PSR with Training and Advancement committee taking an active role with this weekend. May 1st is when the MB list is first going to be available online, a postcard with password was mailed already.

2008 CDC, Miakonda - Chris Nowak reports all staff but program director are hired, 15 extra bodies are available for Chris Reynolds to use. He is meeting with a few potential folks for the program director position this weekend and will

have made his decision by Monday. Chris invited the camping committee to come out on June 11 (Wed. of staff week). He outlined the status of Pack camp promotion visits, with contacts being made to every cubmaster.

Camp Operations Reports

Camp Miakonda – John reported on the Campmaster recognition dinner on May 31 at the Ford Center for the past Campmasters (camp directors), Doug Dittman had composed a letter that was sent out to last year's Campmasters inviting them to this FREE dinner and also invite new folks to attend the training scheduled following the dinner over a weekend.

Pioneer Scout Reservation –No report - Bill Youngs hospitalization was announced and card signed wishing him speedy recovery.

Closing Comments

Thanks for attending!

Next Meeting

May 22, 2007
Ford Center, Camp Miakonda
7:03 PM