

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2008

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Unit Commissioner Staff Report- Ted Gacek, Jack Harrington

Welcome Tony Lapczynski new Unit Commissioner for Ship 23. This month we will be asking Commissioner to follow up on the QCUA paperwork and deliver the 2009 re-charter packets. If you know of any Scouters that may be suited for Commissioner Service please contact me or one of our ADCs, we will pursue your leads.

Training- Tom Ropchak,

Hiawatha-Seaway Council has received permission from the Greater Cleveland Council to use their on line New Leaders' Essentials course located at http://www.gccbsa.org/Pages/Training/Basic_Leader_Essentials/index.html. The same link can be made by going to the Hiawatha-Seaway Council web site (<http://cnyscouts.org/>) and selecting the New Leader Essentials option located in the menu on the left.

It is recommended that you complete this training in 2008, as a new course in 2009 could replace it. That would mean that you can complete this requirement in 2008, prior to a course change. Remember to print out the certificate page, as proof of completion.

Interlakes Web Page - Tom Ropchak,

The Hiawatha-Seaway Council (<http://cnyscouts.org/>) web site was updated. The training section of that page (<http://cnyscouts.org/training/>) was modified. There is a menu on the right hand side of the page detailing course descriptions, scheduled Hiawatha-Seaway Council Courses, and other supportive information.

The Interlakes web site has moved from it's location on the road runner server (<http://home.twcny.rr.com/interlakes/sitemap.htm>) to a new location (<http://cnyscouts.org/districts/interlakes/>) on the council server. When in doubt, go to the Council Web Site (<http://cnyscouts.org/>) and select the Interlakes District option in the left side menu bar.

Membership- Beth Rawling

Successful Boy Talk at Jordan Elbridge Middle School held on 11-18-08 results in three prospects. As of 11-30-08, Interlakes District is only 95 paid youth memberships from reaching our 2008 goal!

While a number of paid applications are being processed with our Registrar, there still are memberships/payment you (Leaders) continue to mention that you'll "get into council". Please bring these in to Ann Scofield at your earliest convenience, and before 12/31/08.

If your account needs to be settled, please inform your Treasurer to add the appropriate funds to your Unit account. Otherwise, pending memberships cannot be processed and the boys will not be counted as a scout OR be protected with BSA insurance coverage.

Thank you.

Beth Rawling
Interlakes District Membership Chairperson

Program, Activities, and Civic Service- Bob Sterner, Ed Coe

Webelos MOST Over nights 1/17-18 , 2/7-8.

Klondike 2/7/09 Cancelled due to lack of Unit organizer,

Opportunity to display your skills at the upcoming RV Show at the NYS Fair Grounds 3/6-8/2009, more details to follow

Advancement and Recognition- Doug Grady, John Binkowski

1/15/09 Eagle Dinner Double Tree Hotel, SYR,

NY, 3/7/09 Merit Badge day St. Marks B-Ville, the place may change stay tuned.

Finance- Ham Fish

2008 FOS short \$2610.00,

Popcorn sales better than expected,

Need Chairman for Boy Power.

Camp Promotions- Ed Coe, Mike O'Hara, Roy Miller

No Report. Camp Master meeting coming up

Public Relations- John O'Hara

Although we have had some success in the last few months promoting Interlakes activities, including the Gillie Lake Cub Camp, Camp Excelsior and the Advance-o-ree, a consistent and ongoing public relations program must be developed in order to generate more good news, counteract negative press coverage and have any impact on membership and fundraising.

Due to the large number of local activities and events, it is also essential that individual Troops, Packs and Posts generate news coverage as well.

Objectives

Increase awareness of Scouting in the Interlakes District of the Hiawatha Seaway Council

Generate fundraising opportunities through the ongoing flow of news information

Create publicity opportunities to assist in increasing membership

2010 Jamboree

See Bob Camwell to set up a presentation to your Troop