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Another hot spell as summer refuses to give way to fall. Yet soon we'll be into fall recruiting, fall camporee, and, yes, planning those winter outings. Packs should be set for Fall Youth Recruiting, troops and crew should be planning open house activities. It's not just for Cub Scouts any more. And check out the many service projects where communities need our help.

Steve Engel—Editor

FYR - Fall Youth Recruiting

Our Cub Packs are ready for the fall recruiting effort. Round-up nights are set and anticipation is high as we eagerly await these new Cub Scouts, from Lions to Webelos, to join in the fun and adventure. Many have participated in open houses this fall and are off to a good start. Some schools didn't have an open house this year due to the individual assessments at the elementary schools. Many schools did have an open house, if your school did not, this is not a bad time to voice your concern, as a parent, regarding the value of these open house nights. And be sure to check with the school, is there another fall activity, such as "First Grade Night", for example, at which your pack could have a presence?

Not Just for Cub Scouts Anymore

Remember, it's not just Cub Scouts recruiting in the fall. Troops and crews should also be planning an open house/recruiting activity. As many troops have found out, we just can't count on a steady flow of transitioning Webelos. Venture Crews will also have to recruit. Crews have their own recruiting challenges. Maybe have Ventures invite their friends to a special activity. Remember, as we learned at Roundtable last spring, boys can be active in their troop and take part in that special Venture activity as a member of a crew.

When you have an open house/recruiting activity planned we can help promote your activity in the local media. Contact [Steve Engel](#).

2012 Fall Camporee Tales of the Gold Monkey

Our theme is "Tales of the Gold Monkey" an Indiana Jones themed event. Your patrol will get to follow the "Path of Doom" for the day. Which includes the need to avoid hot lava obstacle courses, snakes (cue a movie line: I hate snakes!, now name the movie and who said it), rifle, archery, Nerf guns, climbing, a trivia game, and the second annual "Great Scoutmaster Race".

The trivia game will be based on the TV show "Tales of the Gold Monkey" and the 4 Indiana Jones movies. Clues can be found at each station of the Camporee. So bone up on your trivia and keep a keen eye peeled for the clues during your travels through the camporee stations.

For the Great Scoutmaster race, your unit will need to build a sedan (easy - two 2x4s and a seat) and carry the scoutmaster with their cup of coffee in a race against the other units. For sedan designs think of how the Maharajahs of India and other middle age leaders were carried by their humble retainers before the addition of wheels and horses.

Now for the minor details, we need at least two more tower certified leaders to help out with the climbing tower, one more archery officer, and at least one more rifle range officer to step forward and help out!

For more information go to [Fall Camporee](#). Register at [Camporee registration](#)

Calendar

September 4	District Committee Mtg.
September 13	Roundtable
September 14-16	OA Fall Conclave
September 17-28	Fall Recruiting
September 28-30	Fall Camporee
October 11	Roundtable
October 27	University of Scouting

Run With Me Family Fun Run Volunteer Request

Volunteers are needed to help with a Family Fun Run hosted by Community Education School District 196, on Saturday, October 13th. We would like to secure our volunteers by Sept 14th.

The race is scheduled for:
Saturday, October 13, 2012

- 1 Mile Walk/Run 9:00am Start
- 5K Walk/Run 9:30am Start
- HEALTH EXPO 9:00am-12:00pm

Volunteer Opportunities include:

- Race Day Set Up (5 People)
- Water Station* (10 People)
- Race Day Registration Table (3 People)
- Security (4 People)
- Course Marshals (15 People)
(please indicate 1 Mile or 5K race route)
- Post Race Food Table* (7 People)
- Grounds Crew* (5 People)
- Race Course Sweep* (3 People)
- Post Race Clean Up* (5 People)

* - Youth volunteer opportunity

Both youth and adult volunteers are needed. For more information and specific details on volunteer opportunities please contact [Marisa Schroht](#) or [Amanda Kuhn](#).



Volunteers Also Needed for Annual Parent Education Conference

Boy Scout and Venture Scouts are needed to help with the Annual Parent Education Conference. The conference will be held on Saturday, November 3, at Eastview High School, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers would be needed from approximately 7:30 to 11:30 am. Volunteers will assist at the registration/information table and assist as hall guides, helping parents find their way to and from workshop sessions. It would be great if a Troop or Crew would take this on as an annual service project. It is a simple project but has very high impact on public awareness of Scouting.

Volunteers Needed at Kraemer Nature Preserve

Fifty Boy Scouts, Venture crew members, 5th grade Webelos and adult leaders are needed on September 22 from 9 AM - noon to help rake up small tree limb litter at the beautiful Kraemer Nature Preserve in west Burnsville (see below for more details about the project). The Kraemer preserve is located at a parking lot at the dead end of Chowen Avenue off Highway 13 near the NAPA auto parts store. It is visible in the satellite map at the end of Chowen Avenue: go to the [Google Map](#).

This park isn't in Eagan or Apple Valley, but it is a beautiful prairie restoration site and well deserving of your help. If you are willing to help, please contact [Bob Elliott](#) at or 952-953-4336 to let him know how many people to expect.

The 75 acre park is being restored a native prairie. Tree litter needs to be removed so that the area can be seeded with native prairie plants.

The work isn't hard but a lot of volunteers are needed to make this a half-day project. The parks department recommends that scouts be at least 11 years old. And the date was chosen so as not to conflict with Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave.

Please try and help us with this very worthwhile project.