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Spring is here. Has your Pack started

thinking about a Spring Round-Up? Round-ups are not just for Fall anymore. Each Pack should hold a Round-Up in the month of May. A Spring Round-Up is the best chance to get those rising Tigers that are in kindergarten right now. That means that there will be a whole new group of boys ready and anxious to get in on the fun starting next month. Anyone who joins at your Round-Up or incoming Tigers that join in June are eligible to attend Day Camp and take advantage of your summer activities.

The first step in planning a Round-Up would be to be thinking about how you are going to reach out to potential new Scouts? You can send flyers to the schools that feed your Pack, (if you plan this route, talk to our District Member & Marketing Chair, Tatina Deagen first, she is working on a recruiting flyer for just this purpose). Another op-

REWARD Fun Boys & Families



"Tiger" - 1st grader "Wolf" - 2nd grader "Bear" - 3rd grader "Webelos" - 4th & 5th Cub Scout Round Up!

tion is to give business cards to the Scouts with the Packs info, meeting time, date and location, to hand out to friends, neighbors and classmates. You can make a contest out of it. Does your Pack have a web presence were perspective families can find out more about Scouting? Regardless of how recruiting gets done don't forget to award your Scout he brings joins the Pack. You may want to check if there are any Spring Flings at feeder schools or churches that you may be able to man a booth at.

A couple things to keep in mind is that you want to make sure you present a great first impression, it may be the only chance you

get to hook a boy or his parent. Also, if you have someone interested in joining, what then? Do you have welcome packets or info for them to take home?

Boys grow up fast. It's important to give our Scouts a valuable gift by encouraging them to join Cub Scouts. The time invested in a Scout today will make a difference in who the person he becomes tomorrow.

Cool Website

BSA Marketing Toolbox

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/Marketing.aspx>

Present a professional appearance on your flyers and posters for this year's recruiting effort using the resources available on BSA's marketing page.

Cub Scout Day Camp

22-26 June 2015

Location: St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Cost: \$85 per Scout

Register online at: www.ocscouts.org



Upcoming Events

Occoneechee Council Cuboree

April 24-26

Deadline to sign-up before price increases has been extended to 10 April 2015

Register at: bit.ly/cuboree2015

Highlander District Day Camp*

June 22-26

Cub Resident Camp

July 25-29

Roundtable Topics

May

- New Leader Resources
- Pack Summer Program

~the Scout Shop will be here in May selling all of the new Adventure Program materials~

June

- Beyond the Badges
- Program Planning

*We are still looking for staff members for Day Camp. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kim Johnson.

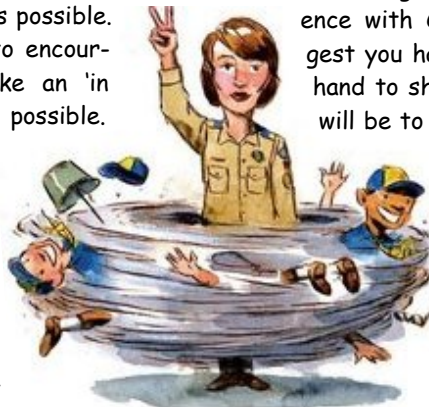
Leader Recruiting / Retention

One of the key elements of a successful Pack is its Leadership. It's not too early to start looking at your leadership lineup for the next Scouting year. The bad news about living in a military community is our constant loss of leadership. The good news is, you don't know what might walk through the door come September. While you may have current leaders that want to remain leaders next year, you may have new parents that are up to the challenge of taking on a role as a

Den Leader or on your committee. If you have a parent that steps up as a leader first and foremost make sure they are properly trained as soon as possible. It is important to encourage them to take an 'in person' class if possible. While online training is sufficient it will give a new leader many opportunities they can't get online. Also, if you have a par-

ent on the edge of making a commitment make sure to let them know the New Cub Scout program is brand new to every leader regardless of years of experience with Cub Scouts. I would suggest you have the new handbooks on hand to show them just how easy it will be to be a leader. The new program is designed to save time and make it much simpler to plan.

A well thought out secession plan now can help ensure a smooth transition for your Pack come the Fall.



Upcoming Training Opportunities

Leave No Trace

April 10-12th
Camp Reeves, NC

Baloo

April 11th
Camp Bowers, NC

Scouting Outdoor Skills (for Women ONLY!)

April 10-12th
Camp Bowers, NC

Position Specific Training

May 23rd
Gardner's UMC, Fayetteville



Visit the training page on highlanderdistrict.org
For more information

WOOD BADGE

Two Courses in 2015!

S7-421-15-1
April 17-19 and May 1-3, 2015

S7-421-15-2
Sep 9-13 & Sep 30-Oct 4

"Great Scouts earn their Eagle —Great Scouters earn their Beads"