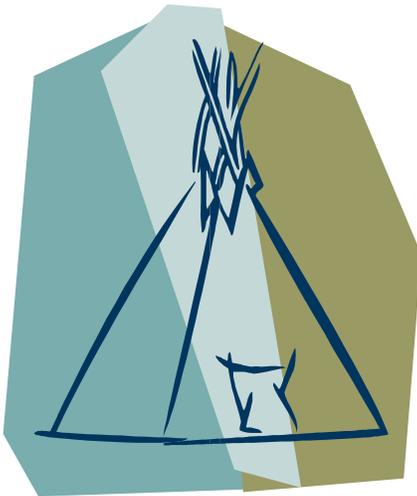


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Teepee Talk

INDIAN SPRINGS BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

02 Aug August Roundtable, 1509 W 1500 S
in Woods Cross, 7pm

7-8 Sept Cowboy Action Shoot "Thunder at
Big Salty" @ Lee Kay Events Center
(Venture Activity)

13 Sept Leader-Specific Training #1

14-15 Sept Indian Springs Fall Camporee at
Fort Buenaventura in Ogden (also
Outdoor Leadership Skills Training)

20 Sept Leader-Specific Training #2

See attached flyers for details regarding these upcoming events or visit the GSLC Council website at
<http://www.gslc-bsa.org>

Recent Change—Council Fire Policy

Due to the extreme fire conditions and following directions of the Council Risk Management committee the Great Salt Lake Council is implementing the following policy:

Effective 10:30 a.m. June 27, 2012 the Great Salt Lake Council has enacted a fire restriction.

There will be NO open flames allowed on any Great Salt Lake Council sponsored property. This includes the ban of charcoal briquettes and other like items. The use of propane stoves will be allowed for cooking purposes only. An adult, at least 21 years of age or older, must be present for any usage of propane stove.

Please pass this information along to all scout leaders. If you have any questions, please contact the camps and events desk at (801) 582-3663.

August's Roundtable Agenda

Come participate in next month's Roundtable on 02 Aug at the Woods Cross North stake center. Topics include:

- Solar Oven Cooking (including samples!)
- Camp Gadgets and Pioneering Projects
- Safety: Campfire Basics

The Structure of Troop Meetings

Every troop meeting should consist of the following parts:

Pre-Opening — A game, activity, or project that can productively occupy those who arrive early — ideally designed so that new arrivals can join right in...

Opening — A formal, fixed set of items to set the tone of the meeting and provide structure, e.g., flag ceremony, recital of Scout Oath and Law, Pledge of Allegiance.

Skills Instruction — Teaching, often from one Scout to another using the EDGE method, of a skill or concept needed for rank advancement, merit badge, upcoming outing, etc. The subject matter is tailored to the skill level of the learner.

Patrol Meetings — The troop breaks into patrols for individual activities, including planning for upcoming activities, coordination and delegating of assignments, making group decisions.

Intrapatrol Activity — The patrols come back together for a fun activity where one patrol competes or cooperates with the others. Can be complimentary to the skills learned earlier.

Closing — **Scoutmaster's Minute** — Time to consolidate the evening's learning and hear an inspirational message.

After the Meeting — Youth leaders stay behind to discuss how the meeting went and to adjust future plans accordingly.

Uniforms and Uniform Inspections

The 11-Year-Old Scouters' session of Roundtable this month focused on uniforms and uniform inspection. Following is a quick overview of the concepts we discussed in that session:

- The Scout uniform is one of the methods of Scouting. The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.
- Periodic uniform inspections can be one way to encourage youth (and adults!) to wear the Scout uniform. Some tips for uniform inspection include:
 1. If possible, find something encouraging to say about each individual in the line;
 2. Follow the BSA Uniform Inspection Guide; remember that depending on the activity and any previous instructions, class B attire is appropriate;
 3. Provide appropriate recognition for the best Scout in the troop/patrol . For example, the Scout might pick a piece of equipment from the "uniform inspection rewards tray," which could contain inexpensive but valued pieces of Scout equipment like a compass, camp soap, sharpening stone, flint and steel, Carmex, etc.;Also, see this month's attachments for a Uniform Inspection sheet for Scout night that also serves as a handout to parents.

The Return of the Twinkie Cannon

Special thanks to Derek Newman from the Bountiful East zone who showed off his delightful Twinkie cannon at Roundtable last week. Anyone who wished to get to shoot it, and there was much pre-packaged dessert flying around the back parking lot.

For those of you who are interested in the details of construction, please consult the following web site:

<http://blog.makezine.com/2009/01/07/maker-workshop-burrito-blaster/>

Scout Committee Anonymous Feedback Form

| Responsibility | I don't know | Complete no-show | Mere mediocrity | Good, solid performance | Knocks it out of the park |
|--|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Is fully staffed to support leaders in carrying out the program | X | X | X | X | X |
| Responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget | X | X | X | X | X |
| Obtains, maintains, and properly cares for troop property | X | X | X | X | X |
| Arranges and serves on boards of review in a timely and effective way | X | X | X | X | X |
| Ensures quality courts of honor on a regular basis | X | X | X | X | X |
| Runs an effective "Friends of Scouting" campaign | X | X | X | X | X |
| Is properly trained to handle their roles and responsibilities | X | X | X | X | X |
| Prepares the annual charter in a timely and correct fashion | X | X | X | X | X |
| Prepares and distributes communication for parents | X | X | X | X | X |
| Secures troop permits in a timely fashion for all unit activities | X | X | X | X | X |
| Develops and maintains an adequate merit badge counselor list | X | X | X | X | X |
| Ensures leaders and committee members have opportunity for training | X | X | X | X | X |
| Coordinates a smooth transition from pack to troop, troop to team, etc. | X | X | X | X | X |
| Communicates effectively with scout leaders | X | X | X | X | X |