



GREAT SALT LAKE COUNCIL

# Teepee Talk

INDIAN SPRINGS BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 13 Sept                District-Sponsored Basic (Leader-Specific) Training Session #1 of 2  
 6:30pm, WX North Stake Center
  
- 14-15 Sept            Indian Springs Fall Camporee at Fort Buenaventura in Ogden  
 (Outdoor Leadership Skills Course will be held at the Fall Camporee)
  
- 20 Sept                District-Sponsored Basic (Leader-Specific) Training Session #2 of 2  
 6:30pm, WX North Stake Center
  
- 03 Nov                Trainer's EDGE Training, 8AM to 1:30PM @ Westland LDS Stake,  
 7265 S 2700 W in West Jordan, UT
  
- 25 Jan                Annual Recognition Banquet,  
 6:30pm @ NSL Parkway Stake Annex
  
- 02, 09, & 16 Feb    11-Year-Old Winter Fun-O-Ree,  
 12:30 to 5pm @ Camp Tracy
  
- 15-16 Feb            Indian Springs Klondike Derby

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



later to allow your patrols cook another meal and participate in after-lunch bonus activities (tomahawks and canoeing) as well as finish up any MB requirements they missed...

- Teepee camping is available for troops wishing to pay the \$20 teepee rental. This can be a really fun way to experience the outdoors and live as the Native Americans did. You might even use the event to kick-start the Indian Lore merit badge.

## October's Roundtable Agenda

Come participate in next month's great leader education and training at the Scout Roundtable at the Woods Cross North stake center at 1509 W 1500 S in Woods Cross at 7pm on 04 October 2012. October's topics include:

- Roundtable Discussion: Best Courts of Honor
- Historic Trails in Utah
- Dutch Oven Breakfasts: Beyond Mountain Man
- **Committee Breakout: Conducting Great Boards of Review**
- **11-Yr-Old Breakout: COUNCIL TRAINING (see below)**

## 11-Yr-Old Follow-up training in Oct

Many of you are aware that the Great Salt Lake Council provided a special training session for 11-year-old Scouters earlier in the year.

The council has graciously offered to provide a follow-up training as part of October's Roundtable meeting. Rather than first meeting with the Boy Scout session and then breaking out into smaller sessions, the 11-year-old Scouters will spend the entire hour receiving special instruction from experienced Great Salt Lake Council trainers.

## Staff Needed for GSLC Fun-O-Ree

The Great Salt Lake Council Fun-O-Ree is a winter day camp that gives 11-year-old Scouts a taste of winter outdoor activities and an opportunity to practice Scouting skills (see the attached flier for more information).

Interest in the event has been so high in recent years that 2013's Fun-O-Ree has been broken into three separate weekends next February to allow Scouts to get to all their favorite activities.

This expanded format has generated a need for additional staff. If you are looking for an opportunity to share your Scouting skills or complete a Woodbadge ticket, then consider joining the Fun-O-Ree team! Contact Bob Torkelson at 801-680-9590 OR [r.torkelson@ldschurch.org](mailto:r.torkelson@ldschurch.org)

## Fire Barrels OK at Fall Camporee

Scout troops attending this week's Fall Camporee at Ft. Buenaventura will be able to have open fires (in the usual fire barrels 18" off the ground).

Fort Buenaventura allows fire barrels 18" off the ground in the "meadow" area around the fort and the shooting range where we will be camping.

The Great Salt Lake Council Fire Policy enacted on 27 June 2012 has not yet been rescinded, but does not apply to this district event, only to Council properties such as Camp Tracy or East Fork of the Bear.

The State of Utah and the BLM lifted fire restrictions on BLM, state, and unincorporated private lands statewide on 06 September.

## Last-minute tips for Fall Camporee

- Remember that Internet pre-registration is now available for those troops that are interested in paying by credit card. Simply go to the event page on the district web site at <http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1204279&OrgKey=1722>
- We encourage troops to arrive between 4pm and 5pm on the Friday of Camporee. An early arrival allows troops plenty of time to properly set up camp and cook a great dinner. We have rented the facility until 4pm on Saturday, so stay

## Available Rope Maker Device

The Indian Springs district has purchased an antique ropemaking device much like the one pictured below. It will see some use in the Fall Camporee this coming weekend at and future district events. Because it operates so quickly, this tool turns ropemaking from a tedious task into a quick and fun activity.

We are anxious for this tool to be used outside of Klondike Derbies and Camporees as well. Just contact Jake Gehring at [gehringj@ldschurch.org](mailto:gehringj@ldschurch.org) to schedule the device for your own troop.



## Why Practice Ropecraft?

Why did the Indian Springs District choose to offer the Pioneering merit badge as part of the Fall Camporee? Why does Scouting still place so much stress on knots, ropes, pioneering, and ropework in this age of bungee cords and Velcro?

This topic formed the basis of this month's Roundtable discussion, following are some of the points made in that discussion:

- Knots and ropework are featured in the beginning Scout rank advancements.
- Working with rope gives youth a chance to make a part of their own kit, with the accompanying benefits of economy, practicality, and pride in one's own handiwork.
- Understanding how rope and knots work has many safety applications and it is a skill that should be learned in advance of any emergency — In certain circumstances hesitation or doubt can make the knot an enemy or at least a dangerous complication instead of a safety factor.
- Ropes, tarps, and camp gadgets of various kinds can add an element of fun and pride to any camping experience. A construct as simple as a tripod, bear bag, or dining fly turns passive Scouts into active creators of the world around them.

- As to the choice of Pioneering for the Fall Camporee, this merit badge is a good match for the venue of Ft. Buenaventura, which was once a mountain-man era fort.
- Pioneering is one of the few merit badges that can be taught and finished in one weekend to so many boys.
- Despite the Velcro-izing, magnetizing and gadgetizing of the outdoor equipment world, there are still activities where ropework is unavoidable: fishing, boating (especially sailing), rock climbing, and yes, even basic camping.
- A lengthy camp (like a week-long summer Super Activity) can be made all the more comfortable with the addition of gates, benches, tables, washstands, dressers, showers, and other such items that Pioneering skill can provide.

*Other Scouters, in a related discussion in an online forum on this topic, have said:*

- Pioneering is an adventurous, outdoor activity, supporting Scouting's ideal of learning in the outdoors.
- Pioneering requires teamwork, so is suited to the Patrol Method.
- Pioneering is practical and concrete — at the end of the work, there is a visible, physical thing that has been made.
- It is a way to show how things work and how to use your tools with respect.
- It is "back to basics," and builds character.
- "To me the over-riding reason for presenting Pioneering [to Scouts] is that boys like it. Some years ago we started providing simple equipment which troops in camp at Gilwell can use. The demand is insatiable. Year by year we add more, but we never provide enough; because as one troop sees another using the equipment and building a bridge, they want to try it also and the desire to do Pioneering spreads like a contagious disease throughout the camp." - John Thurman
- "I am inclined to support to Scouters that in addition to the technical details of knotting, lashing, and anchorages, there is an educative training in Pioneering. Since it gives elementary training in stresses, etc. and it also develops initiative and resourcefulness to use local material. Additionally, it gives practice in teamwork and discipline."  
- Baden-Powell

**SCOUTING CALENDAR****Indian Springs District #3***August 2012 - July 2013***August 2012**

2 RoundTable 7:00 PM  
 2 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 25 Trainers Edge

**September 2012**

1 FOS Kickoff  
 6 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 6 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 8 Cowboy Action Shoot Venturing  
 13 Leader Specific (Basic) Training Evening 1  
 14-15 Fall Camporee  
 14-15 Outdoor Leadership Skills Training  
 20 Leader Specific (Basic) Training Evening 2  
 22 Council Commissioner Training

**October 2012**

1 Re-chartering Starts  
 4 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 4 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 13 Varsity Turkey Shoot  
 27 RoundTable Commissioner Summit

**November 2012**

1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due  
 1 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 1 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 3 Cub Scout Pow Wow  
 10 Trainers Edge  
 10 Cub Scout Pow Wow

**December 2012**

6 Roundtable 7:00AM  
 6 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 7 Holiday Auction

**January 2013**

3 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 3 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 3 District Award of Merit Nominations Due  
 12 University of Scouting  
 25 District Recognition Dinner, 6:30 PM  
 26 Council Commissioner Training

**February 2013**

1-2 Varsity Biathlon  
 2 Fun-o-Ree (11 yr old)  
 3 Scout Sunday  
 7 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 7 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 3-9 Scout Week  
 15-16 Klondike Derby - Soldiers Hollow  
 23 Trainers Edge

**March 2013**

7 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 7 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 23 Scout-o-Rama Ticket Kick-off  
 9 College of Commissioner Science  
 30 Scouting for Food

**April 2013**

4 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 4 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 BALOO (Cub Leader Training)  
 11 Leader Specific (Basic) Training Evening 1  
 18 Leader Specific (Basic) Training Evening 2  
 19-20 Outdoor Leadership Skills Training  
 27 Webelos Outdoor Leadership Training

**May 2013**

2 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 2 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 4 Scout-O-Rama  
 Advancement Training at Council 8am - 12pm  
 Cowboy Action Shoot

**June 2013**

6 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 6 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 13-15 Varsity Scout Big Event  
 15 Commissioner Basic Training

**July 2013**

1-6 Envision  
 11 Roundtable 7:00 PM  
 11 District Committee Meeting 8:15PM  
 Cub Scout Egg Launch (Roundtable)  
 On Belay (East Fork) (Varsity)  
 20 On Target (Varsity)