

Boy Scouts of America Pony Express District



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DISTRICT NEWS:

- The Holiday Auction was a big success this year. Those who attended said that the auction, dinner and program were the best ever. The proceeds from this event go to funding the Great Salt Lake Council Learning for Life project for inner-city youth. Thanks to Craig Blamires for his hard work and dedication to this program. (Craig is our district Holiday Auction representative.)
- The Highland, Daybreak, and Founders Park stakes recently completed a Little Philmont training. Those who attended were Scout/Young Men leaders in their wards and stakes. This training was done on Friday night and Saturday morning of November 14 and 15. Those who attended were privileged to receive direction from President Neider of the Church's YM Presidency and Sister Lifferth of the Primary General Presidency. The spirit of Scouting and all that is associated with the YM's program was well presented and appreciated. Special thanks to all 3 stakes for their commitment to scouting and to the Young Men who ask for trained leaders.
- Plan now on attending a Wood Badge training course in 2009. You can call the Scout office (582-3663) and ask for Kelly at the camp desk. She can give you the dates and places for the courses. Cost is \$190.00 per person. Check with your ward and stake as some offer partial or full reimbursement for attending Wood Badge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **District Basic Training** is coming up on the 10th of January - from 8 AM until noon - at 114th S. and 1570 W. Those who are new to their scout position are especially urged to attend this event. We will break for cracker barrel refreshments and be divided into respective scouting families for more "position specific" instruction. Our district leaders come prepared and full of ideas to make this training informative and fun. We will provide "trained" patches when training is completed. Boy Scout leaders will be asked to attend an over-night training to be held on March 20th – 21st. Remember The Church requires that all leaders be trained.
- **District Winter Klondike Camp** is set for January 16th and 17th at the Jordanelle State Park. There will be ample parking and easy access. Winter camp offers fun and games for 12-13 year old Boy Scouts and their leaders. For more information, please visit the district website(listed below) or call Jerry Monsen at 446-0994. Don't wait til the last minute - sign up now and come have a fun winter adventure with us. Additional info at Round Table.
- **Cub Scout Winter Day Camps** are scheduled for December 27th, 29th & 30th at camp Tracy. For 2009 there will be additional day camps Jan 19th, Feb. 16 & 28th. Cost per boy is \$17.00 and \$5.00 for leaders. (includes lunch) Go on line and sign up now. More information can be found at District Roundtable.
- **University of Scouting – December 6** at Murray High School - 5440 S. State St. - from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person whether you sign up on line or pay at the door. Lunch costs \$8.00 and must be ordered when you sign up on line. This is an excellent opportunity to have your questions answered and learn more about Scouting. Classes fill quickly so go on line and register now.
- **District Rechartering** - believe it or not, is still not complete! Even though we have all been working hard to get it completed (and in on time) we are trailing behind. Some have not even been on line yet. Lets Get It Done Now!!!
- **Order of the Arrow Banquet** is scheduled for Saturday January 17th at Camp Tracy. For more information, please contact Craig Blamires at 455-9916
- **District Awards Banquet** is scheduled for the evening of February 5th at the Founders Day Park Stake. We will **NOT** be holding regularly scheduled District meetings that night. We know there are many scout leaders who have done an excellent job in scouting for several years and we would like to honor them but we need you to let us know who they are. Please fill out a District Award of Merit application for a deserving scout leader you know – and get it turned in to one of the Key-3 SOON. More information will be coming.
- **National Boy Scout Jamboree 2010** – If you have any questions or want any information on Jamboree contact Cal Condie, Tom Kline, Russ Bradshaw or Craig Hall. We are honored to have these 4 Jamboree Scoutmasters in our district.
- **District Meetings** are the first Thursday of every month at 3845 W. and 9850 S. District Committee meeting from 7:00 to 7:40 all district staff, commissioners, committee members, and sub committees are invited to attend. All Commissioners should attend with their appropriate scouting family. 7:40 to 8:15 is the District Commissioner Staff Meeting. District Commissioners, assistant District Commissioners, Unit Commissioners, and Round Table Commissioners need to attend. From 8:15 to 8:30 will be announcements from all scouting families (special invitation to COR's). 8:30 to 9:00 is the Stake Key Scouter's meeting. Stake Presidency member over scouting, assistant District Commissioner, Unit commissioners and COR's from each ward are asked to attend. Relationship Committee meeting is every other month at 9:00pm. (Jan., March, May, July, Sept.,& Nov.)
- **The District Web site** (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/council/district/district-web-sites/d14-home>) is your source for the most recent information on upcoming Pony Express events and happenings. This District Announcement bulletin along with other District names and information will be found on this web site.