03/5/2011 NW District Training Committee Meeting Minutes

Attending: Paula Ball (NW District Training Chair)

Scott Moffett (NW District Training Committee Member)
Bill Moffett (NW District Training Committee Member)
Mike Pierson (Swan Creek Boy Scout Training Chair)
Lee Schultz (Swan Creek District Cub Scout Training Chair)
Rodger Phillips (Erie Shores Council LNT Training Chair)

Trainer's EDGE Wrap-up and Evaluation:

Seven people complete the Trainer's EDGE held on February 26, 2011 At Grace United Methodist Church.

At the end of the session, participants were asked to conduct a Start-Stop-Continue Assessment of the event and training staff. The results of the SSC Assessment were as follows –

Start:

1. Better Advertising – some participants stated that even though the flyer for Trainer's EDGE had been out for well over a month, they only just found out about the course in the last week.

Advertising of events has long been an issue in the Council. It is usually accomplished by flyers being made available at District Committee meetings, Roundtables and at the Service Centers. Flyers are also put into each unit's mailbox. The problem with this delivery method is that those scouters who do not attend committee meetings and roundtables do not get the flyers. Also, not every unit checks their mailboxes, and those that do must rely upon whoever picks up the mail to actually pass on the information. Currently, the Council Training team tries to get the word out by posting flyers on Council and District websites as well as e-mailing out the flyers to everyone in their contact list and asking that the receivers do the same. This strategy is successful up to a point, but it still fails to reach all registered Scouters in ESC.

Stop:

1. The facility used for the training (Grace United Methodist) was conveniently located for all attending, but the room used that day was somewhat small, and any conversations among the training staff, no matter how quietly held, could be distracting to some of the participants depending upon where they were sitting. Also, noise from another event that was taking place filtered through to the room.

Space was limited at the church that day due to another event that was going on. We will endeavor to schedule future training events held at that location when other events are not taking place so that one of the larger rooms may be used. However, it is understood that this may not always be possible.

Continue:

1. Having Fun! – overall the participants had a good time and thought that the staff delivered the course with great enthusiasm that carried over to the participants.

BALOO Wrap-up and Evaluation:

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation was held at Providence Lutheran Church on Mar. 5, 2011 with combined training team from Northwest, Swan Creek and Commodore Perry districts. 25 Scouters from all over council registered for the event with 21 actually attending.

Evaluation forms were completed by 15 of the 21 participants with the following results scored on a scale of 1-5 with, 1 being "Low" and 5 being "High".

- I would recommend this training to other leaders score of 4.6
- The training staff was well prepared score of 4.94
- The session content was organized in proper sequence score of 4.8
- The session reference material was adequate score of 4.53
- The session objectives were clear & concise score of 4.68
- The amount of time allotted was sufficient for each section 4.54
- LNT Round Robin Session 4.6
- Hiking Round Robin Session 4.67
- Sanitation and First Aid Round Robin Session 4.73
- Fire Building Round Robin Session 4.73

The written comments about the course were generally good with the only major complaint being that due to the weather, the training was conducted indoors rather than outdoors.

Training Reports:

Karen Krieger sent copies of the district's "Trained" and "Not Trained" reports to the committee. The reports are currently being reviewed and records updated to identify the following:

- New Leaders
- Leaders who changed positions with the new charters
- Leaders who kept their positions with the new charter

Information is being cross-checked with the Training Validation Tool. Once the information is verified, letters will be sent to each unit to advise them of their trained status.

Scoutmaster Specific/Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills/Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders:

Staff assignments for the upcoming trainings are being reviewed for changes. One notable change is that Steve Ellersick, who served as and instructor and in the position is Asst. Scoutmaster is no longer registered with the BSA and so will not be available for training. His position will need to be filled. Also, three new staff members have been recruited to help with this year's events – Lee Schultz (SC Cub Leader Training Chair), Mike Pierson (SC Boy Scout Leader Training Chair), and Jeff Smarkle (Eagle Bay Boy Scout Leader Training Chair). Once it is known who will be returning from the prior course, the new members will be given their assignments and positions.

The SLT/IOLS/OWLS training team is looking at dates to sit down and finalize details.

Upcoming Training Events:

- March 19, 2011 Youth Protection Training presented by Paula Ball at Camp Miakonda, 10:00 am to Noon
- March 23 & 30, 2011 Cub Leader Specific Training presented by Lee Schultz at Providence Lutheran Church. Modules 1 & 2 to be offered 3/23/11; Module 3 to be offered 3/30/11. ALL three modules must be taken to be Basic Trained.
- April 30, 2011 Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster Leader Specific. Multi-district presentation under the direction of NW District Training Committee.
- May 13 15, 2011 Leave No Trace Trainer Course presented by Rodger Phillips at Camp Miakonda
- May 20 22, 2011 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Multi-district presentation under the direction of NW District Training Committee.
- May 20 22, 2011 Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders. Multi-district presentation under the direction of NW District Training Committee.