

Erie Shores Council  
Northwest District Camping Committee  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting Notes  
St. James Lutheran Church

**Attendees:**

Andrew Potter, Doug Seidl, Todd Kozlowski, Elliot Greive, Art Mroz, Matt Shanahan, Frank Merit

**Opening comments:**

Andy thanked everyone for coming and for volunteering to be a member of the committee.

Meeting centered on what the camping committee was to do. Using the list of tasks listed on the Northwest District Camping Committee website as a guide we defined and agreed as to what each item meant. Below is a summary of each line:

1. Understand each units camping and outdoor record.
  - a. It will be our job to review each unit's records.
  - b. This will require a member of the committee to contact each unit.
  - c. A list of contacts was request from Matt. He indicated we could have it, but it won't be accurate until early April. He would get us the information then.
2. Implement the council's outdoor promotion plan in the district.
  - a. We will ensure our committee knows the plan and that each unit receives information in a timely manner.
  - b. Andy to get council's plan information at committee meeting and bring back tour next meeting.
  - c. Work with Matt, Commissioners, and the OA.
3. Work with commissioners to help units plan a year-round schedule of camping and program events.
  - a. Our committee does not the man power to sit with each unit and plan their year's event. We will assist on an as needed basis
  - b. We will be more of a resource for equipment, locations, and supplies.
  - c. We will assist with permits and paper work
4. Promote use of camperships
  - a. Campership is a scholarship for going camping.
  - b. Available for summer camps.
  - c. Some money available for adult training.
  - d. The recipient will be required to do some service and earn the campership.
  - e. We want to ensure we remain discreet and not cause embarrassment.
5. Give guidance on health and safety concerns.
  - a. CPR training
  - b. Safety afloat
  - c. Safe trekking
  - d. Ensure all units know what is needed for camping
  - e. Ensure all units know when training is available.

6. Promote youth participation in camping and outdoor programs.
  - a. Ensure the information about camping opportunities is reaching the scouts.
  - b. Include National High Adventure
  - c. Include other Council camping events
7. Assist the council committee with maintaining and developing quality outdoor program facilities.
  - a. Agree we need to work with council
  - b. Find out from council how they would like our assistance.
  - c. Ties in with #2
8. Promote unit's earning the summer time pack activity award and the national camping award.
  - a. Andy to bring the requirements to our next meeting
  - b. Tie in with the OA
9. Supervise use of off-council camp sites by permits and inspections.
  - a. Requires visits to units wanting to use them
  - b. Requires review of all permit submissions
  - c. Andy to bring the requirements to the next meeting.
10. Track and attain camping and outdoor objectives.
  - a. Fill out and maintain records of our actions
11. Implement the planned council camping and outdoor programs
  - a. Need to get clarification on this.
12. Guide the Order of the Arrow through the chapter officers and advisers to help promote camping in the district.
  - a. Need contact information.
  - b. Will work with OA closely.

We discussed possible camping themes for next year, 100 year of the war of 1812. Fort Meigs, Seven Eagles, Put-in-Bay camping. Fallen timbers?

Matt informed us the Mom and Me and Dad and Lad has been combined into the Parent and Pal and that the Cub Day Camp flyer was coming out soon.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:00pm at St. James Lutheran Church Thursday, April 14, 2011.