

20230911 Placer District Connections Meeting Notes (BZ)

Meeting kicked off at 7:00PM by Michael Jacques. Flags/pledge by Greg Schultz. Invocation by Brent Lamkin.

Mike Thabault – Family camp is still on. Reg is thin. 7 youth, 5 adults, 1 sibling. Register soon! (There are still 2 instances of the Cub Family Camp on BlackPug, and the correct event lists that registration is open through September 28th! The placeholder event needs to be deleted and change the reg dates and cost increase for the real one). Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-75043>

Kathy Neuburger – Spookoree is Oct 20-21, NorCal. Fun activities for cubs all day Saturday. Usually ends with a campfire or closing program. Registration is open. Siblings are allowed. Don't miss the Greg and Michael craft activity! Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-73309>

Univ of Scouting – Nov 4th. Registration is open. \$30 for attendees. Goes up by \$10 on 10/1. Push for your leaders to attend! This is a great opportunity to learn new topics from ultralight backpacking to CPR to neckerchief slides. Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-2023UofScouting>

Janna Polik – “Office Hours” for general help with Scoutbook, Blackpug, or anything scouting – will continue through December. 6:30PM before the Placer Connections meetings. Janna needs a “The doctor is in” sign like in Charlie Brown...

Greg Schultz – Woodbadge this Fall! Registration closes tomorrow for fall session (dates: Sep 22-24, Oct 14-15). There are 2 \$100 scholarships still available. Tomorrow is the last day!!! Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-63667>

Spring Woodbadge – May 25-27 and June 8-9 (Memorial day weekend). 2 courses next year, spring and fall. Greg Schultz may or may not be involved in the Spring course.

No NYLT dates yet for next year. Maybe around Presidents day.

Brent Lamkin - Recharter preview! Be ready. Recharter is coming up. This year's recharter will be relatively normal- same as prior years. Next year will change to the online National/Council rolling recharter. This change is driven by National – this will be implemented August 31st of 2024. Anyone who joined after August 1st 2023 is already in the subscription model. Jonathan Rogness – follow up on recharter. On Crater Lake page, every person will get a message 60 days from their anniversary day. Unit key 3 will be CC'd on it. Trevor – question on grace period? They want a better flow of money and applications throughout the year. There were backlogs of registration paperwork through February at Council and National. Migrating to the online rolling recharter system should hopefully eliminate that backlog and all of the problems associated with it.

Kathy Neuburger – patches remaining from Camporee.

Kathy Neuburger – Calendars! The Council is close to finalizing the calendar for next year. Watch your inbox for a calendar for 2023-2024.

Raffle at 7:20.

First general session: Twilight Camp!

Core details:

June 3rd through 6th at The Grounds in Roseville

Camp Director – Elisa Taylor.

Program Director – Michelle Burns-Rogness.

Theme - Outdoor Adventure.

We can rent the Grounds from June 3rd to June 6th

Some schools will still be in session – how important are shooting sports at Twilight? (global response = yes, BBs and Archery are somewhat expected).

Switched from day camp to twilight camp in 1992 (Kathy made the switch).

From the feedback received last year: People enjoyed fishing and shooting. Need more bathrooms. Den chiefs were awesome. Want more shade. Some variety in the events. “Last year was better.” “Last year location was better.”

Feedback was positive, but there were only 100 scouts in attendance. Everything was budgeted for 300 scouts, so the event was run at a loss. The date and location last year caused a very late registration, and signups were very weak.

Fairgrounds is the best option on location. But unfortunate that some schools are still in session (Dry Creek SD, Rocklin Academy, etc.).

Possibility of running a shorter program? They considered it last year.

Possibly end earlier? Twilight wrapped up at 7:30PM last year.

100 attended last year. Roseville is the main density of cubs in the district.

Possibly open reg to other districts? Twilight registration is open, so other districts can sign up for our Twilight.

Need more people involved in planning (or more specifically EXECUTING on the plan). Not just Michelle.

Shifting to Breakout topics:

Michael Jacques mentioned the possibility of a Committee Chair summit, or even a Den Leader summit. Position-specific breakouts to try and improve attendance at some of the meetings.

Cub Scout breakout discussion and planning.

John Eilers leading the breakout. We all have Den Leaders that go above and beyond with an adventure. Can we get that DL to come into the District Meeting to show us what they did?

Rank specific training nights? Tiger DL night- cover material specific to a rank/curriculum.

Special needs focused evening. Working with spectrum or ADHD kids.

Ceremonies. Sharing of ceremonies. Purging boy and indian lore from the existing scripts... Hold a Cubmaster day – include ceremonies in the talking points.

Tentative Cub Breakout Session Calendar:

October – merge with Scouts BSA breakout and do a crash course on Scoutbook.

November – Blue and Gold / Ceremonies – open it to B+G committees / parents

December – working with neurodivergent scouts (spectrum, ADHD, and more)

January – Craft fair / Cub Scouting indoors during the winter!

February - (TBD)

March – (will we have breakouts, or will this one focus on the district dinner / PWD championship?)

April – Activity fair!

We ran out of time, so the Cub Breakout calendar was tabled and moved to Slack for further discussion.

Meeting idea: Focus on parents of AOL kids – can we have a meeting devoted to Cub to BSA transition? What to expect, how to navigate, etc.

Annual planning meeting – Pack 37 conducted theirs at Roller King this past year. They rented Roller King for a couple of hours and let the kids play while adults planned. They had great attendance and engagement with the planning process.