



# Grand Valley Council Newsletter

## October 2013



So how has the season started out so far? Hopefully you have had a few cadet meetings already this cadet year. If you are new at this, you may be slightly overwhelmed. If you have many years under your belt as counselors, you may feel you are in the same old rut or maybe you're trying something new to try and spur some excitement. Whatever the case, may each of us proceed forward knowing we are a "Work in Progress" we are not without our flaws, and yes we do stumble, but, please make every effort to be excited and enthusiastic to your boys and fellow counselors. Please join us at our monthly counselor meetings as we learn, encourage, and pray together for God's power to flow through us as we lead our boys this year.

**Next Counselor meeting** - October 10, 7:30 pm. @ Fellowship CRC

Classes are New Counselors & The Great Flood (new badge from DGW section)

Also Jr Counselor Certification. Please remember any Cadet planning on going to the international as a Junior Counselor must complete this course. The DCE's will be going over the GuideTrails "leadership" Guidebook as a fulfillment of this requirement.

**Chuckwagon Jamboree** – The Date is set at is Saturday, October 5, 8:00 am. Please remember this is being run with the NWTF shooting event, and that each participant must fill out the Liability form in order to participate in the Event. Forms will be available at the Campground. Lunch will be available for a nominal \$3.25 per person to cover cost of food and shooting supplies. Also, please note the equipment list for all wagons is posted on the Grand Valley Cadet website [www.gvcadets.org](http://www.gvcadets.org) check it out.

**Club Registrations** - Due October 15- if you haven't paid yet, please bring payment to our October 10 meeting. Please remember to have your church's Head Deacon fill out and sign for, when the Pledge Offering will be taken, and have the Annual Registration Fee accounted for. The annual registration cost is \$40.00, checks payable to: Calvinist Cadet Corp and turned in to the Congressman (Don VDK and Ken Horling)

**Club dues** - \$8.00 per cadet will be due at our November 7 meeting. Payable to "Grand Valley Cadet Council" the treasurer is Mike Marvin.

**Counselor list**- Please bring your updated list to our October meeting and turn it in to Gerrit Sterk. Please remember to have a church Elder sign it at the top of the form, then make a copy of it for yourself before turning it in to Gerrit.

**GVRC campground** - Fall clean-up work date is October 26. Much work to be done yet. Churches required to be there: Fellowship CRC, Heritage CRC, Hope CRC, Lee St CRC, Moline CRC, S. Grandville CRC, Wayland CRC, Woodhaven REF, Bethany United REF, & Beverly REF.

WINTER CAMPOUT RESERVATION DATE - Tim Peters (Campground Coordinator) is requesting all churches please send an email request with the dates you would like to reserve a cabin for your winter campout. Also

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please note an alternative date, in the event your first choice cannot be met. Tim's email address is : [timthebuilder@charter.net](mailto:timthebuilder@charter.net) or call him on his home phone at 616-896-0223.

**GV Quartermaster** – Our new quartermaster is Kevin Kalmink, he has a new laptop all set up and is ready to receive orders. The new quartermaster email is: [kkalmink@gmail.com](mailto:kkalmink@gmail.com) or call him at 616-822-6731

**Council information** - Please let me know if you are not receiving the newsletter or other council information. Also if anyone is no longer a counselor or does not want to receive the newsletter or e-mails, please let me know that as well.

**Fall Council Excursion** - On Monday October 21 we are planning on visiting the New Salem Corn Maze. Hayrides, Outdoor Corn Maze, Cider and homemade Donuts, Cost = \$6.00/ person. Address for this Excursion is : New Salem Corn Maze  
4516 24<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Dorr, MI 49323

Head Counselors, please have an approximate count how many will attend at the October counselors meeting. Any Questions Please refer them to Keith Keen (First Byron CRC) his email address [keithekeen@yahoo.com](mailto:keithekeen@yahoo.com) or his Home Phone, 616-583-0101 or his cell phone, 616-550-1598.

**Regional Training Conference** - Saturday November 2 at Sunshine Community Church. This is a great opportunity to learn some new skills and get new ideas for your club's projects. Encourage your fellow counselors to attend. Cost is \$25.00 Registration is due by October 15. Come early and enjoy a great breakfast, for an additional cost of \$5.00, a pamphlet with the schedule and workshops being offered, is attached to this newsletter.

In His Service,

***Douglas DeWent***

*GV Council President*

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