



Grand Valley Council Newsletter

November 2013



The days are getting shorter, nights longer, but the list of plans, ideas and things that need to be done keeps growing and never seems to end. I'm reminded this fall season about how stressfull and physically tiring this season is and can be. In the hustle and bustle of the upcoming Thanksgiving season. Take some time to Thank our creator, for all the gifts and talents he has given and ask him to continue giving us strength to see plans worked out and remember we are a "Work in Progress".

From Calvinist Cadet Corp – Corps is looking for someone from Grand Valley to serve on the visioning committee, this is a 3 year term. They would like at least a couple names. Please be in prayer about possibly submitting your name as a candidate for this position. Any Questions or for more information please contact Larry DeHaan @ 616-292-0658

Counselor Meeting – Byron Center 1st Reformed November 7 @ 7:30pm. This will be a joint meeting with Rush Creek Council, Speaker Jim Hoekstra (Corp. Chaplain) "Cadeting from the Inside Out". Separate business meetings to follow Speaker then dismissed.

Chuckwagon Jamboree – Special Thank you to those who attended and to those who organized this event. A few lost & found items surfaced. A nylon camo jacket, camo face mask, Grand Valley Kerchief, and 1 black/grey ski glove were left behind, if these are yours please contact Larry Koetje at 616-534-4012. Also, a Yellow Colored "U of M" Knit cap with the words "PONTIAC" on the back was lost. If you have the cap please contact any board member to return this item to it's right-full owner.

Club Registration - \$40.00 Registration fees were due October 15, 2 remaining churches still need to turn in there registrations form, they are Woodhaven and Beverly Reformed.

Club Dues - \$8.00 per cadet. Make checks out to Grand Valley Council. Due by the November Counselors meeting at Byron Ctr 1st Reformed. The Churches who still owe this fee are: Beverly Ref, 1st Byron CRC, Wayland CRC and Woodhaven.

Counselor List - Gerrit Sterk will need an updated list of your counselors. Please get a copy of this list to Gerrit at the November meeting. Churches who still owe this to Gerrit are: Beverly Ref, Calvary CRC and Faith Ref.

GVRC Campground – Archery Range is still being completed , hope to have completed soon. Winter Cabin Reservations, 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. Please also note an alternative date, in the event your first choice cannot be meet. Tim's email address is : timthebuilder@charter.net or call him on his home phone at 616-896-0223.

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Grand Valley Quartermaster – Our quartermaster is Kevin Kalmink his email address is kkalmink@gmail.com or call him at 616-822-6731, please make note of the new address and call Kevin with any questions or concerns.

New Grand Valley Cadet Website - www.gvcadets.org check it out when you get some time, a lot of useful information can be obtained and can be submitted. Just follow the links and see for yourself.

Camp-O-Ree Transportation Update – After checking various means of group transportation options, considering cost, convenience and the time needed, the committee felt the best option will be bus. The cost of charter air took a large jump with limitations on deposits and availabilities. Bussing will be our best option for adjusting for uncertain numbers going and for smaller and more flexible deposits.

At this point the plan would be to leave from various points on Monday evening before camp and returning early on Friday after camp is done. The determined cost is \$500 on a first come first serve basis. The committee needs to know as soon as possible the number of men and boys from your club or council to determine how many buses to reserve.

We will have more information on when a non-refundable deposit will be needed and when full payment is due. It has been advised by the travel agent that it would be best to have a full passport for travel. Regulations for the amount of luggage would be the same as airlines. Cadre boxes should be shipped on a semi. We will be sending more details as they become available.

Questions or concerns may be sent to the West Michigan Transportation Committee.

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Hope all have a safe, successful deer hunting season if that is your plan, and may you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving.

In His Service,

Douglas DeWent

GV Council President

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