



Grand Valley Council Newsletter

December 2013



It's hard to believe the season is almost half over, with Christmas less than a month away. We will soon be saying good-bye to 2013 and hello to 2014. The next three weeks will fly by with all the activities that December brings. Like most of you, I will be attending parties, Christmas programs, and family gatherings. Remember, the true meaning of Christmas is the Gift of Gods Son, Jesus Christ to the world. In todays secular world this thought seems to get lost in the shuffle of all the busyness, it's all most as if Thanksgiving has been completely overlooked. I watched a television show the other night titled "The Last Frontier" it's about the Kilcher family who settled a homestead in Alaska. It was the Thanksgiving day edition where the whole family gathered around a table, ate meals prepared from what they had harvested. The whole family took turns telling their stories. The Patriarch of the family would ask questions of each individual, and then thank them for their participation. As the conversation went on, I had a sense of the togetherness this whole family experienced. They all worked hard and endured some hardships and they all lived a more simplistic lifestyle, but each one assisted the others and participated in there own way. They also talked about what work still needed to be done. It basically reminded me of our theme for this year "Work in Progress". My reminder to you this Christmas season is simple, stay focused on the work at hand , let the results speak for themselves, and yes celebrate the greatest gift from our father in heaven, Jesus Christ our saviour.

Next Counselor meeting- December 5 @ Calvary CRC [\(Please Note Date Change\)](#)

Workshops - Axemanship & Firebuilding

Cardboard (Homemade) Rocketry

Club dues- Were due at the November 7 meeting. Currently only one church still owes dues, Please forward dues to Mike Marvin ASAP

Snow Derby - Saturday January 18 - 8:00 am at GVRC campground. Please make plans to attend this fun outing with your club. You won't be disappointed. A sled count and rough number of people attending will be tallied at the January Counselors meeting.

GV RC campground - You should have received a confirmation and/or phone call from Tim Peters regarding your reservations for a winter camp out. Please remember to send your rental fees in to Tim ASAP.

Counselor Directories- Directories will hopefully be distributed soon or possibly at our December meeting. If you are not going to be there please make arrangements to get yours. Thanks once again to Gerrit Sterk who has put in the time to compile all this information into our 2013-2014 directory together.

Congress- Congress will be meeting this year January 9-11 @ Plymouth Heights CRC. Please be in prayer for all the attendees as many will be traveling a great distance to attend. Also be in prayer for the Lord's guidance in the many decisions that will be made at congress this year.

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Council Excursion – Excursion date is February 3, 2014 (Monday Night) to 3 Mile Project 3050 Walkent Dr NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544, Facilities are and include, Indoor Re ball Arena, Video Game Stations, Athletic Courts , Indoor Skate Park, Craft & Project Rooms. Basically the facilities will be available for the entire council to use. More information to be available later, for now just reserve the date.

GV Council Board- As we end the year 2013 and look forward to 2014, it is not to early to consider allowing your name to be on the list of nominees for a council board position. As we start the nomination process in the coming months, please be in prayer for our board as we seek God's guidance.

At this time I would like to thank each of you for your service so far this year in the Cadet program. May you and your family, have a blessed Christmas and may God continue to bless you, your families, and your Cadet clubs throughout the coming year.

In His Service,

Douglas DeWent

GV Council President

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