



Grand Valley Council Newsletter

March 2014



It's March. Yes I know spring is right around the corner. Although you couldn't tell it from all the cold temperatures and white stuff that is still around. If you're like most people you long for the warmer weather and just want to get outside and feel the warm sun on your face, Shed the heavy winter coat, take a deep breath of fresh air and then get a burst of energy and get to work, "Get busy" as the saying goes. A friend of mine's father used to say "Come on we're burnin daylight here". As you enter in to the final leg of this cadet season let's not forget the work that still lies ahead to do and keep striving to accomplish his will for our lives.

Next Counselor meeting- March 13 @ 2nd Byron Center CRC

Workshops – Fire Safety & Pop Bottle Launchers

Schedule Change – To all Counselors please note the next Counselors Meeting that was set to take place at Beverly Reformed Church on April 3 has been relocated and changed to **Faith Community CRC**. Also, please note that the date is on April 3 and **NOT** April 10. Spring Break is April 4 -11. Please make note of this change.

Council Name Tags – Gerrit Sterk would like a list of names of all Counselors who have begun service as a certified Counselors, and have served at least 2 years who **DO NOT** have a nametag, so that name tags can be ordered. These Counselors will receive their Nametags at the Pin & Stripe Banquet.

GV Council Board – We will be compiling a list of names following the March Counselors meeting and letters of nomination will be going out shortly thereafter. If you are one of the nominees who receive a letter, please prayerfully consider this calling as a way to use your talents to help serve the Grand Valley Council. Keep in mind as a council we would like to see a board that is represented by several churches rather than by just one or two. We also appreciate your prayers as we seek Gods Guidance in this election process.

ICC Certification - The schedule for certification is as follows:

Session 1 – Feb. 13, 2014, Counselors and Jr Counselors Session completed.

Session 2 – March 17, 2014 is this coming Monday Night at Woodhaven's Woodshed for ALL Cadets, Counselors and Jr Counselors. Knots & Lashing, Axemanship & Fire building Badges must be completed; Camp Cooking Badge must have Bookwork completed

Session 3 – May 9-10, 2014 is a Friday to Saturday, Actual Campout at Allegan Campground

Reminder to all Attending the Upcoming International Camp-O-Ree - All USA Citizens will need a Passport for any travel to and from Canada. Getting a passport will remain outside the scope of ICC Certification and will be the responsibility of the attendee and/or parents. The application process can take as long as 8 weeks so please plan accordingly. Also, please pay Special attention to Note #1 that follows and the due dates for Camp Registration and Transportation.

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Transportation Update to the International Camporee 2014:

Here are the items that are finalized: Total cost: \$500.00. First come, first serve. \$200.00 of the total is a non-refundable deposit which is due March 15. The remaining balance of \$300 is due May 15.

Checks or money orders need to be made payable to "Grand Valley Council Transportation Fund"

Items that will also need to be submitted with your payment.

- 1. A color copy of the passenger's passport. (These will all be shredded after our return to Michigan.)**
2. A signed medical information and release form. (A copy of the one needed by Corps)
3. A travel permit signed by parents or guardians and notarized by a notary public. (Banks usually provide this service.)

The three items listed above, as well as your deposit, need to be sent to:

Terry Kimber, 8223 Woodstone S.E., Byron Center, MI 49315

Any questions or concerns may be sent to one of the committee members. You're considered "on the bus" when all your items have been received.

Golf Outing – May 17 (Saturday) @ The Pines Golf Course, \$70.00 per person for 18 holes with a cart.

The cost to sponsor a hole is \$55.00. Is a four man scramble format. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. All proceeds to go towards defraying travel costs for area cadets going to the 2014 Camp-O-Ree.

Cadet-O-Rama – Grand Valley Cadet-O-Rama will be held on Wednesday April 16 at the Woodshed. Set-Up will be on Tuesday, April 15. Food will also be available for purchase.

Blue Star Award – The Blue Star nomination committee (all Counselors who have been awarded Blue Stars) will meet at our April Counselors Meeting to discuss nominations for Blue Stars.

Camp-O-Ree – The GV-RC Camp-O-Ree is to be held on April 25-26. Please reserve this weekend for a great and enjoyable way to end our Cadet Season.

Pin & Stripe Awards Banquet – Dinner to be held at Dorr CRC on May 8 , 2014 Thursday Night Punch Tentative Times are Punch Bowl at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm. Please have an approximate head count at our April 3 meeting. This will be a great help to those who are planning the dinner.

Please continue moving forward and may God's work continue to flow through you and your efforts as we end this cadet season.

In His Service,

Douglas DeWent

GV Council President

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