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DENVER AREA COUNCIL

Jewish Committee on Scouting 9/22

In attendance: Ostravich, Markovitz, Connelly, Shapiro, Zipper, Reiffman
(Scott Pearson's at Wood Badge and sends his regrets)
Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – We talked about a young man who died from bullying in NY. What can we do to prevent this sort of violence? Do we know what to do so we can prevent bullying? There is some information in the Youth Protection training; but is it enough? Rabbi Reiffman wanted us to consider our influence within scouting to protect these at risk kids.

Mike talked about his influence on kids in the troop. He had a Scout in his troop who “hated” something that was pretty trivial. Mike told him hate is a pretty powerful emotion to waste on something trivial. Later the Scout's mom said that had a big impact on her son. We are role models, and should never underestimate the influence we may have.

Stuart: Our influence may not show up for decades.

Review Minutes from last meeting

Old Business

Kinus

Publicity updates, Shawn, Laura

Shawn – been in contact with Pikes Peak, Rocky Mountain Council; not Long's Peak yet though. Need costs and we'll open up registration. Shawn will e-mail us the materials with the flyer and costs. Nicole will put it in the next month's council newsletter. It's been promoted at the districts too.

Question: IJN publicity? Shawn sent something to them.

Laura – Not here, but her e-mails indicate she did a few.

Review Agenda

We are looking at a movie from the Jewish Historical Society; showing that to the scouts.

Timing is unchanged from what was published in last month's minutes.

Because of DAT requirements we're going to use Rabbi Reiffman's grill. Stuart has a brand new grill he'll bring as a supplement; never been used so that should be OK. Maybe we can borrow the Chabad's grill, if DAT will accept its Kashruth. Also if one of the other teachers has a grill we'll see if we can borrow that one too.

Registration numbers will determine if we follow up on these options. Stuart will ask Rabbi Engel if he's amenable to us borrowing the grill at Chabad. Also Rabbi Popik's kids might come with a lulav and etrog for the sukkah.

After discussion, we decided that permission slips are not required for a day program. Maybe we'll do wrist bands for registered attendees to show who's paid.

Greg will be in Colo Sprgs the prior week, and will try to drop in on their Kinus. Location details are in Lisa's e-mail.

Aleph Award



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Shawn can get our materials printed.
Need to print the application form and workbooks.
We need to halachically “sanitize” them too; to exclude G-d’s name.

Clarification about the awards:

Scout picks counselor, the counselor signs off on the reward requirements. We will not have contact with the volunteer leaders teaching the award. Rabbi, Teacher, Cantor, other religious functionary within the Scout’s Congregation. We can be counselors if Scouts are not affiliated with a congregation. The requirement is for an adult who is familiar with the Jewish Community, has a working knowledge of Jewish religion and culture, and is available.

Ner Tamid: Greg will go over guidelines, requirements, suggestions for teachers, resources, maybe pick a few for the questions he had.
Ask the group if they know who so-and-so is. Talk about it within the group.

Eitz Chaim

Scott brought the Eitz Chaim slide deck he created for his workshop. His deck has a lot of content from the Jewish Committee on Scouting guide. We can borrow story for Jewish History in Denver. Scott will go over the requirements briefly; then cover the local content.

Requirements

1. Community and Family History [Scott will focus on that for the Kinnus content]
2. Community Institutions and Agencies (resources)
3. Synagogue Worship and Torah Study
4. Community Jewish Leaders
5. Your Community and the Jewish World
6. Your Community and the Future
7. Community Sharing [with your troop, youth group, or others] – overlap with Citizenship in the Community merit badge too, give that to the scouts if simultaneously working on that.

Resources Slide Deck page with URLs, list of Synagogues in Denver, et. al.

Blazing the Trail – movie that Scott Markowitz found that talks about Denver and the Jewish community. Scott will either tell one of the Jewish Historical Society stories or show part of the movie. A 5 to 10 minute section to make it interesting and show you can find the resources you need for the badge.

Note: Greg will modify his content to have a broad overview like this before discussing specific religious award requirements he will cover. Also an End Slide page with the list of resources.

The Jewish Federations of North America will be having their meeting in Denver in November; great timing for the Eitz Chaim.

Can we cross apply this by showing this to everybody? Not just the Eitz Chaim award? We discussed having the entire movie available after lunch

Review Logistics

Registrations

Questions for registration: Dietary restrictions? Chicken/Turkey; Beef; Veggie Franks; we’ll need the e-mail contact too. Cub scouts need to register with an adult who will be with them at the training. Ratio of 3 cub scouts per adult. Gluten free too? Strict Kashrut will be observed – and noted on the registration form. Close registration Monday before hand with activity report to Stuart so he can shop. Also be sure and add text about Kashrut being observed on both the flyer and registration page. Lunch will not be provided for walk-ins/on-site registration.

Budget



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Mike's guestimate based on the chaplain's aide training was \$7/head for the food. We were looking at around \$5 per person. We can get the individual condiments from Tahosa for the ketchup, mustard, and relish. Probably \$10 a head. Patches are about a dollar and some change. Two week turn-around for patches. Charge the same for adults and kids. Staffing is gratis. Everyone that registers gets a patch.

Patches – Sew on type patches.

Food / refreshments

Looking at chicken and/or turkey franks; not just beef. Also veggie franks. Two per person. ; Mid-morning snack. Apples, granola bars, peanut butter crackers with cheese (no conflict with meat lunch because of the timing). Corn for the lunch. Kosher squeeze margarine bottle. If corn doesn't work; baked beans. Paper goods: Mike has some left over from Chaplain's Aide training; that should be enough. Soda for the drinks – include some diet. Ice and cooler too. A 10 lb. bag should be more than enough. Let's bring in a trash-bag to recycle the cans. Water bottles too. Shopping Tuesday, Wednesday; some Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Training

Greg O's "ticket" project – have ready for Kinnus.

New Business – none.

Next Meeting: - October 27th, moved to 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM ; at DAT again.

Closing (Scoutmaster's Minute) –

Choose Life so that you will live.

Lesson: Physical life and death aren't what G-d was referring to. No one (except for physically ill) actively chooses suicide. But don't choose a spiritual and emotional death either. If we went to sleep the night before and set the alarm clock for the next day we chose life. If we you stay in bed and hit the snooze button we're choosing death. When the soul wins over the body's desires we've chosen life.

No more satisfying feeling than making good choices. Don't choose a 2nd piece of cake for example; making good choices. Running on your treadmill: choosing life; using it as a coat-rack is choosing death.

Question: parking for Kinnus – On street when parking lot is full.