



Roundtable Announcements August 6, 2009

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Popcorn Time Again: Yes it is that time of the year again. Popcorn, Popcorn, Popcorn. Last year York District units sold over **\$144,000.00** of popcorn (**up \$19,000 from 2007**). With that in mind, YD units received **@ \$51,350.00** in total commissions and the commission for the top selling unit was **@ \$4,500.00** in 2009. Our goal for 2009 is **\$150,000.00 in sales**. That goal with an average of **35% profit** for our YD units would result in a profit of over **\$52,500.00** going back to our YD units. Do you know of any fundraiser that will give you that much \$\$\$ for a **ONCE** a year push?? The popcorn is an easy product to sell and has repeat customers from year to year.

With the Show-N-Sell, Show and Deliver, Take Order and On-line Popcorn (for those family members that live away where you do not even have to touch any product) Popcorn Sale Programs, every unit can be successful doing at least one of the sales. Some units do all the programs and have great success with them.

As a reminder, we DO NOT SELL popcorn, we are selling the Scouting Program for each of our units and the popcorn sale is just away to get the money you need to have a Great Scouting Program year. Anything is possible with popcorn. For more information about the Trails End Popcorn program, checkout their website at www.trails-end.com.

For help planning your popcorn sale, please contact Rachel Gerlach at 284-7243 or e-mail at hither737@gmail.com or contact Frank. We are here to make sure you have a great sale and Scouting Year.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL Show-n-Sell Popcorn orders are due in the PTC office by Friday, 8/21/2009. Information regarding the take order sale should be hitting EVERY Scouting home by Mid-August. Additional flyers are available tonight.

2009 Fall Recruitment: “Words To Live BY” is the recruitment program for 2009. This program is for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Crews. Please take the time now to determine when and where your unit will be holding it’s sign-up and contact Frank with your information. Some units received their flyers tonight. **If we have the sign-up information by Mid-August, your flyers will be available at the September RT or before.**

For the 2009 recruitment program, we will be having information listed on a website which includes unit contacts, meeting night, charter organization, yearly cost program (dues) etc. With that in mind, please let me know ASAP your traditional meeting night, time and location (Weekly troop meeting or monthly pack meeting) and the annual dues (excluding BSA registration and Boy’s Life) of your program. I would appreciate getting this information by 8/7/09 or we will be calling the unit leaders. For it. This is for EVERY unit in the district. Thank you for your help so we can help your unit grow.

York District Fall Camporee: The YD Fall camporee is scheduled for **October 17-19, 2009** and is being sponsored by T312 of North Berwick. Information is available tonight and on the YD website.

Friends of Scouting: To date, York District has raised \$25,336.00 or **79 %** of our **\$32,000.00** goal. Thank you to all of the Packs, Troops and families for their generosity in making the 2009 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign such a success. Your positive response to the FOS Program shows the commitment to the scouting program in York District and the Pine Tree Council. Again **THANK YOU** for your support.

York District Membership: York District membership as of 8/6/09 is **1,331 youth and 66 units**. The York District goal for 12/31/09 is **1,675 youth and 75 Units**. The only way we can make our goal is if we view recruiting as a year round program. We need to add @ **344** new youth and **9** more units to our program to make it happen. Can we do it? Yes we can. We need to promote, promote and promote our programs on a continuous basis. If half of our scouts had a friend join, we would have more than enough to make our goal. A few years ago, we had over **2,100** scouts in our district. They are out there. Let's find them.

As a note, if you have less than **15** scouts in your unit, your program is heading in the wrong direction and may not be around in a couple of years regardless of its history. Please make sure you have a recruitment night this Fall at the least and look at your program. If you have a good exciting program, they will come to your unit, if not, they will walk away, **quickly**.

Program Launch Packet: If you were unable to attend the Program Launch at the June Roundtable, please pick up your Program Launch Packet tonight or stop by the council office and see Frank for your unit's packet. It contains Council Planning Calendars and information on "Be a Scout" recruitment, Popcorn Sales, District and Council events and a whole lot more. This information is key for a successful scouting program.

York District Day Camp and Fun Pack Weekend 2009: A **HUGE Thank you** to **Diana Vermette** and **Jay Ferrill** for all their hard work setting up our 2009 CS Day Camp. We had awesome time at Camp Nutter and many happy day campers. Thank you also to **ALL** the volunteers who helped make the program a huge success. **Over 100** Cub Scouts had fun in the sun at Camp Nutter. Thank you also to **Tracy Grogan** who was our YD Fun Pack Coordinator again this year. There were @ 300 people at Camp Hinds over the July 18-19 weekend. We saw a lot of happy but tired campers by the time Sunday rolled around. Great job to all those involved. ☺ ☺ ☺

FUNTOWN / SPLASHTOWN U.S.A.

Attention All Scouts and Scouting Families!

Once again the Pine Tree Council, will be offering discounted Funtown/Splashtown tickets so that Scouts and their families can enjoy a fun day together! Come join the fun and live stage shows. Come and ride the new additions to the park. The prices for the 2009 season are as follows:

Funtown Pass	\$19.00
Splashtown Pass	\$17.00
Combination Pass	\$25.00

The tickets will be available for sale at the Pine Tree Council Service Center **May 1 through August 28, 2009**. As with last year's tickets sale, these tickets can used anytime during the 2009 Funtown/Splashtown U.S.A. season.

Tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Please do not wait for the last day to purchase your tickets as they sell out quickly. If you have any questions, please call Jo at 797-5252 ext 10

Please note that our next RT will be on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Sanford HS. Hope to see you then.

☺ Thank you for **ALL** you do for our Scouting Program. ☺