

Topics for White Oak District Commissioner Meeting
Episcopal Church of Transfiguration: 13925 New Hampshire Ave Colesville
25 January 2017

- 1) **White Oak District in Montgomery County Service Area:**
 - a. District Committee meeting. 4th Tues: Episcopal Church of Transfiguration: 13925 New Hampshire Ave Colesville
 - b. **District Commissioner meeting.** 4th Weds: St Stephen's Lutheran Church 11612 New Hampshire Ave Silver Spring
 - c. Roundtables: 2nd Weds: (BSRT & CSRT) TPCBC in Cloverly: 31 Norwood Rd
 - d. District Web page: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>
- 2) **Unit Recharter/Unit Health Issues:**
 - a. Unit status (R/O/Y/G)
 - i. 3 units **Red:** (T473,S759,T1071): not rechartering in January: Most Youth transferred:
 - ii. 1 units **Orange** (P442,). Any effect of JSN#2
 - iii. 2 units **Yellow** (T772, P1072)
 - b. 16 units (Pack or Troop) **less than 20:** (Amber status): **Action Plan?**
 - i. P23, T89, T97, P220, T220, T249, P250, P442, T473, T480, T613, P763,T763, T772, T781, T4316
 - c. Most Recharter packets at BSA National Member Services (36, 51%), or with DE (24, 34%), or with DC (3, 4%), or Posted (2, 3%)
- 3) **District Recharter Issues:**
 - a. WOD recharter in processing
- 4) **Training: Unit leaders:** See Training Trifold on web site:
 - a. <http://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2016/03/Trifold022616.pdf>
 - b. http://www.ncacbsa.org/seneca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2015/10/MCTrainingCatalog_2014-20.pdf
- 5) **Training: Commissioners:**
 - a. CBT: 28Jan2017 (Chantilly VA), 04Feb2017 (Aquia dist.), 25Feb2017 (Fredericksburg VA), 04Mar2017 (Montgomery SA), 11Mar2017 Commissioner College (Woodbridge VA, Old Dominion Dist.)
 - b. Roundtable Commissioner Basic Training: 04March2017 (Gaithersburg MD)
- 6) **Recruiting:**
 - a. Packs: Spring Recruiting: **JSN#3?**
 - b. Troops: Camporees?
 - c. District subcommittee: need vice chair for Camping, Merit Badge Dean, Popcorn Kernel, Eagle Board Leader in Upper White Oak
 - d. Commissioners: need to find replacement for District Commissioner: Transition in March/April.
- 7) **Fundraising: FOS:** Now starting 2017 season: Goal: \$42K: (same as this year)
 - a. Montgomery Service Area Special event: May 2017: Location TBD
- 8) **Merit Badge Counselors:** Ongoing
- 9) **STEM Initiative:** Need STEM councilors: Applications to Kevin Hopson
- 10) **Legacy Tools:** Moved to My.Scouting.org: old portal going away
- 11) **JTE:** JTE Forms: see summary; stragglers still due
 - a. <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>
- 12) **Unit visits: Commissioner Tools:** www.my.scouting.org
 - a. Commissioner Help line: 1-972-672-4389: Monday – Saturday 8am – 10pm
 - b. BSA Member Care hotline: 972-580-2489: Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm Central Time
- 13) **Brag session / Worry session:** Time permitting
- 14) **Commissioner Arrowheads & Knots:** Please sign forms so you can be recognized
 - a. NCAC Court of Honor: 18 April2017: White Oak District has 4 Silver Beaver awardees
- 15) **Extended Topic session:**
 - a. **Review White Oak JTE**
 - i. Got 100 bonus points: now 1775
 - ii. Did not make membership numbers as in last year, (2016:1743 vs 2015:1773), so we wind up at Silver overall.
 1. New cub scouts recruiting needs improvement.
 2. Youth retention is good (82%)
 - iii. Commissioner area of JTE
 1. Unit retention good (95%), next year it will be about same (96%)
 2. Unit contact rate at 88% (#units with 6 or more reports)
 3. Areas need improvement: Boy scout advancement, Cub scout camping rate, Boy scout camping rate,
 4. District Committee size
 - b. **Review Commissioner Tools Data:**
 - i. Unit contact rate good, but 6 of 16 unit commissioners with no reports
 - c. **Review Dropped Youth Data::**
 - i. Youth Dropped during recharter
 1. Cub Scouts, more youth lost interest (75, 52%), than changed programs (28, 19%) or aged out (4, 3%).
 2. Boy Scouts, more youth aged out (58, 46%), than lost interest (51, 40%).
 3. Boy Scouts, peak age for leaving is 14, or 8th /9th grade.
 4. After 14 years old, leaving becomes mostly aged out.
 - ii. Lost Webelos memo:
 1. Some were incomplete paperwork
 2. Units not understand point: They need to ask again. Situations may have changed.
 - d. **Plan for spring Recruiting:**
 - i. Any plans yet formed?
 - e. **Changes in insurance: Now charge during mid-year applications:**