

MT. WHITNEY

CALENDAR

Feb. 3 – Scout Sunday
Feb. 9 – Scout Sabbath
Feb. 14 – Roundtable,
Reedley
Feb. 15-16 Klondike Derby
TBA – District FOS kickoff,
Selma
TBA – District Committee
Meetings

KEY 3 MESSAGE

What a year it has been! Have you noticed any changes in the Mount Whitney District? And How!!! All of you that have served in a volunteer position did such a wonderful job! Your hard work and dedication allowed us to very easily make many transitions and to make significant progress in so many ways! Thank you One and All!!! With the New Year starting, we will each need to continue with our enthusiasm and passion! You really did do a terrific job!!!

DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE

Hello everyone, Bob here! I just flew back from an intense 2-week training (no, my arms aren't tired) and learned a great number of wonderful ideas that I would like to share in order to make our District the envy of the Council. The bottom line result from this training is to provide greater service to our units, and who can argue with that??

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Mt. Whitney Nominating Committee is in need of names of community people to fill our district vacancies. Scouting background not necessary! Please pass any suggestions to Jim Simonian at [jimonian@simonianfruit.com](mailto:jim@simonianfruit.com)

PROMOTION

Many of our District units have held impressive ceremonies and events. For those who are planning Blue & Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor, or perhaps an event that the public may attend, please invite a local dignitary and the local newspaper. This will help spread the word that Scouting is alive and well. Marketing Chair Loretta Snedegar is available to assist you. Her address is retta@att.net.

QUALITY DISTRICT AND UNITS

If you are a new unit, you may have noticed that a number of Packs & Troops have these ribbons hanging from their flags. Those are indicators that that unit has achieved Quality Unit status over a number of years. This year's streamer is a bright red color and has the Centennial Logo. This is one you have to have! Be sure to turn in your form!

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome our newest Charter Partners to the Scouting program:
Reedley Elks Lodge, Charter Partner of Pack 228.
Sanger Community Church, Charter partner of Pack/Troop 322.
St. Clements Episcopal Church, Charter partner of Woodlake Pack 356.

FOS

The 2008 FOS campaign will formally begin in a short amount of time. The support of our units is sincerely appreciated in our endeavors. Please take a look at your calendars and have a date in mind when an FOS volunteer calls to schedule a time to speak to your unit's parents about their opportunity to support Scouting in your community.

TRAINING

Special training is available to any unit, including Youth Protection. To schedule, please contact Training Chair Ben Collins at scouterboy17@yahoo.com.

UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

This summer, Troop 376 of Dinuba took Scoutmaster Rick Zeitke on a campout up to the top of Sawtooth Mountain. That's a long way up!! We are all pleased to know that Rick survived the journey.

SPECIAL EVENTS OR RECOGNITION

Our district had 4 young men earn their Eagle Award during 2007.
Jacob Welton – Squaw Valley
Brandt Laemmlen – Reedley
Adam Jacinto – Reedley
David Jones – Selma.