Deseret Peak District September 2016 Round Table Unit Commissioner

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Scout Law: A Scout is Kind

Theme: Creepy Crawlers

September Unit Commissioner Class Topic

"Why Cub Scouting?"

Wanting a good way to help our young people grow up well is not a new need. Lord Baden Powell first organized his program "The Boy Scouts Association" in 1910 because he believed more could be done to guide the growth and development of young people. An American lost in London in 1909 had been helped by a "boy scout who refused to accept payment. He was impressed with the boy, got information about the Boy Scout program and brought it to America where it has grown to bless the lives of millions of boys.

The inside cover of the Cub Scout Leader Book says:

Thanks to you,
Millions of boys...
...Become More Confident
...Grow Spiritually
...Are Better Citizens
...Learn Life Skills
...And Have Fun!

The Cub Scout Leader Book further states: "Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), whose overall mission is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

Round Table Discussion

How can we as Unit Commissioners Assist our units to achieve the Cub Scouting overall mission as stated above?

Making unit visits, getting to know unit cub leaders, providing/encouraging training for unit cub leaders, supporting unit cub leaders in creative ways

What about Cub Scouting builds confidence?

Making friends for life (leaders and other cubs), can do hard things, finding out new interests, giving service, participating in Pack Meetings with displays, skits and jokes.

What about Cub Scouting builds spirituality?

Learning to pray, identifying God in their surroundings, giving service, religious recognition challenge, scout law

What about Cub Scouting builds better citizens?

Respect the flag, learning about our community, parades, giving community service

What about Cub Scouting builds Life Skills?

Building a tool box! Cooking for pack meeting, making art, computer safety, bullying training, youth protection, physical fitness

Can trained leaders relax and have fun with the boys?

Training and preparation are essential! Tenure helps a lot.

Newly appointed vice president of diversity in scouting for the BSA Tico Perez has said: "I have always said that there are many boys who want scouting, and there are many others who need Scouting. They need adult role models, they need adult supervision, someone to create expectations for them, to tell them "no" sometimes, to have someone to talk to, someone to relate to, and someone who understands and can inspire them."