

What's Happening

Since we announced at the Roundtable that we were in discussions with Sunrise District on how we could use each others strengths to better support scouting, much has happened.

As I shared with you that night, both our Key 3's had met and suggested we ask our respective Committees if it would be a good idea to form a new District. The benefits being more resources, more volunteers and that it would be our choice and not the Council's. Ever since the Fireside chat we knew the Council preferred that Districts had 60 plus units and that rather than be acted upon, we wanted to be pro-active. We had a lot of history with Sunrise River and they had recently asked us to be part of their Merit Badge Weekend.

This is not a done deal by any means. The next step to consider is how our calendars can come together. To determine that, we have set a date, Feb 21, to meet and lay out our calendars. The location is Hugo City Hall from 9-3 with an open forum set for 9-10 to let anyone come and speak. This is a process that involves all our District level volunteers. It is important that we determine if we can establish mutually beneficial dates for our traditional activities. Then there is the determination of where to meet for Roundtables, Training, and Committee/Commissioner Meetings. One of the most important of these to you would be Roundtable. All things won't be resolved at this meeting. There will need to be separate committee actions to get all the answers. Items like location will need to be reported back to you.

Other details that will need to be addressed are what we will call ourselves. You will make that determination.

We will follow the processes handed down to us by Council so that everything will be reviewed at the highest levels at each step of the way.

I will be updating you every week on the progress of the discussions and items that need to be resolved. There are a lot of details and I want you to have a chance to ask questions or give comments. You can send them to me or have them passed back to me through someone you know on the District Committee. I may not have all the answers but will do my best to get your questions answered.

Our focus should always be on the Youth.

David J. Murphy
District Chair
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