

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

## President's Letter

Another Cadet season has come and gone. Another year full of activities has been completed. I want to thank all those who have stepped up this year to make the events like the kick off campout, the roller skating party, the snow derby and of course super Saturday special. These events don't happen by themselves they take time and commitment to get them done. Many of you know that it's not just showing up for an event that makes it work, it's your ideas, and follow through to make the activities fun and exciting. I know the boys love it when you're into the activities as much as they are. This year I have seen Counselors step up and take control of bike ride events, and swimming events that have brought a sense of meaning to many boys.

This is a CAMPOREE year so many events had to take place to get the information out. Thanks to Bruce, Joel, Dirk, Wayne and John, over 70 people got registered, certified, transportation was arranged, and travel waivers completed with passports. This was no small task, but each person stepped up and together we accomplished this. When these Cadets and Counselors leave on August 5<sup>th</sup> we can thank these guys for making it happen.

The Lord has truly blessed Illiana Council. We saw a record number of pinewood derby cars being shipped out. Don and Ken purchased another three year supply of wood and cut out over 24,000 cars. These kits are being assembled now and will be ready this summer for the fall orders.

Finally the new and old board members met in May to talk about the last year and the future plans for Cadets. It was really great seeing everyone and realizing that as some are leaving the board, others have stepped forward and excepted the open positions. My hope is that more guys step forward to become part of the board, your ideas and opinions are so important and it's this that makes us so unique. When new board members join they have new ideas that help point the program in a new direction. The listing of the board members will be available soon. Please keep these guys in your prayers as they begin to plan for the 2008 / 2009 year.

Thanks again for your help and assistance throughout the year.

Living For Jesus,

Al Hulford