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While we are enjoying a long, warmer than usual fall, let's remember to get registered for winter camping and outdoor adventures. Get plans in place now so you don't miss out. The November Roundtable is especially important. There will be a presentation and discussion of the redesign/reorganization of the district support staff (District Executives). *All Scout leaders should attend.* See details this page.

Steve Engel—Editor

November Roundtable

The November Roundtable is especially important as the reorganization of Northern Star Council's district support staff will be discussed. All leaders should attend. Please be sure all your unit leaders are invited to attend.

The role of the District Executive in the Northern Star Council and the Chief Black Dog(Go!) District has been redesigned. We will be sharing two professionals with the newly merged Rolling Hills and Prairie Lakes Districts. Details of this service model will be presented at the district roundtable on November 10. This will require unit leadership and volunteers to work more closely with the district committee and commissioner staff. All members of the district are encouraged to attend to hear the details.

Boy Scout The First Aid Merit Badge and the second part of Citizenship in the World will be offered at the November Roundtable. Please contact [Joe Schulte](#) for details and registration info.

Trainings at Roundtable

Family Friends of Scouting training will be held at the November Roundtable beginning at 6:15 pm. All unit Friends of Scouting coordinators need to attend. Training will include the online process to make the FOS donation. Packets will be available.

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OA Election Training will also be held at the November Roundtable also beginning at 6:15 pm. As in previous years troops will paired and will hold each others OA election. All units need to have one adult and youth (OA member) at training.

All trainings will break at 7 pm to hear the reorganization presentation and will continue afterward as needed.

Family Friends of Scouting

Please be sure your units have turned in the following information to Lisa Fix or Jerry Gohl.

Unit Number
FOS Unit Coordinator Name
FOS Unit Coordinator Phone and Email
Presentation Date
Back-Up Presentation Date

This Information is needed for all units by October 31. Send this information to [Lisa Fix](#) or [Jerry Gohl](#)

All Cub Packs will be assigned a FOS 'Trailblazer' to conduct the FOS presentation.

FOS Unit Coordinator Training will take place at the November Roundtable. Packets will be available at training.

OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. Invite your OA Representative to attend.





Calendar

- November 10 Roundtable
 OA Chapter Meeting
 Unit Charters Due 6:15 pm
 FOS Training 6:15 pm
 OA Election Training 6:15 pm
- November 19 College of Commissioner
 Service
- November 27 Silver Beaver Nominations
 Due
 FOS Million Dollar Days
- December 8 Roundtable
 OA Chapter Meeting
 FOS Training 6:15 pm
 OA Election Training 6:15 pm

Journey 2.0

A Commitment to Excellence

Cub Scout Packs still have until December 31 to complete position specific training. On time completion of rechartering is required for any level of Journey 2.0 Recognition. See article next column. Go to [Journey 2.0](#) for details or see your Unit Commissioner for assistance.



School Night for Scouting (SNFS)

The magic word is “follow-up”. Continue to follow up, follow up, follow up with interested families who have not yet registered. Remember recruiting must be a year-round effort. This is a good time to ask current Cub Scouts to invite a friend to your next pack meeting, outing or activity. Questions? Contact [Renee Estrella-Wells](#), or 952-564-9133

Million Dollar Day Friends of Scouting Kick Off

The 2016-17 Friends of Scouting Campaign officially kicks off with the Million Dollar Day breakfasts, December 7 in St. Paul or December 8 at Base Camp. Go to [St. Paul](#) or [Base Camp](#) for more information. Or contact [Dave Hanson](#).

Internet Recharter, Unit Charters Due at Roundtable

Unit Charters (Internet Rechartering) are due at the November Roundtable. The Commissioner staff will be on hand at 6:15 pm to check-in and collect completed charters. Please arrive early so charters can be checked in by 7 pm. We want everyone to have a chance to hear the presentation on council/district support reorganization. Charters must be turned in by the November Roundtable to be considered on time. On time Rechartering is required to qualify for any level of Journey. Please see your Unit Commissioner for assistance.

Unit Service Report

Included in your recharter packet is a form for reporting unit service. This form needs to be filled out and turned in with your recharter. Why? Service hours are one way of measuring the positive impact the Boy Scouts of America has on communities. This measure helps our council to earn donations, grants and funding.

Joint District Committee District Commissioner’s Meeting

A joint District Committee/District Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6:30 pm at the Shepherd of the Valley church in Apple Valley. This has been an annual meeting where we evaluate what has worked well and what needs to improved or changed. All interested leaders and parents are invited to attend.

Venture Crews Need Members

Do your Scouts have sisters, ages 13 and older who have completed the 8 the grade? Would they love the opportunity to do things their brothers do? Then introduce them to Venturing! Contact [Kay Stewart](#) or [Dave Lockwood](#) for Venturing.

2017 National Jamboree

The National Jamboree will be held July 19 - 28, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Northern Star Council is looking for more Scouts to fill our 6 troops and 1 crew. They are also looking for Scout Leaders to serve on staff at the National Jamboree. Find more information at [Council Info](#) or [National Info](#).

Senior Patrol Leader - Fast Start On-Line Training Module



In our District, we have noticed a lack of training for Senior Patrol Leaders (SPL) or any of the Troop youth leadership in general. Part of this is due to the fact that there are no opportunities for the training to be completed outside of the Troop and part of this is due to Scoutmasters or other adult leaders not making the time to train them properly. Either way, the Scouts deserve to be trained in order to know how they can run *their* Troop efficiently and effectively.

This training is designed to be a Fast-Start web-based method to give Scouting youth some ideas of how Troops should be run and their place within the Troop structure. It strengthens the ideas that Troops should be, and must be, youth-led. It lets the Scout know the roles of many positions in the Troop, both youth and adult. It is designed for all youth to take, not just the SPL. Any rank, age, position can take the training. Anyone that has been, is, wants to, or may someday be the Troop SPL should take this training.

This training module is not your typical textbook lecture. It captures true real-life issues, concerns, problems, and things encountered by youth, leaders, and parents within the Troop and are addressed by a Scouter named Hal Daume, "Ask Andy." He has a no-nonsense method of addressing these issues that are straight by the Law, Oath, Principles, and Ideals of Scouting. It also gives ideas and the BSA stance how these issues should be handled. Some of them are events from units within our Council, so it may hit home or be easier for the Scouts to relate. It is sure to give all youth who complete the course more knowledge of their new SPL duties and responsibilities.

Visit the webpage, create an account, and begin your training, SPLFastStart.MnTroop171.org.

Questions? please email Tim Liffbrig. Thank you to Troop 171 for hosting this on their website. A Scout is Thrifty, and this provides a cost free platform for the training. I look forward to seeing many Scouts complete this training.

"Our Heritage" Fall Camporee 2017

The theme for the 2017 Fall Camporee is "Our Heritage". Fall Camporee will be held on September 22, 23, and 24, 2017 at Phillipppo Scout Reservation. We will be using the upper level. As the name and theme suggests, we will be exploring the various aspects of "Our Heritage", including cultural, historical, scouting and environmental.

The focus will be on the "Patrol Method" and patrol participation. Competition will be based on participation and more points will be earned for patrol participation versus individual participation.

There are opportunities to begin earning points *now* almost a year before the 2017 Fall Camporee will happen. Two opportunities have already passed. Watch your Chatter and E-Chats as more opportunities are announced and learn how to register your patrols and report participation points.

Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest

The Apple Valley Annual Mid-Winter Fest will be Saturday, February 4, 2017. We're looking for any and all Scout units who would like to have a display, game or activity for families attending Mid-Winter Fest. We're also looking for non-scouting groups that would be of interest to scouts and families as well. Contact Steve Engel with ideas and suggestions.

Northern Star Council Black Hills Adventure

Northern Star Council will be sponsoring a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota next spring, June 28 to July 6, 2017. Scouts need to be First Class and 13 years old by the start of the trip. All adult leaders, committee members, and parents are also welcome. Stops will include, Pipestone, Badlands, Mount Rushmore National Monuments, Crazy Horse, the Air Force Museum, and Wind Cave National Park. Estimated cost is between \$300 and \$400. This is a camping trip and we will need to bring our own equipment and do most of our own cooking. Watch the Chatter for more information or contact Steve Engel.

