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Yes, we've had some cool weather, but we can't give up on summer just yet. There are a lot of summer-time adventures to be had. But we do have to turn our thoughts to fall as we prepare for another year of scouting. Let's start the year off right by the attending the August Roundtable this Thursday. Our Commissioner Staff will serve up the annual Corn Feed - corn on the cob, hamburgers, and cake. The cost of the dinner is \$7 by August 15 or \$10 at the door. Info and links on the [CBD\(G!\) home page](#).

Steve Engel—Editor

August Roundtable Corn Feed and Program Kick-Off

Start your year off right and join us at the August Roundtable. Our Commissioner Staff will be serving up the annual "Corn Feed" including hamburgers, corn on the cob, cake and a beverage. After dinner we will have the regular Roundtable programs and you will get the latest information regarding programs and changes. Dinner begins at 6 pm and the Roundtable program begins 7 pm. Roundtables are held at:

Church of Latter Day Saints - Burnsville
651 Southcross Drive East
Burnsville, MN 55306

Cub Scout The theme is "courteous". There will be a round robin as we share our summer adventures (no passing). A look at upcoming events, are you ready for "School Night for scouting"? Also a look at program updates, and update current leader info.

Boy Scout Roundtable will feature a look at upcoming events, topics and opportunities in conservation, program updates and changes. No merit badges this month. Watch the website for merit badge opportunities beginning in September.

Roundtables are for all unit leaders and parents. Be sure your unit is represented at as there is information and updates to be brought back to the units. And there are always breakouts so it is best to have more than one leader attend so you cover the breakouts.

OA Corner

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



Also at Roundtable this Month Popcorn Sale Training

Training for the Trail's End Fall Popcorn Sale will also be held at this month's Roundtable. Every unit should have someone attend to get the latest info on the popcorn sale.

School Night for Scouting Tuesday, September 19, 2017

It's on Tuesday this year so it doesn't conflict with a religious holiday on Thursday. A state wide recruiting event at every elementary school as it was the last few years. Are you ready for School Night this year? Here's some recruiting ideas:

- Have a table/display at Open House
- Posters
- Community Bulletin Boards
- Church Newsletters
- Wear your uniform to school on School Night Day or a class B t-shirt
- Yard signs
- Parent Newsletters (PTO/PTA)
- Social Media Posts
- Letters to the editor - Real people/Real Stories
- Hand out postcards
- Invite a friend

Calendar



August 17	Roundtable, Corn feed, Program, Kick-Off OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 Popcorn Training
August 21	Total Solar Eclipse
August 26	OA Vigil Conclave
September 8-10	OA Section Conclave
September 14	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 Popcorn Training IR Training
Sept. 15-19	OA Chapter Conclave
September 19	School Night for Scouting
Sept. 22-24	Fall Camporee "Our Heritage"
October 7	Cub Leader Training Day
October 12	Roundtable
October 14	Fall Rocket Launch Day

Webelos Woods/Spring Camporee

On May 19 - 21, 2017 the [Webelos Woods and the Spring Camporee](#) will be held at Gwin Center at Phillippo. This is a great opportunity for Packs and Troops to camp together and a great way to encourage transition. Follow the link for more information.

University of Scouting

The Fall University of Scouting will be held on October 28 and is open to all scout leaders. It will be from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the College of St. Paul. There's over 120 courses, something for everyone. Plan now to have your leaders attend. More details at [University of Scouting](#).

Journey 2.0

Guidepost 2, 3 due August 31

Journey Guidepost 2 and 3 are due August 31. Units need to have a communication plan, and an annual budget and calendar in place and present this to your Unit Commissioner. All three go together. A calendar of meetings, events, and activities; a communication plan to inform Scouts and parents and a budget plan to support. Remember, the budget and calendar don't have to be set in stone. We all realize that things will change throughout the year.

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

The fee will be \$15 per Scout, leader and staff. Registration to be online soon at [Fall Camporee](#).

Watch for an E-Chat in the next few days for information on how patrols, crews, teams can register, get a passport book and begin earning points even before the Camporee starts!



New Eagle Palm Procedures

Effective August 1st an Eagle Scout can instantly receive, along side his Eagle medal, ALL Eagle Palms earned for merit badges completed before he became an Eagle Scout. Previously upon completing his Eagle board of review if a scout had 5,10, 15 or more merit badges already earned he would have to wait 3 months, stay active in his troop for 3 month increments for each 5 merit badges to earn a palm. The waiting period is no longer needed for those merit badges earned prior to his board of review. Example being if a scout had earned 31 merit badges at the time of his board he would then be able to be awarded 2 palms alongside his Eagle award.

For merit badges earned after his Eagle board of review he will still have his 3 month active service waiting period for each additional palm. This active service requirement has been expanded to mean not just in the troop but also other scouting programs, ie: OA or Summer Camp Staff. There is no longer an Eagle Palm board of review as a unit leader conference is deemed sufficient.

Scouts in Ireland Mike and Lisa Fix

By the time Mike and Lisa Fix had landed in Iceland on July 24 for their vacation, they had their trip pretty well planned out. What they hadn't planned on was seeing hundreds of Scouts in the capital city of Reykjavik. The Scouts were attending the 15th World Scout Moot (think jamboree) that ran from July 25 to August 2.

The moot is for the senior branch of Scouts called Rovers, males and females ages 18-25, with the objective of improving their international understanding as citizens of the world. The first World Scout Moot was held in Switzerland in 1931 and is generally held every four years. The 2017 Moot hosted nearly 5,000 Rovers from 106 countries. Opening ceremony was held on July 25 in Reykjavik. The second part of the Moot is called The Expedition. Each participant then spent four days in a camp of their choosing located along the southern coast of Iceland, with each location offering different program elements. On July 29, all the participants gathered at the Ulfljotsvatn Scout Centre for the Althingi, the third and final part of the Moot, where several additional activities were scheduled.

The Fixes met Rovers from several countries at various places as they trekked around Reykjavik the day before opening ceremony. They also happened to meet up with more Rovers at Pingvellir National Park, the camp location that had a mountaineering focus. In all, Mike and Lisa talked with Rovers from more than 20 countries and took pictures with them. They were from several European countries (including twins from Finland) to Peru to Oman and beyond. The Fixes were impressed with how polite and engaging each of the Rovers they encountered when talking with them. They also got caught up in the all the positive energy the young adults exuded. The world outlook is very good.

For more information on the history of Rover Scouts in the USA, you may want to check this website Rover Scouts USA.



Rovers from several countries outside Hallgrímskirkja (church) in Reykjavik.



Rover patrol setting up camp. They climbed the mountain in the background the next day.



Scottish Rovers showed their distinctive national costume.

Wanted your photos and stories of your latest summer adventures.

*Submit them to Steve Engel and I will try to include them in future issues of *The Chatter*.*

*More photos in the next issue, including *Black Hills, Jamboree, and more.**

