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Program Kick-Off, August Roundtable, School Night For Scouting, JTE

A minor format change. Beginning with this issue the Chatter will now be aligned more with the program year with the first issue coming out in August. This first issue will focus on the Program Kick-Off, Corn Feed, August Roundtable, School Night for Scouting and JTE.

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Corn Feed Program Kick-Off

The August Roundtable is the Annual Corn Feed and Program Kick-off. The Commissioner Staff will be on hand to serve up a delicious meal of corn-on-the-cob, burgers, watermelon, cake and lemonade. It's only \$5 per person. There is still time to register online at [Corn Feed](#). Following dinner there will be a ton of program information for the following year. Start the year off right - make sure your unit is represented at the August Roundtable.

Boy Scouts As of last spring, Bob Elliott is stepping down as Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. We wish to thank Bob for his leadership and support of district roundtables. Stepping in to take his place will be Anna-Marie Rieffer. Welcome Anna-Marie!

Cub Scouts The Cub Scout breakout as well as the Boy Scout side will feature the JTE 2.0 Guideposts of program planning, unit budget, and the communication plan.

Also at Roundtable

Internet Recharter Training will be held from 6 to 7 pm at the August Roundtable/Corn Feed. Each unit should have someone trained in Internet Rechartering. Internet recharter will begin in October, and to be considered on-time, must be completed by November 13. Get trained now, get organized and rechartering will be a snap.

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Calendar

August 14	Corn Feed Program Kick-Off
September 11	Roundtable
	OA Chapter Meeting
September 12-14	OA Fall Conclave
September 18	School Night for Scouting
September 26-28	Fall Camporee
October 11	District Model Rocket Launch

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School Night for Scouting Training (SNFS) will also be held from 6 to 7 pm. Every Cub Pack needs to have at least one volunteer trained for SNFS. Recruiting this year will focus on one-single evening recruiting event, Thursday, September 18, Statewide! All promotion, marketing and advertising will focus on registering at your local elementary school on September 18. Come and get ideas and share ideas to make your "School Night" a success. The focus is on, get 'em in the door, answer their questions, sign'em up, and give them a Pack Activity Calendar*. Then it is very important that you follow up with a New Parent Orientation Night for all new parents very soon after School Night. You cannot wait until an October pack meeting or you will lose them. And remember, every new Cub Scout will receive a model rocket kit and I hear a limited number of kits per unit will be available at Roundtable. See page 2 for a special District Model Rocket Launch event. **Special note:** Chief Black Dog (GO!) will take out a permit for any District 196 School that does not have space permitted yet for school night.

* The Pack Calendar, annual plan, is Guidepost One in JTE 2.0 See JTE on page two.

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Fall Popcorn Sale Training will also take place at the August Roundtable beginning at 6 pm. Grab some dinner and come to training. Find out about the fall popcorn sale. A nice fundraiser that helps your unit's budget, your individual scouts, and the council. If you haven't participated in the popcorn sale before, please consider it. It helps out the Northern Star Council which gives us so much in terms of programming, activities and facilities.

OA Chapter Meeting is held each month at roundtables. Please be sure your OA Representative is asked and invited to attend. Your OA Representative will represent your other OA members at the Chapter level. It is their opportunity to provide input that could influence not just chapter activity but also lodge level activity as well.



Journey to Excellence JTE 2.0

The first two Guideposts for JTE 2.0 involve three plans, program, funding, and communication. All 3 need to be approved by your Unit Commissioner. These should be presented and approved by the August Roundtable (Corn Feed/Program Kick-Off). Not ready yet? There is still time to have them on time. The program or yearly plan is a calendar of your meeting dates, pack and committee, outings, activities, service projects, etc. The budget or funding plan is an idea of how to fund your program. It will include, dues, fundraising, an estimate of expenses and does not have to be a final budget. It will change as the year progresses. The communication plan is simply, how will we communicate our program to the families? Will you publish a calendar, maintain a website, use email updates, publish a newsletter, digital or hard copy, and how often? Plan on having at least 3 methods of communication.

These guideposts are especially important as we approach School Night for Scouting. When the new families sign up, you need to give them a yearly calendar so they have an idea what to expect over the next year. And it is very important that one of the first meetings is the new parent orientation. This needs to happen, ideally, within one to two weeks after School Night (SNFS).

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If you wait until the October Pack Meeting you will lose your new Cub Scouts. Then, they will need to know the communication plan. How will they receive updates and information. Should they expect an email, should they have to check the website? Do they have a way of contacting someone in the unit if they have questions?

You can see how having these 3 guideposts completed will give you a foundation for a successful School Night.

Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Model Rocket Launch Day

Starting August 1, any new Cub Scouts will receive a free Estes model rocket kit and an engine. Northern Star Council has also purchased extra kits so that current Cub Scouts may purchase the same kit at cost. Then on Saturday, October 11, we will have a district wide model rocket launch day. If the weather is bad, the make-up day will be October 18. Currently the launch is planned for Falcon Ridge Space Center (Middle School). Some additional Cub Scout activities are also being planned. Watch for more information.



Looking Ahead

Senior Patrol Leader Roundtables The current plan is to hold these in September, October, November, February, March and April. This is for current and former SPLs, current ASPLs, and Gray Wolf trained scouts. They can car-pool with your OA Representatives.

September Roundtable Topics

- Elements of a Good Pack Meeting
- Cub Scout Dinners
- Guest Speakers
- BSA Literature
- Uniform Inspection

University of Scouting Saturday, October 25, supplemental training with something for everyone.