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Holiday Issue

Here's wishing you all a Happy Holiday season! Take a pause and enjoy some time with family and friends. Recharge those batteries and prepare for a new year of scouting adventures. Read to see what is in store for the month of December.

Steve Engel—Editor



December Roundtable

- Trainings at Roundtable Continued

Fun, fellowship, treats and games are in store for the December Roundtable.

Cub Scout The December Roundtable will also feature discussion, prep ideas and reminders regarding upcoming pack activities including the Blue 'n' Gold. And be ready for some fun activities and games.

Boy Scout breakout will feature a discussion of the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster position, a most underused youth leadership position. Who is the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, what are the responsibilities, and how to effectively use this youth position?

Ornament Exchange After the breakouts, both sides will come together for an "Ornament Exchange game". Bring an ornament (value \$3 to \$5) to participate. Feel free to bring an extra one or two if you have some. Then prepare for some holiday treats and feel free to bring a treat to share as well.

OA Election Training will be held at 6:15 pm. Troops will again be paired up and will hold elections for each other. At minimum, one adult and your OA youth representative need to be present at this training (two adults and 2-3 youth members is better).

OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during Roundtables. Each troop should have an OA Youth Representative who attends these meetings. Invite them with you when you attend Roundtable.



Fall Recruiting Follow-up

Chief Black Dog (GO!) had an excellent fall recruiting. We were one of just a few districts that showed an increase over last year. Now is the time to complete any follow up with those who couldn't attend or who are undecided. Please turn in any outstanding applications ASAP. If you can't get them to the Scout Office, our District Executive, [Adam Hille](#), will be happy to come and pick them up.



Trainings at Roundtable

Friends of Scouting (FOS) training for all FOS unit coordinators will take place at the December Roundtable beginning at 7:15 pm. Each unit coordinator should attend. Eric Lee is the District FOS Chairman and needs to know the presentation date, back up date, Unit Coordinator's name and contact info, and whether you will need a Trailblazer. Contact [Eric Lee](#) with this information.

Million Dollar Days



The 2015-16 Friends of Scouting campaign will kick off with the Million Dollar Day breakfasts on December 9 and 10. Find the details at [Million Dollar Day](#). If you are interested in attending, contact either [Dave Hanson](#) or [Adam Hille](#) and they will help you get a place at their table.

Calendar

- December 9,10 Friends of Scouting
Million Dollar Days
- December 10 Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
OA Election Training, 6:15pm
Friends of Scouting Training,
7:15pm
- January 5 Joint Meeting District Commit
tee & District Commissioners
- January 14 Roundtable
OA Election Training
- January 16 Woodbadge Breakfast
- January 21 OA Vigil Nominations Due
- January 23 Council Coordinated Commit-
tee Meetings
- January 23 OA Winter Banquet
- February 6 Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest



Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest Saturday, February 6, 2016

The annual Apple Valley Mid-Winter fest will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016. Once again the Boy Scouts will be there, sponsoring events from 9 am to 1 pm. We are currently looking for units who would like run an activity, event, display or demonstration. We are also looking for outside groups, organizations or agencies to likewise set up an activity, etc. If you would like to help or have an idea for activity, please contact [Steve Engel](#).

Pinewood Derby Workshops

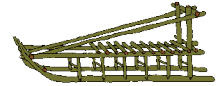


Need help creating and building this years Pinewood Derby winner? Plan to attend one of the Pinewood Derby workshops in Rosemount. The workshops are held at 14555 South Robert Trail, suite 12, in Rosemount. The workshop schedule is posted on Facebook/PWDRacing.com.

Wood Badge Breakfast

The annual Wood Badge Break fast will be Saturday, January 16, 2016 at St. Andrew Church in Eden Prairie. Wood Badge Breakfast is for all Wood Badgers and interestd Wood Badge participants. For details see [Wood Badge Breakfast](#).

Chief Black Dog(GO!) 2016 Klondike Derby



Get your Klondike Sleds tuned up and ready to race across the polar regions of Phillipp Scout Camp. Don't forget to build your Pinewood Bobsled car. The Klondike Derby Flyer and Leader's Guide are available on line at [Klondike Derby](#). Camp headquarters will be the LeSueur cabin. Your unit can rent a shelter at Phillippo through the Council camp reservation system, camp outside in a snow shelter or tent, or do a day event. If you have ideas, suggestions, or want to help, contact [Paul Mahowald](#) or call 952-432-0276.



Mark Your Calendars Scouting For Food

Mark your calendars and reserve the date. Scouting for Food is Saturday, April 23, 2016 and will run from about 10 am to 2 pm. To have the biggest impact on area food shelves, we need everyone's participation. Details to follow.

OA Corner

Remember the Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting at each month's roundtable and the election team training at this month's roundtable.



Vigil Nominations are due to Kay Stewart by January 21. For more information on the Vigil Honor, nomination forms and a list of eligible members go [Vigil Honor](#).

OA Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Base Camp. Watch for details.

District Award Nominations

It's time to be thinking about nominations for volunteer recognition. Recognition awards include, Sparkplug, Outstanding Leadership (various positions), Distinguished Leadership, Charter Partner of the Year, and the District Award of Merit. We all know someone deserving of recognition.

