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November Roundtable Issue

Early December and we have snow on the ground and we are surviving yet another “arctic cold front”. Is a warm up on the way? Will we have a white holiday? Are we thinking about our winter adventures? Before the holidays completely over take us, let’s get our charters and JTE forms turned in..

Steve Engel—Editor

Cub Scout Roundtable

December Roundtable will feature the annual holiday party. Holiday treats will include meatballs, cookies, maybe some cheese and crackers, and beverages. Everyone is requested to bring a wrapped holiday ornament, value approximately \$5, for the ornament exchange game. The Cub Scout Roundtable will also feature a mid-year leader appreciation, and ideas and suggestions for holiday games and activities.

Boy Scout Roundtable

Boy Scout Roundtable will feature a short 15 minute presentation on Religious Emblems and the role of the Chaplain’s Aide. Then the Program side will see a presentation by Troop 458 “high adventure” experience. What you need to know before you go! The Admin Breakout will discuss how to get more parents involved not just as Assistant Scoutmasters, etc. How to get them involved in service projects, fundraising, camping, activities and committee functions.

Remember the Boy Scout Roundtable now features both a Program and an Admin Breakout. In order to the most benefit from roundtable you really need to have a representative at each breakout.

Also at Roundtable

The second Order of the Arrow, Unit Election training will be held at the December Roundtable. Each troop will hold the election for a partner unit. There are changes in requirements and procedures and all election

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teams must be trained. At least two scouts and one leader must complete the training. Training begins at 6:15 pm. After the training please plan to stay for the OA Chapter Meeting. Chapter meetings are held each month at Roundtable.

Calendar

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| December 12 | Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting OA Unit Election Training |
| January 9 | Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting OA Unit Election Training |
| January 18 | Wood Badge Breakfast |
| January 25 | Council Coordinated Committee Meetings |
| February 1 | Fort Snelling Service Project |
| February 8 | District Annual Planning Mtg. |
| February 12 | Roundtable |
| March 22 | Council Recognition Dinner |
| April 5 | District Pinewood Derby District Recognition Dinner |

Charters Due and JTE

Unit charters are now due. We are well into the holiday season, a very busy time of the year. In the midst of the holidays unit charters are due. Let’s put this piece of business behind us. Contact your Unit Commissioner if you need assistance. Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms are also due this month - by December 31. Information will need to be entered via the “Unit Toolbox”. Time is short. If you haven’t kept up with your entries, some catch up entry will be necessary. Again, time is short, contact your Unit Commissioner for assistance.

God and Country Religious Emblem Classes

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church will be hosting Protestant God and Country religious emblems classes in the spring of 2014 for Protestant Scouts of all ages. Boy Scout classes will begin on Sunday, January 26. Cub Scout classes will begin on February 23. Please alert all Protestant Scouts in your units to these classes. Girl Scouts are also welcome; families with Girl Scout siblings are encouraged to spread the word in their units as well. A registration form including a full schedule of dates and times can be found on the Religious Emblems page of the district web site. Please contact [Bob Elliott](#) with any questions and to register for the classes.

Pinewood Derby Time

The halls will soon be filled with the sound of cheers, encouragement and excitement as our Cub Scouts race their cars towards the finish line. Complete Pinewood Derby rules to be posted on the web site.

Need help getting that derby car ready to go or looking for that technical help give your car that edge. More information on the workshop schedule coming soon.

Fall Food Drive A Success!

Scouts and adults from several Packs and Troops braved the cold and wind to collect over 4900 pounds of food and \$584 in cash at the Eagan Rainbow on Nov 22-24. The cash and most of the food were delivered to the Prince of Peace food shelf in Burnsville; some food and personal hygiene items were given to the Lewis House shelter for women and children in Eagan. Prince of Peace and Lewis House extend their thanks to all who helped with the fall food drive. Thanks to Rich Hedeen, Jerry Gohl, Steve Short and Bob Elliott for helping oversee the food drive.



Winter Camping

Looks like a real Minnesota winter ahead with our cold temperatures and early snow. We are all getting restless for winter camping and winter activity. Now's the time to make reservations for your winter outings.



Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet

The Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 11. The dinner will be held at Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Road, Shoreview, Minnesota. For complete details go [Winter Banquet](#).



Council Community Service Award

Do you know about the new Community Service Award? The purpose of the Council Community Service Award is twofold:

- to promote character building and citizenship in Scouts and Scouters, who realize their responsibility to serve their city, state and nation, both individually and through group effort; and
- to recognize Scouts and Scouters who provide certain levels of community service measured by hours performed in such service.

For more information on Community Service and this award, go to [Community Service Award](#) (PDF 391kb)

