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Some truly fall weather is just around the corner. As thoughts turn to winter adventures and planning for next summer, here are some items to also be concerned with. Charters are this due Thursday at roundtable to be considered on-time. Trainings will include Charter Organization Representatives at this month's Roundtable and Troop Committee Training on November 14. See articles in this issue for more information.

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November Roundtable

Cub Scout The November Roundtable will a "Big Rock Topic". This month it will be Dakota County Parks. After the opening there will be a presentation on opportunities, activities and classes for the whole group and then a Cub Scout specific presentation after the split. The theme for November is "Winter Wonderland" and feature a tie slide idea and pack meeting opening suggestions. Looking ahead to December, "The Great Race", Pinewood Derby and Blue 'n' Gold ideas and holiday fun featuring holiday treats.

Boy Scout breakout will feature Webelos transition and a continuing look at the new Webelos program and how this will affect troops. The November Breakout will also feature an overview of Den Chief Training. The Boy Scout Roundtable breakout is looking for presenters, youth and adult. Topics could include high adventure, NOAC, or Jamboree.

Charters are due At November Roundtable

To be considered on-time, charters are due at the November Roundtable, Thursday, November 12. On time recharter is required to earn any level of JTE, Journey to Excellence, hereafter to be known as simply, Journey. Also due at Roundtable, service hours survey, Friends of Scouting information, Youth Protection certificate for any new leaders or a planned date when training will be completed.

Also at Roundtable

Training at Roundtable The following Training will be available at this month's roundtable.

Friends of Scouting training will begin at 7 pm. Your FOS Unit Coordinator should attend. You need to know your unit presentation date, a back up date (in case of bad weather), your Unit Coordinator name and contact info. You also need to know if you will need a trailblazer or will do your own presentation.

OA Election Training will be held at 6:15 pm. Troops will again be paired up and will hold elections for each other. One adult and one youth leader need to be present at this training.

Charter Organization Representative Training will be offered as a 3-part course on Thursdays at our local Roundtable at the Burnsville LDS Church as shown below:

- 1. November 12th 7:30-8:30 - Part 1
- 2. January 14th 7:30-8:30 - Part 2
- 3. March 10th 7:30-8:15 - Charter Organization and BSA Membership Change.

Encourage your unit's COR to attend.

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.



Calendar

November 12	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting OA Election Training Charters Due COR Training Friends of Scouting Training
November 14	Troop Committee Training
November 20	Silver Beaver Nominations Due
December 9	Roundtable OA Election Training Friends of Scouting Training

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 an activity, etc. If you would like to help or have an idea for activity, please contact [Steve Engel](#).

Webelos Transition Crossover Bridge

We have a Webelos transition crossover bridge in search of a new owner. The base is 5 ft long, 2-1/2 ft wide, and 1 foot high. It consists of 12 removable planks, each representing a point of the Scout Law. See photo below. It is free, if your unit is interested, contact [Joe Stefani](#).



Sign Up for District Newsletters and Email

Encourage all your unit leaders and all parents to sign up for the District Chatter and emails. All parents should be aware and informed of opportunities, activities, and scouting news. Go to [E-News](#) to sign up.

Troop Committee Training Saturday, November 14

Troop Committee Training will be offered to all Troop Committee Chairs and Committee members, especially those who are new to the role, as well as "older" committee members who have not been formally trained.

This is enhanced basic training for Troop Committee Chairs and Committee Members. This training builds on the high level training available on-line, by providing solutions to real world challenges facing most Troops at one time or another. The training covers the roles of the Committee Chair, Treasurer, Advancement Coordinator, troop structure as it is supposed to operate, and more. The course covers real world problems that have beset Troops, and solutions to them.

The training will be held Saturday, November 14, from 8:30-12:30, at the LDS church on Southcross in Burnsville where we have monthly Roundtables. We may finish early, and we have the room for as long as anyone has questions they would like to ask and have answered.

Why training? Because the boys in every Troop need trained leaders at all levels. No one would trust a child to an untrained school teacher or sports coach. Nor should we convince ourselves that Scouting leaders can perform well without proper training. Learn how it's supposed to be done, drawing on many Scouting resources.

What do you need to bring? Just a desire to learn, all questions you have, water bottle or other beverages (no coffee please in honor of our LDS hosts who do not drink coffee), notebook and pen.

CONTACT: Please RSVP to [Bob Elliott](#) at or call with any questions: 952-564-8222

Free Airplane Rides

The Young Eagles Program through the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter 25) offers free airplane rides for youth ages 8 to 17 years old. The rides are given the 3rd Saturday each month (all year long) at the Airlake Airport in Lakeville. For more information contact Kris Olson at (651) 675-6826. You can also visit www.youneagles.org or www.eaa25.org.