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Fall Recruiting

These unseasonably warm temperatures will soon give way to average fall temperatures. And we are all well into our scouting year, popcorn sales, wreath sales, fall outings and winter adventures. Read on - a lot of information in this issue.

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October Roundtable

New Roundtable format respects leaders time and needs. Announcements are kept short, and to the point. A short break and Cubs will go right into their huddles and Boy Scouts and Ventures will go to their separate breakouts. Everyone comes break together after breakouts for a final word. Don't forget - BIP, bead incentive program.

Cub Roundtable will feature, citizenship, a mock den meeting, and a Bobcat ceremony. The Boy Scout side will feature "Keeping Older Scouts Engaged".

Roundtable - come to share and learn.

Additional Lion Cub Coordinator Training

Did you have a new Lion Cub Coordinator for your pack? Did you attend the Lion Cub training in August, but still have questions? A second Lion Cub Coordinator training will be offered from 6:00-7:00pm at the Burnsville LDS church on Thursday, October 13, 2011. We will be discussing the Lion Cub program, the responsibilities of the Pack Lion Cub Coordinator, and going over the first den meeting plan. This training should send you off ready to help your pack's Lion den run their first den meeting and plan the October Grand Adventure. The first step in earning Lion Cub points for Journey to Excellence is to have a trained Lion Cub Coordinator for your pack. If you have questions, please contact [Anna-Marie Rieffer](#) or by phone 651-226-1343.

Calendar

- October 13 Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
Friends of Scouting, Unit
Coordinator Training 6:15pm
Lion Cub Coordinator
Training 6pm
- October 29 University of Scouting

Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting

Remember Order of the Arrow chapter meetings are held monthly at Roundtable. Coming to Roundtable? Invite your youth arrow members to come along for the chapter meeting. It's their chance to have input and help plan chapter activities.

From the Commissioner Staff Unit Inventory Time

Unit inventories and annual plans for troops and crews are due at the October roundtable. Unit inventory is that annual exercise in reconciling your unit roster with Northern Star Council. You don't have wait until Roundtable to complete your inventory. Update your roster and turn it in to your Unit Commissioner prior to roundtable. We also ask that you share a copy of your units annual plan with the commissioner staff. An annual plan with a unit budget plan is one of the criteria for your unit's Journey to Excellence.

Fall Food Drive - Eagan Rainbow

Chief Black Dog(GO!) and Rainbow Foods and Kowalski's in Eagan will again sponsor a fall food drive. The food drive will be November 18, 19, and 20. (The weekend before Thanksgiving. Please plan for your unit to sign up for a block of time. [Sign up for a time slot here](#). Contact [Bob Elliott](#) for more information.

Fall Recruiting "Year Round Recruiting"

The fall Round-Up Nights have been held and now is the time for follow up. Be sure you follow up now with any interested families who did not make it to Round-Up night. Make sure they know that they can still join Cub Scouting. Invite them to the next pack meeting. And was Round-Up night not quite what you had hoped for? Consider another round-up activity, a special activity, invite you son's friends, etc. Recruiting needs to be an ongoing effort - "year round recruiting.

Overall Cub recruitment has been streamlined. You give a very brief presentation and sign "em up! Not unlike athletic associations sign up youth. But there are changes in how leaders register, yes the forms have changed. You need the most current information. These new practices are designed to make it easier to recruit leaders.

Troop and Crew Recruiting

If you haven't yet please plan and **Be Prepared** to host an Open house this fall. Each Unit is expected to hold an event of their choosing. Need some ideas, etc. Contact Kathy Schwalen.

Parent Education Conference Needs Scout Volunteers

We are truly in need of Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts to help as table hosts and hall guides during the annual conference on Saturday, November 5 at the District 196 Parent Education Conference. Scouts would assist with check-in, registration, handing out schedules and acting as hall guides, (helping participants find the room for their workshop sessions). The time commitment would be from 7:30am to about 11 - 11:30am. Ideally, we hope a troop or crew will take this on as their service project. More info contact [Steve Engel](#).

Chief Black Dog (GO!) 2011 Eagle Expo

The annual CBD(G!) Eagle Expo for Star and Life scouts will be held on November 9th at 7:00pm at the Burnsville LDS Church on Southcross Drive. All Life scouts and parents are encouraged to attend in order to become acquainted with what the path to Eagle involves and to make the journey more enjoyable. Star scouts are also welcome if they want to preview what lays ahead for them. The Subjects covered are:

- The Eagle Application form
- The Eagle Leadership Service Project
- The Eagle Board of Review
- The Eagle Court of Honor

Followed by an open Q&A session from scouts and parents.

A class will also be held at the same time to train leaders in the role of Eagle Project Coach. If any unit leaders are interested in this short class should contact [Dick Phillips](#).

Historic Trails—East Trip Rescheduled

The Northern Star Council Historic Trails trip canceled this past spring due to low registration has been rescheduled for spring 2012, June 16 to June 30. We still plan to visit these places; Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Independence Hall, Boston, Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and more. The trip also includes an overnight stay on the battleship USS Massachusetts.

The trip is open to both youth and registered adult leaders. Youth must be 13 years old and First Class by June 1, 2012. The fee for the trip is still expected to be \$1200. The fee will include transportation, lodging, meals, and all admission. Fees.

Questions and more information, contact [Steve Engel](#).

Merit Badge Fair

A Merit Badge Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th from 8:45am-3:30pm at the LDS Church, 651 Southcross Drive East, Burnsville, MN 55306

The cost is \$5.00 per scout Each scout must wear the class A uniform and should bring a bagged lunch, signed merit badge cards, merit badge worksheets, and merit badge book.

This is the largest Merit Badge Fair we have had in a number of years, seventeen merit badges are being offered.

Available Merit Badges

- American Heritage
- Automotive Maintenance
- Chemistry
- Citizen in the Community
- Citizen in the Nation
- Citizen in World
- Communications
- Computers
- Disability Awareness.
- Electricity
- Fire Safety
- Inventing
- Law
- Mammal Study
- Nuclear Science
- Reptile and Amphibian Study
- Robotics

If you want to take a class with a friend, please register online at the same time. We will not be able to handle switching after the fact.

If you need more information, please contact: [David Novack](#) or 651-688-2246 or [Mickela Cupkie](#) or 952-242-4117 More info at [Merit Badge Fair](#).



Wood Badge Is Calling!

Here are just a few of the questions Scouting adult leaders have asked about Wood Badge for the 21st Century:

- What is Wood Badge?
- What does Wood Badge all entail and the cost to attend?
- Why should I attend?
- How do I register?

Well, this is your lucky day. Chief Black Dog (Go!) District will be holding a “Wood Badge 101” information session at the next two Roundtable meetings:

When: **Thursday October 13th and Thursday November 10th at 7:00 PM.**

Where: **LDS Church on Southcross Dr. in Burnsville.** (Our normal RT site)

A new and exciting Northern Star Council Winter Wood Badge Course, ‘C1-250-12-1’, is now accepting applications for participation. Two CBD leaders, Jerry Gohl and Tim Liffbrig, are serving on staff and will be available to answer all of your questions regarding the Wood Badge course. As of September 19th, the course is already 33% full, so you need to act now to reserve your spot. The maximum course size is 48 students.

If you cannot be at Roundtable, you can E-mail your questions or concerns to [Jerry Gohl](#) or [Tim Liffbrig](#) or get more information at [Wood Badge Information](#).

Friends of Scouting Unit Coordinator Training

The start up of the 2011-2012 Friends of Scouting (“FOS”) campaign is just around the corner with the training session scheduled prior to the October Roundtable on October 13th, beginning at 6:15pm.

Please have your FOS Unit Coordinator attend this training and let’s get the 2011 Friends of Scouting Campaign off to great start. More info contact [John Herron](#).