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Fall Recruiting

Yes, recruiting is a year around effort, and fall is the time for a major effort. Hopefully most of our units are their way to a successful fall "Round-Up", having just completed open houses at most schools.

Steve Engel—Editor

Fall Camporee 2011, "A Knotty Problem"

Time is short, register now for the CBD(G!) Fall Camporee September 9, 10, and 11 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. *Please note the date change from the published calendar.* The theme is a "Knotty Problem" and should prove to be a challenge for all as patrols will face a series of challenges throughout the day on Saturday. Each unit is expected to help with running an event. Sign up for an event when you register for camporee For complete information, registration forms, list of activities, etc. see the Leaders Guide at [Fall Camporee](#) . For more information contact: [Tom Beck, Camporee Chair](#).

October Roundtable - Better Than Ever

October Roundtable will feature elements of planning good and effective den and pack meetings and will introduce a new format. Opening announcements will be short, brief 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. The October Roundtable will also introduce a new incentive program, BIP, bead incentive program - Come to Roundtable to find out more.

From the Commissioner Staff Unit Inventory Time

Unit inventories for troops and crews will be due at the October roundtable. Unit inventory is that annual exercise in reconciling your unit roster with Northern Star Council.

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Calendar

September 8	Roundtable Youth Protection Trng 6pm
Sept. 9, 10, 11	Fall Camporee
Sept. 12—23	Fall Youth Recruiting
Sept. 16, 17, 18	OA Fall Conclave
Oct. 1, 2	Webelos Experience
Oct. 13	Roundtable

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.

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To register for classes, please contact the class organizers at the contact information on the fliers.

For more information on Religious Emblems, or to arrange a Religious Emblems presentation to your unit, please feel free to contact [Bob Elliott](#).

Fall Recruiting

Well, are well on our way to a successful fall recruiting effort. Most schools had open houses in August and we were busy spreading the word about scouting. Especially the Lion Cub program for Kindergarten age boys this year. All units are expected to recruit Lions this year. If you do not get any interest you then can opt out of the program for 2011. Be sure you have the latest information and are prepared for this group. This is still a new program and you need a trained leader to understand how it is different from the Cub Scout program. You need to know: how to register Lions; roll over to Tigers in the spring, rank and cost of program plus materials. These areas are different from the Cub Scout program.

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.

Youth Protection Training

Youth protection training will be offered at 6pm prior to September Roundtable. The LDS Church on Southcross Drive in Burnsville. Be sure to read the youth protection update this page.

Troop and Crew Recruiting

Be Prepared to host an Open house this fall. Each Unit is expected to hold an event of your choosing. Northern Star Council is hosting a ‘recruitment how to’ night in our area for Troops and Crews, September 22 at Christ Lutheran Church in Eagan. Come away with ideas, and incentives for a successful recruitment open house! Information and flyer available at [Troop and Crew Recruiting](#).

Youth Protection Training Update

Youth Protection Training Videos

In 2010 all of the District packs and troops received a copy of BSA youth protection DVD. If your unit is making use of this to present Youth Protection for your unit leaders, here are a couple reminders:

1. This video is considered appropriate for adults only. If you are doing a presentation that includes the unit youth, It Happened To Me or A Time To Tell are the appropriate videos.
2. The presenter of the session should familiarize themselves with the facilitators' guide that is downloadable from the council website at <http://training.nsbsa.org/info/YouthProtection.aspx>. Also located on that page are the facilitators' guides for the youth videos.
3. Once the training has been presented, use the link on this web page to report the completed youth protection training via our online registration service, Signup
4. The Guide to Safe Scouting has some new updates that you should be aware of...

Mandatory Report of Child Abuse

"All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

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Notify your Scout executive of this report, or of any violation of BSA's Youth Protection policies, so that he or she may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts, make appropriate notifications, and follow-up with investigating agencies."

Please note that this is an organizational mandate.

Abuse and Technology

"Cameras, imaging, and digital devices. While most campers and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants."

The Youth Protection training now states that a device used to take pictures which invade others' privacy is to be confiscated and turned over to the Scout Executive.

The latest Youth Protection training (in-person and on-line) now will address grooming of victims by molesters, bullying - how to recognize and address it and cyber-bullying.

Reminder

As you are recruiting new leaders for the 2011-2012 Scouting year, remember that a certificate of Youth Protection training completion must be included with the BSA membership application.

- If your unit has a bumper-crop of new leaders, your District Trainer is always willing to host a special YP training session presentation for your unit.

- The on-line Youth Protection training is always available. However, for first-time participants, in person training has the added benefits of more coverage of local information and an opportunity for questions and answers.

- There will be Youth Protection Training prior to the September roundtable. *See page two.*

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Don't wait until the October Roundtable to complete your inventory. Update your roster and turn it in to your Unit Commissioner to be compared to the council record. Yes, the first step towards easy, painless rechartering. More to come.

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](#).

Fall Food Drive - Eagan Rainbow

Chief Black Dog(GO!) and Rainbow Foods 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. More information available soon. Contact [Bob Elliott](#).

Parent Education Conference needs Volunteers

The District 196 Parent Education Conference is looking for Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts to help as table hosts and hall guides during the annual conference on Saturday, November 5. 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 want to take this on as their service project.