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And a hot summer it has been. Another hot spell is upon us and most likely more to come. Many units at summer camp, Camp Akela, cub day camp, and high adventure. And it's time to be thinking ahead to fall.

Steve Engel—Editor

FYR - Fall Youth Recruiting

Be aware that all District 196 elementary schools will be doing individual student assessments before the school year starts. This may have an impact on your Fall Youth Recruiting as some may have decided not to hold an open house this year. Many schools are still planning to hold an open house as it provides many other opportunities for our schools. **Be sure you are in contact with your local elementary school and are aware of their plans this year. Become part of the discussion.**

In addition, you should have a unit fall recruiting chair selected and your date selected for your actual recruiting night. This for all packs, troops and crews. Fall recruiting isn't just for packs anymore.

Fall Youth Recruiting Training Dates

All Unit Fall Recruiting Coordinators need to attend one of these training sessions. Even you have been the Recruiting Coordinator before, you need to attend. There have been some changes in the recommended process, and needless to say our school district has presented unique challenges. You may also have some ideas that may help other units. This is training, fellowship, and support for all our units. The training dates are:

August 9, 7-8 pm at Cornfeed
August 16, 7-8 pm, Shepherd of the Valley Church, Make Up Session

Calendar

August 7	District Committee MTG.
August 9, 2012	Corn feed Program Kick-Off Fall Recruiting Training
September 4	District Committee Mtg.
September 13	Roundtable
September 14-16	OA Fall Conclave
September 17-28	Fall Recruiting
September 28-30	Fall Camporee

Corn Feed - Program Kick - Off

Our annual Corn Feed and Program Kick Off will be held on Thursday, August 9 at the Burnsville LDS Church (our usual roundtable site). The CBD(G!) Commissioner will once again be serving up generous portions of corn-on-the-cob, hamburgers and more. After dinner there will be breakout sessions as we share program information for the upcoming year. There will be a special training session for all Unit Fall Recruiting Coordinators. You just got to be there! Find more information and registration form at [Corn Feed](#).

Local and Community Events

Please check out this addition to the Chief Black Dog (GO!) website. This page will contain local events that you and or your unit may be interested in. Visit [Local Events](#).

A Special Message
From
John Andrews, Scout Executive,
Northern Star Council

In light of the recent national and local media coverage of leadership selection in the BSA, we want to be sure to keep the focus on what is most important – the young people themselves. Everything we do revolves around them and our mission of preparing young people to be leaders and individuals of strong character by helping them discover the principles of Scouting which are reflected in our Oath and Law.

In fact, even with recent dramatic media coverage, nothing has changed in recent days or weeks – our local leadership selection practices remain as they have been for more than ten years, and as shared many times with the National Council, BSA.

The Northern Star Council administers National BSA policy, but reflecting our local community values, and the practical reality of how volunteers are selected and retained. We continue the 100 year-plus tradition of bringing together groups with a diversity of beliefs on behalf of kids. To accomplish this we have worked hard to steer a course that is respectful of these beliefs and Northern Star Council does not use language that is divisive and does not tolerate harassment.

Our long-standing approach is to welcome adults who can help further our mission, trusting the judgment of local parents and chartering organizations in their communities to select the leaders they want to work with their children. Actions and behavior are the means by which all leaders are held to a high standard of community values.

That approach is spelled out on our website, at www.northernstarbsa.org under the tab, About Us.

We have leaders, parents, donors and community organizations with widely varying views on sexual orientation. Please help your volunteers to work together, focused on kids as these discussions continue both locally and nationally. If people have questions beyond what you can answer, please let me, [John Andrews](#), know how we can help – and of course refer any media inquiries to Kent York at 763 231 7271. A resource is also attached that may help you with these complicated discussions between people.

Annual Model Rocket
Launch Day

Saturday, August 4, 2012 is the Annual Model Rocket Launch Day. Check-In begins at 9:00 am on the field just east of Falcon Ridge Middle School. Launches will begin at about 10 am. Co-sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, Chief Black Dog (GO!) and District 196 Community Education this launch day is open to all scouts, family and friends. Come to launch or just to watch. And the best thing is it's free! Check out the [Model Rocket Flight Day flyer](#) for more information.

