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Ah, November

Is another polar vortex poised on our doorstep? Is another cold, snowy winter in store for us? Do you have winter camping activity plans in place? Now's the time - on-line registration is open.

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November Roundtable

Cub Scout The November Roundtable will feature an opening flag ceremony led by Army Staff Sergeant Dan Jensen and his wife and our scouts. The Cub Scout Breakout will include flag folding. Extra 3x5 flags are needed. If you have one please bring it. Camp information will also be included.

Boy Scout The Boy Scout side will feature the how and why of the Charter Partner /Unit relationship. How a strong relationship can lead to a strong unit. And how to avoid leader and scout burnout in the process. A small group format and feedback will be used.

Senior Patrol Leader New this year is the Senior Patrol Leader Breakout. The topic for November will be putting together an exciting outdoor program. The emphasis on planning, exciting and fun. And how to maintain a boy lead troop and the patrol method throughout. All SPL's, ASPL's, PL's and Grey Wolf trained boys should attend.

Unit Charter Renewal Turn In

To be considered on-time (the "plus One" Guidepost for any level of JTE recognition, charters will need to be turned in at or before the November Roundtable, November 13. The Commissioner Staff will be on hand to collect completed charters beginning at 6:15 pm. Please arrive early to complete the check-in process before the regular Roundtable program begins.

Calendar

November 13	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Friends of Scouting Trng 6:15 Charter Turn In 6:15 pm
November 21	OA Fall Fellowship
December 10, 11	Million Dollar Days
December 11	Roundtable

Friends of Scouting

There will be Friends of Scouting training for all unit coordinators at the November Roundtable. Beginning at 6:15 p. Each unit coordinator needs to attend. In addition, each unit needs to set a date for their Friends of Scouting presentation and a back up date. We had so many cancelations and changes due to weather, this year we want to "Be Prepared" with a back up date. Please be sure Sherri St. Clair has name of you Unit FOS Coordinator and your presentation dates by December 15.

Order of the Arrow OA Corner



Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during Roundtables. Each troop should have a OA Youth Representative who attends these meetings. Invite them along when you attend Roundtable.

Fall Fellowship The annual Fall Fellowship will be held at the Maplewood Community Center on November 21. Please note the date change. Complete details and registration at [Fall Fellowship](#).

Troop Committee Training

Bob Elliott will conduct position basic training for Boy Scout troop committee chairs and Troop committee members on Nov 15 from 9 am – noon. Please save the date and attend if you have not taken this training in the past. This training will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Church. All Troop Committee members should attend, especially treasurers, advancement chairs and committee chairs. Go to [Troop Committee Training](#) for details.

New District Training Chairs

Chief Black Dog (GO!) District welcomes new district training Chairs. Chad Cooper will be taking over Cub Scout Leader Training and David Dopp will take over Boy Scout Leader Training. Be sure to watch the Chatter and the district website for upcoming training sessions and dates.

Rocket Launch Systems Available



The weather is turning colder and those white flakes will be flying, but if your Cub Pack or Den is planning a late fall or early winter launch event and you are in need of a launch system, the council has provided our district with 16 model rocket launch systems. The system includes a launch pad and launch controller. Again we have 16 systems available on a first come first served basis. To reserve a system please send an email to [Steve Engel](#). Include name, unit number, date needed and re-requested pick up date.

Order of the Arrow Centennial Service Award

Marking the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, the Centennial Service Award has been introduced. This recognition will be only the third patch authorized to be worn on the OA sash. This award can be earned by youth and adult arrowmen. Details can be found at [Centennial Service Award](#).



Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Model Rocket Launch Day

On Saturday, October 11, we held the district wide Model Rocket Launch Day/Fall Cub Fall Festival. It was held at the Falcon Ridge Space Center (Middle School). The day began with frost covered fields and temperatures in the 30's. About 40 to 50 people attended (20 to 30 youth). Somewhere between 25 and 30 rockets were launched. A bald eagle was seen circling the field before and after the launches.



...5...4...3...2...1...Liftoff!

Boy Scout Display at Parent Education Conference

Approximately 200+ people attended the conference and as in past years we had a display at the resource fair and spoke too many regarding the values of scouting.



Boy Scout display at the resource fair

Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest Saturday, February 7, 2015

The City of Apple Valley will hold their annual Mid-Winter Fest celebration on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The entire Sport Court (2 full basketball courts) can be ours (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) to set up displays and activities all day from 9 am until approximately 3 pm. We'll be looking units with ideas for activities and to help with activities. Please contact [Steve Engel](#) for more information.