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The temperatures are cooling off, daylight time is getting shorter, and summer is slowly giving away to fall. School Night, Fall Camporee, OA Conclaves have passed. Do we have our winter camping adventures set? And it's definitely not too soon to be thinking about next summer's high adventures and how about the National Jamboree. Joe Schulte will be offering an additional Scoumaster/Assistant Scoutmaster training this month. See page four for details.

Steve Engel—Editor

October Roundtable

Angie Harteneck, Joe Schulte and their awesome staffs have another exciting Roundtable planned full of fun and fellowship. October Rountable will also feature a Wood Badge Beading Ceremony.

Cub Scout The Big Rock Topic for October is Special Needs Scouting. This will include, ADHD, ADD, Asperger's, Autism Spectrum, physical disabilities, and Scouts and Leaders interacting with Special Needs Scouts. Mary Wangerin, Northern Star Council Advocate for Special Needs Scouting will be the presenter. There will be a look at "Cheerful" December Pack ideas and Dave Nozal will talk about Cub Camping.

Boy Scout In addition to the Big Rock Topic the Boy Scout side will feature Eagle Scout projects, a district presentation and an Eagle presentation. This month will include an opportunity for Scouts to work on a merit badge. Medicine and Citizenship in the World (attendance at both October and November Roundtables necessary to finish Citizenship in the World). Contact <u>Joe Schulte</u> for information on these merit badge opportunities.

Training at Roundtable

See articles on page 2 for information on Internet Recharter training and Family Friends of Scouting (the on-line method) training at the October Roundtable.

OA Corner



OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. Invite your OA Representative to attend.

Fall Fellowship. The annual Fall Fellowship overnight will be held October October 28-29 (7pm-7am) at the Maplewood Community Center. The fee is \$25, pre-registration, or \$30 at the door. Activities will include lodgeball, OA presentations, crafts, movies, food, open gym and swimming. Sponsored by the Many Waters Chapter and Totanhan Nakaha Lodge. More information at <u>Fall Fellowship</u>.

School Night for Scouting (SNFS)

The Statewide School Night for Scouting was held on Thursday, September 22. Thus far, 161 Scouts were recruited, a 22% increase over last year's school night results. Congratulations and thank you, thank you to Renee, all our unit school night coordinators and volunteers who helped make this year's school night a success. Now it's time for the ever important follow up. Remember recruiting is a year around process. It's just as important to follow up, follow up, follow up with interested families who have not yet registered.

Questions? Contact Renee Estrella-Wells, or 952-564-9133



Calendar

October 13 Roundtable

OA Chapter Meeting Internet Recharter Trainin

FOS Online Training

October 15 Jamboree on the Air

October 27 Eagle Expo

October 28 OA Fall Fellowship
October 29 University of Scouting

November 10 Roundtable

OA Chapter Meeting Unit Charters Due FOS Training

November 27 Silver Beaver Nominations

Due

December 8 Roundtable

Journey 2.0 A Commitment to Excellence

The next Journey Guideposts are training. For the Basic Training component includes having your Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor, Committee Chair, and one Den Leader per den, fully trained by October 31. Advanced Leader Training includes one Woodbadge trained leader per unit. There are additional requirements and these very by the type of unit (pack, troop, crew, team). Please see your Unit Commissioner or go to Journey 2.0 for details.

Jamboree on the Air

The Annual Jamboree on the Air will be held Saturday, October 15 at the Northern Star Scouting Museum, 2640 7th Ave E, North St. Paul, MN 55109. KØBSA, amateur radio station for the Northern Star Council, will operate its radio(s) from the Museum. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to talk with other Scouts from around the world on shortwave. More information at Jamboree On the Air.

Jamboree on the Air is one of two activities this month in which you can earn points towards the 2017 Camporee. See 'Our Heritage' 2017 Camporee in this issue.



Internet Rechartering Training and Recharter Packets Available

Training will be offered again at the October Roundtable and recharter packets will be available for all units. On-line rechartering is now available. Keep in mind that the system is down Friday evening to early Sunday evening for site maintenance, All charters are due at the November Roundtable to be considered on-time for Journey 2.0.

Eagle Scout Expo

Attention ALL Life scouts and Star scouts close to their Life rank. We will be conducting another Eagle Expo on October 27th up at Shepherd of the Valley church. It will run from 7:00 to 8:30 and will cover everything you need to know to get your Eagle packet ready for your board of review. It is highly recommended that you attend at least one of these if not more to make the process go easier for you. Please plan on attending and bringing at least one parent along with you.

Also watch for future announcements on an upcoming Merit Badge fair in early November.

If you have any questions you can contact Ronald Lee, CBD advancement chair.

Family Friends of Scouting

It's almost time to kick-off the 2016-17 Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) Campaign. Half of our units still need to turn in the following information:

- Unit Number
- FOS Unit Coordinator Name
- FOS Unit Coordinator Phone and Email
- Presentation Date
- Back-Up Presentation Date

This Information is needed for all units by October 31. Send this information to <u>Lisa Fix</u> or <u>Jerry Gohl</u>

Also note: All Cub Packs will be assigned a FOS 'Trailblazer' to conduct the FOS presentation.

FOS Unit Coordinator Training will take place at the November and December Roundtables. Training for the on-line method will take place at the October Roundtable.

Conservation Service Opportunities

Opportunities to earn conservation service hours will be offered every Sunday afternoon for the rest of October from 3 until 6:30 pm at historic Pilot Knob hill prairie restoration site in Mendota Heights. Feel free to come once, or more than once if the spirit moves you.

Who should consider attending? Star Scouts need 3 hours of conservation service for Life Rank (1 outing will provide the necessary hours).

Philmont crews need 10 hours of conservation service for the 50 miler award, 7 of which are to be completed when they return home (2 outings will provide the necessary hours).

Any Scouts who want to "help other people at all times", OA members in search of Cheerful Service.

Pilot Knob is an historic Dakota/Sioux site being preserved as a memorial to the Dakota people for whom it was and still is a holy place. Everyone who attends will qualify for the Messengers of Peace award. For more about the site, go to Pilot Knob Site. For more about the award go to Messengers of Peace.

Please refer to the previous email for a listing of possible projects.

Where? Drive to the north end of Pilot Knob Road. The prairie is on the other side of the gate across Pilot Knob Road. Please carpool, parking is limited

Please RSVP to <u>Bob Elliott</u> a few days in advance, so he can inform you of the specific the project planned for the afternoon(s) you select and any tools you may need to bring with you (shovels, loppers, etc.).

Participate in this conservation project and earn points towards the 2017 Fall Camporee. Participate as a patrol and earn more points.



"Our Heritage" Fall Camporee 2017

The 2016 Fall Camporee, at the College of Wilderness Knowledge was a great success and everyone had a great time. Now that the camporee is over it's time to think about and prepare for next year's fall camporee.

The theme for the 2017 Fall Camporee is "Our Heritage". Fall Camporee will be held on September 22, 23, and 24, 2017 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. We will be using the upper level. As the name and theme suggests, we will be exploring the various aspects of "Our Heritage", including cultural, historical, scouting and environmental.

The focus will on be the "Patrol Method" and patrol participation. Competition will be based on participation and more points will be earned for patrol participation versus individual participation.

There are opportunities to begin earning points **now** almost a year before the 2017 Fall Camporee will happen. The first of these opportunities is the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), Saturday, October 15 at the Northstar Museum. This is a chance to talk with Scouts around the world, learn about their Scouting program and culture, and share yours with them. See the article in this issue. Complete details at Jamboree on the Air.

A Second opportunity is the conservation service project at the Pilot Knob hill prairie restoration site in Mendota Heights. See the article on this page.

Patrols can earn up to 100 points each by participating in Jamboree on the Air or helping with the prairie restoration project.

Watch the Chatter and E-Chat for further opportunities, and how to register your patrol and report participation points.

2017 National Jamboree

The National Jamboree will be held July 19 - 28, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Northern Star Council is looking for more Scouts to fill our 6 troops and 1 crew. They are also looking for Scout Leaders to serve on staff at the National Jamboree. Find more information at Council Info or National Info.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Training Opportunity

Joe Schulte will offer SM/ASM class one more time prior to the November Roundtable on either October 22nd from 9:00-12:30pm or October 23rd 5:30-9:00pm. Preregistration is required. Contact <u>Joe Schulte</u> for the dates and to register.



Fall Camporee - Scouts assemble a wig-wam for the Indian Lore Merit Badge



A model of the V2 rocket heads skyward at the fall Model Rocket Launch Day

Fall University of Scouting

The fall University of Scouting will held Saturday, October 29, from 8 am to 4:30 pm at Osseo High School, Osseo, MN. The basic cost is \$25 and includes lunch. There is something for every level of leadership and every scouting program. An excellent hands-on training opportunity for new or experienced leaders. There is a full catalog of classes, from position-specific training to outdoor cooking. See the University of Scouting detailed information.

Service Opportunities and Project Explore Craft Fair

Project Explore will host a craft fair on Saturday, October 15, 10 am to 3 pm, at Valley Middle School. Project Explore is a District 196 Community Education Program that serves adults with disabilities. Service opportunities are available as many classes and activities need volunteers. Please contact Deb Jeska, (651) 423-7932 for more information regarding service opportunities.



Fall Camporee - Color guard at the Saturday morning opening



The Skywriter lifts off!



New OA Ordeal Members at the evening meal