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School Night For Scouting, Model Rocket Launch Day

A busy month with School Night for Scouting, Roundtable, Trainings, Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave, Fall Camporee, and in October a chance to launch all those model rockets. Kirk Heimstead retires at the end of this month. Join us for a special celebration of his service. But first, are we ready for School Night?

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School Night for Scouting Thursday, September 18

School Night for Scouting is less than two weeks away. Are we ready? The way has been cleared to some one at each of our elementary schools on the evening of September 18. All across the state boys will be going to their elementary schools to sign up for Cub Scouts on September 18. The District Commissioner Staff and District Committee has been mobilized to assist at each school.

A few more days to get the word out:

- Does every family in your unit have a yard sign?
- Can you put up a few more posters?
- Is there a sign or marquis where they would be willing to put up message for a week or so?
- Don't forget to invite a friend.
- Next week is good week to have lunch with your Cub Scout. How about a lunch with your Cub Scout Day for your Pack and have everyone wear their uniform.
- Will the school let you put up a poster?
- Can they give you use of a display case for one week?
- A yard sign in front of the school on September 18 or during the week?

Remember, we get 'em in the door, sign 'em up, answer their questions, give 'em your calendar and have them come to an orientation meeting within 1 to 2 weeks.

Calendar

September 11	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Internet Recharter Trng
September 12-14	OA Fall Conclave
September 18	School Night for Scouting
September 26-28	Fall Camporee
October 11	Model Rocket Launch Cub Fall Festival <i>(see the last E-Chat for details)</i>
October 25	University of Scouting

September Roundtable Thursday, September 11

September roundtable topics include effective den and pack meetings, field trip ideas, Troop leadership roles - who does what, and an OA update on upcoming events. And of course, our breakouts.

This month's roundtable also includes recognition of Kirk Heimstead, our District Executive, who retires this month after several years of service to Chief Black Dog (GO!) district.

OA Chapter Meeting happens every month at roundtable. Invite your troop's OA representative to each month's meeting. September roundtable includes these trainings:

New SPL Roundtable New this year is the SPL Roundtable. See details on page two.

Internet Recharter Training The last training
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Senior Patrol Leader Roundtable

Below is a description of my ideas for the Senior Patrol Leader roundtable that I'd like to introduce within the Chief Black Dog District. Please forward to your Troops and please encourage your Senior Patrol Leaders to attend. The Troop youth OA rep could car pool with the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster or Committee Chair, because the chapter OA meeting will take place at the same time and location as the Senior Patrol Leader roundtable. That would take care of any youth protection issues and increase participation by both of these critical youth leader.

Who Should Attend

The more boys who attend, the better it will be. The primary audience is all current Senior Patrol Leaders, plus Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders for Troops with a tradition of having the ASPL replace the Senior Patrol Leader at the end of the Senior Patrol Leader's term. Boys who get elected as Senior Patrol Leader during the school year are welcome to attend as soon as they become the Senior Patrol Leader. If a Senior Patrol Leader can't attend due to sports, illness, etc., the ASPL or another Scout selected by the Senior Patrol Leader is always welcome (and encouraged) to attend in his place.

Second, it would be nice if successful former Senior Patrol Leaders could attend to provide ideas, guidance and "if I knew then what I know now..." tips to other Scouts. Also, Gray Wolf trained Scouts are encouraged to come, since they have received the best training our Council has for youth leaders and can give the benefit of that training to other Scouts who haven't been to that training yet.

When

At the monthly roundtables (second Thursday of the month) from 7-8 PM. The current plan is to offer these in September, October, November, February, March and April. However, if Thursday evening does not work for the majority of Senior Patrol Leaders due to sports, school work, etc., I am willing to arrange a different date, time

Model Rocketry Building Tips & Hints

Well, actually I am a rocket scientist. Okay, but I've been building model rockets for more than a few years and helping kids and students build them as well for almost as many years. I think I might have few ideas that might make building this rocket kit little easier and less intimidating.

First this model is a variation on the Estes Swift model rocket, especially made for Cub Scouts, not available in any stores. It is about 4 and a half inches tall and uses tumble recovery. The engine is ejected and the rocket simply tumbles gently back to earth.

Second, as I found in helping students this past summer, the directions are not always clear. The instructions have become more diagrams and pictures and less descriptions and not always easy to follow.

So here are some tips and hints:

Fin Preparation

The fins will need to be cut from some small pieces of balsa wood a hobby or "X-Acto" knife. When sanding the fins smooth use only a fine sandpaper and sand very lightly. You want to make the edges smooth and flat. The best way to make sure all the fins are uniform in size and shape is to line up the fins side by side and sand the edges at the same time. Be very careful not to over sand.

Glues and Gluing

There are many types of glue. The ones I hear about the most in model rocket construction are white glue, such as Elmer's, super glue, and hot glue. First, I haven't used super glue in model building. It can be quick and easy for quick model building but leaves little room for error. It sets quickly and doesn't allow repositioning if a fin or model part is misaligned. The same can true of hot glue. It sets quickly, as soon as it cools, and can be messy to work with. Finally, I've always preferred white glue. It does take some time and patience to work because it sets slowly. White glue does work well with porous surfaces such as

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paper, cardboard, and wood (balsa). A tip for using white glue to attach fins, launch lugs, etc. Apply a line of glue to the root edge of the fin and allow the glue to set for few minutes. The surface of the glue will go from a shiny, glossy look to a dull, flat look. The fin can now be attached and will stay in place. Set aside to dry. Once it has dried, a line of glue can be applied to either side of the joint. This gives a nice, smooth, even and strong joint.

And a final word about plastic glue or cement. Best used for attaching plastic parts.

Nose Cone The Key to Successful Recovery

This particular rocket uses a tumble recovery system. Being small and light in weight, the rocket simply tumbles back to earth to be flown again and again. At the end of the flight, a small charge will cause the engine to be ejected and the rocket tumbles back to earth. If the engine fails to eject may nose dive and be damaged. If the nose cone comes loose, the rocket comes down in two parts and while it will be difficult to find this small rocket, it will be more difficult to find two small parts. Because the nose cone is plastic, plastic cement works well to attach the nose cone to the body tube.

University of Scouting

Supplemental training and especially good for new leaders, will be held on Saturday, October 25, in Osseo. Check out [University of Scouting](#) on the council website for more information.



- Roundtable (recharter training) from page 1

session for Internet Recharter Training. Training begins at 6 pm. If you're new to the process, we'll walk you through it and answer your questions. Please note, internet rechartering begins October 2. To be considered on time, rechartering has to be completed by November 13 (November Roundtable). Charters have to be completed by December 31. There is no grace period, if completed by December 31, your unit is dropped and you start all over as a new unit.

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and place that could work for more of them. Sunday afternoon in the 4:30 to 6 PM range could be an alternative, with the goal of keeping the sessions to 1 hour but starting and ending at a time that suits the most boys. We can discuss this if enough of your Troops' Senior Patrol Leaders want an alternative to Thursday night. We'll avoid December and January due to midyear exam schedules and holidays, and avoid May due to final exam schedules.

Meeting Format

There is no static format for the sessions. Ideally, this would be a way for boys to help other boys by having a forum to learn how other Troops do things through peer to peer discussions. I am leaning away from making this "school at night" lecture format but I am open to that format on occasion if the boys ask for it on specific topics.

I will start the ball rolling in September by reviewing currently available BSA literature that explains the Senior Patrol Leader's job and makes his job easier. I'll bring examples from the Scout Shop that they can look at. Then we'll let boys who have used them (or other resources) describe their experiences using them.

We will also devote time in September to gathering a list of potential future topics. The boys who attend will also decide whether they want these future topics to be guided by me as a formal training session, or if they want to discuss the topics as idea sharing sessions, or a combination of the two approaches.

Finally, we will collect and share a list of names, phone numbers and email addresses so the boys can contact each other with questions or suggestions, and so I can share PDFs of handouts, change of topics, etc. with the group.

Questions:

Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters can contact me with any questions, [Bob Elliott](#). I ask that boys copy someone else (parent, Scoutmaster, etc.) on any emails they send me, or use a parent's email address that parents can monitor.