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Happy New Year 2011!

Roundtable commissioners, Tony Chounard, and Wade Branning, and their Roundtable Staff invite everyone to the January Roundtable at the Northern Star Council Base Camp. The facility will be open for all to visit, tour, see and try some of the experiences Base Camp has to offer. See details below.

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January Roundtable At the New Northern Star Council Base Camp

If you have never been or haven't been to Roundtable in a while, now is the best time to come back! Chief Black Dog has reserved all of Base Camp for our Round Table and we've planned a great evening with lots going on!!

There will much to see and do! It all starts at 6:15pm, on Thursday, January 13 so come out early! Base Camp staff will be conducting tours, take a self tour, or feel free to use the indoor archery range! (small cost to use the archery range). Refreshments will be served and we'll even have some Boy Scouts and Venturers coming out to show us their climbing skills on the climbing wall which over looks the amphitheater. Plan to arrive early, as some activities will have time limitations.

The main meeting will start at approximately 7pm and will include among other things, a very interesting historical overview of how Base Camp came to be. Bill Triplett, Cub Master from Pack 204 is receiving his Wood Badge Beads and the Boy Scout Breakout (Geo Caching Merit Badge) and Cub Scout Huddles (Blue and Gold Banquets), are also taking place!

This is the "Can't Miss" Roundtable to be at!

[More information on Base Camp.](#)
[Directions to Base Camp.](#)

We'll see you all on Thursday!

From the Commissioner Staff Also at Roundtable

Charter Turn-In for Troops and Crews. The commissioner staff will had to accept completed charters from troops and crews. Turn in begins at 6:15 pm.

Recharter Training for Packs. Commissioners will also be on hand for recharter training for all packs. Be sure your pack has a representative at training to pick up the recharter packet. Taining begins at 6:00 pm.

Order of the Arrow Unit Election Training. Training for all troops in conducting unit elections for induction in the Order of the Arrow will be held at 5:45 pm.

Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting. As with each Roundtable, the Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting will be at 7:30 pm. Invite your youth OA members to come with you to Roundtables for their chapter meeting.

Pinewood Derby Workshops Scheduled

Warren Kalsow will once again be holding Pinewood Derby workshops. The location this year—downtown Rosemount. Go to [Pinewood Derby workshops](#) for complete information. See page two for more Pinewood Derby Information.

God and Country Programs At Shepherd of the Valley

The God and Country program provides “your child with the opportunity to grow in faith and in service to God and to others.”

The program is divided into four grade levels:

- God and Me for grades 1, 2, and 3
- God and Family for grades 4 and 5
- God and Church for grades 6, 7 and 8
- God and Life for grades 9 through 12

Scouts are eligible to earn all four awards during their scouting careers. Classes begin January 23, 2011. Complete information on the God and Country program and other religious award programs can be found at [Religious Award Programs](#) or [2011 God and Country](#).

Many details were also shared in an earlier e-mail. Please note: you do NOT need to be a member of Shepherd of the Valley or a Lutheran in order to participate in this God and Country program offered at Shepherd of the Valley.

Spring Training Course: Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL)

All of those current Webelos and Bear den leaders, if you would be interested in attending a local OWL course in the Spring of 2011, please drop a quick e-mail to [Chad Cooper](#), Cub Scout Training Chairman. If there is sufficient interest, we will make sure a course is offered. This course is a requirement for the Webelos Leader knot.

Chief Black Dog Annual Planning Meeting

Much like our units, Chief Black Dog district goes through an annual planning process. The district committee meets to evaluate our progress over the past year, determines goals for next year and sets calendar dates. The annual planning meeting will take place on Saturday morning, February 12, 2011, at the Apple Valley Community Center. Unit leaders and interested parents are invited to attend and your input and suggestions as we look ahead to the next year are certainly appreciated.

Announcing Northern Star Council's Historic Trails 2011

Northern Star council will sponsor the third historic trails trip in the early summer of 2011. Some of the stops being considered at this time, the Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Boston, Fall River, Massachusetts (we stay on a battleship), Baseball Hall of Fame, New York (Liberty Island), Indianapolis Speedway and Cedar Point Amusement Park.

We plan to leave on June 25 and return by July 9. Historic Trails 2011 is open to both youth (minimum age 14) and adults. The last 2 historic trails trips were each about half youth and half adults. The fee will be between \$1200 and \$1500 and includes motor coach transportation, meals, lodging, and admission fees as needed. For more information contact [Steve Engel](#).

A flyer, registration form and payment schedule can be found at [Historic Trails 2011](#).



Pinewood Derby Time

Yes, it's Pinewood Derby time again and soon the hallways and byways will be humming with the sound of Pinewood Derby cars racing to the finish. Complete rules are on the district web site.

The Chief Black Dog (GO!) Pinewood derby will be on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Complete information can be found at [District Pinewood Derby](#).

Leader Recognition

We all know of leaders who are doing an outstanding job in their position. Now is the time to consider them for recognition at the Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Recognition Dinner to be held this spring. For a list of recognitions and nomination forms, got to [leader recognition](#).

Happy New Year!

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