

BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America



District News

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Office Hours:
Monday through
Friday:
9:00 to 5:30
Closed M/T from
1:30-2:30 for lunch.

Unit Mailboxes:
Each unit has a
mailbox at the office.
This is where details
of upcoming events
can be obtained.
Please make sure that
someone from your
unit is responsible
for picking up, and
distributing to the
unit, the information
provided.

Trading Post:
As you recruit this
fall please remember
that the store has all
of the items that your
new scouts need. Let
your scout families
know where we are
located and what our
hours of operation
are. We appreciate
your support!

October 2008

7th – Roundtable Meeting
18th – Popcorn Sale Ends
21st – District Commissioner Meeting
28th – District Committee Meeting

November 2008

4th – Roundtable Meeting
6th & 7th – Popcorn Pick-up
18th – District Commissioner Meeting
18th – District Committee Meeting
21st – Popcorn Payment Due
28th – Holiday Parade

Have you visited the District web site? There is a wealth of information to be found there. Go to www.montanabsa.org and click the link to the Black Otter District or go directly to www.blackotterdistrict.org

Popcorn sales are in full swing. The pick-up dates are November 6th and 7th. Schedule your unit pick-up time with our Popcorn Kernel, Kelly Schmidt at 655-0673.

Unit rechartering is here! The information on unit rechartering is available and a unit representative should pick up your packet. The paperwork should be completed and returned to the scout office no later than November 15th. Contact the scout office at 259-4513 with questions or to pick up your packet.

It's Holiday Parade Time – The Holiday Parade will be here before you know it! The theme this year is *Downtown! Christmas Starts Here*. Entry forms and information are available on the district web site or check your unit mailbox. The entries are due by November 18th. Plan now for your unit to participate in this fun event.

District Committee, David Lauwers, Chairman

The District Committee meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday each month, at the First English Lutheran Church at 7:00pm. The committee is looking for interested persons to come out and have a say in how the district is run. Everyone is welcome, and, bring your ideas! Contact Dave at 245-8279 for more information.

District Commissioner, Craig Haynes

Craig is looking for a few good men, and women, to serve as Unit Commissioners. A unit commissioner assists the unit leadership in any way they are needed. This position offers you the opportunity to meet the great people in the District who make our program so successful at the unit level. You will provide whatever support is necessary to the unit to help them achieve a successful year in Scouting. The Commissioners meeting will be held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at Central Christian Church at 7:00 pm. Contact Craig at 252-7368 for more information.

District Executive, Don Bean

The Scouting movement in the Black Otter District is as strong as ever, and I wanted to thank you for your service to the youth in our communities. Our Scouting volunteers have brought an energy and excitement that is key to the success of a quality Scouting program. We are moving forward in all key areas of Scouting, and with your continued dedicated service, Scouting will make our community, country and world a better place for our children to live. Keep up the good work.

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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

Roundtable Commissioner: **Kellie Gardner (245-2665)**

Assistant Commissioner: **Mike Walz (259-9762)**

October: Charter Renewal training. This will be a joint session for both Cub and Boy Scout Leaders.

Fall Leader Training was held on Saturday, October 4th. Kathi Schweigert would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the training staff; Shon Ostler, Kevin Brooks, Dee Sturn, Susie Maris, Mike Walz, Debbie DeWitt, and Margo Redfield for helping to make this event a rousing success. Thanks also go out to the 28 leaders who completed the Basic Leader Training course. We appreciate the time and effort put forth by you to present a quality program to our youth.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

Roundtable Commissioner: **Craig Haynes (252-7368)**

Assistant Commissioner: **Dodie Rife (256-1826)**

October: Charter Renewal Training. This will be a joint session for both Cub and Boy Scout Leaders.

November: Unit fundraising and Tour Permits

December: Advancements, Records and Boards of Review

January: Klondike and Winter Camping

Craig Haynes has assumed the role of District Commissioner and is looking for a replacement to lead the Boy Scout Roundtable sessions. Contact him at 252-7368 if you are interested.

Den Chief Training: Do you have scouts who would like to become Den Chiefs? Training is available on-line at www.scouting.org. There is a link to the training site which contains a course for Den Chiefs. Fast Start Training, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat are also available on-line.

Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Training: This training was held on October 3rd and 4th. Thanks go out to the staffers and congratulations to John (Jake) Slaugh and Kelly Schmidt for completing the Boy Scout Leader Basic Training. The **Boy Scout Leader Indoor Training** will be held on October 25th. Contact the scout office at **259-4513**, see the web site or call **Armand Lohof** at **245-4560** for details.