

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!

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

December 2008

2nd – Roundtable Meeting
13th – Construction City
16th – District Commissioner Meeting
25th-26th – Scout Shop Closed
31st – Scout Shop Closed for Inventory

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 were great! Thanks to all of the scouts who were out their selling. The pick-up dates are November 6th and 7th. If you have not yet scheduled your unit pick-up time with our Popcorn Kernel, Kelly Schmidt please call her at 655-0673 to arrange your time.

Unit rechartering is here! The information on unit rechartering is available and a unit representative should have already picked 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, to pick up your packet, or arrange a time to turn in your paperwork.

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, check your unit mailbox or contact the Downtown Billings Association at 294-5060. 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 in November on the 3rd Tuesday of the 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 is normally held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at Central Christian Church. **The November meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and will be held at the First English Lutheran Church.** Contact Craig at 252-7368 for more information.

District Executive, Kyle Lantz

Kyle has temporarily taken over professional responsibility for the Black Otter District. He will continue to serve as District Executive for the Badlands and Shortgrass Districts while the Council continues to search for a District Director for Black Otter. Kyle can be reached at the Scout Office in Billings, by cell phone 855-5817, or by e-mail klantz@bsaemail.org.

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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

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

Construction City will be here soon! Have your Webelos been registered for this fun event? If you have not received your registration information, contact **Michael Butz** at **655-4364**. Boy Scouts are needed to assist at this event as well – Scoutmasters, please have your scouts sign up to work this event.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

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.

Community Service Opportunity: The Golden Corral Restaurant is looking for a Troop to assist them in various ways during their annual *Military Appreciation Night* on Monday November 17th from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. A minimum of 6 scouts are needed and they would prefer older scouts. If your Troop is interested in assisting, please contact Pat Andrews or Todd at 655-4453 (and please let the Scout Office know 259-4513). They need a commitment as quickly as possible. If your Troop has assisted in the past, the Golden Corral would like you to return.

OA dues for 2009 are due by December 31st. The time has come to have your unit OA members pay their dues for 2009. The 2009 dues are \$10.00. You may pay at the Scout Office individually or as a Troop. If paying as a Troop, please make sure you provide a listing of the OA members you are paying for. Scoutmasters: please encourage the OA members of your unit is get involved in the activities of the chapter. They meet on roundtable night at 7:00 pm. Scouts and adults are encouraged to attend the meetings.