

BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America



District News

November 3, 2009



MT Council, BSA
820 17th Ave South
Great Falls, MT
59405-5939

Tel: 406-761-6000

www.montanabsa.org

Black Otter District

2528 Grand Ave.

Billings, MT 59102

Tel: 259-4513

Fax: 259-9415

Website:

www.blackotterdistrict.org

District Chairman:

Dale Williams

District Commissioner:

Craig Haynes

District Executive:

Kyle Lantz

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:

We have new 2010

Year of Celebration

emblems and the

new Montana

Council Shoulder

patch celebration 100 years of Scouting.

Come and see what's new!

E-mail for Judy:

mjudy2000@yahoo.com

November 2009

3rd – Roundtable

5th – 6th Popcorn Pick Up

16th – Charter Renewal Deadline

17th – District Committee Meeting

22nd – Popcorn Payment Due

27th – Holiday Parade

December 2009

1st - Roundtable

12th – Construction City

15th – District Commissioner Meeting

The Popcorn coming! Pick up is scheduled for November 5th and 6th. Reserve your pick-up time now. For more information or if you have questions contact **Kelly Schmidt** at **839-0181 (cell) or 655-0673 (home)** or by email at kschmidt0673@hotmail.com or kkschmidt@bresnan.net

Charter Renewal has begun: If you have not picked up your packet, you're late!. Charter renewal packets must be completed and returned to the scout office by November 16th. For information or assistance, contact Kyle Lantz at 259-4513

Fall Recruitment is under way! Now is the time to be out and about in the schools and community recruiting for your units. If you need assistance with your recruitment efforts, contact Kyle at the Scout office, 259-4513.

It's time to plan for the Holiday Parade: The downtown Billings Association annual Holiday Parade will be held on Friday, November 27th at 7 PM. Arrangements have been made to line up all of the Scout units together and in honor of our 100th anniversary celebration we will have a banner announcing this to the community. Get your entries in by November 13th (the cost is \$50) or no later than November 20th (with a late fee of \$15). For more information contact the Downtown Billings Association at 294-5060. The theme of the parade is *Holiday Cheer Starts Here!*

District Committee, Dale Williams, Chairman

The District Committee meets on the 4th 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 Dale at 860-9034 for more information. The November meeting will be held on the 17th. This is one week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving.

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. The Commissioners meeting is held normally monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at Central Christian Church at 7:00 pm. Contact Craig at 252-7368 for more information.

District Executive, Kyle Lantz

Hello everyone, wow, it is November already. Where has the time gone? Good job and thanks to everyone who was out there selling popcorn. We had many obstacles throughout the three weeks, but overall Black Otter did a great job. Popcorn will be delivered to the C&D Warehouse, at 1818 Minnesota Avenue. Please remember to contact Kelly Schmidt to schedule a time for your unit to pick-up the popcorn from your sale. Also, I still have five units that have not been in to pick-up re-charter paperwork. If you need to arrange a time for me to bring it to you I can do so. Contact me at the Scout office at 259-4513. Have a wonderful November and be sure to check out the upcoming events on the calendar.

BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America



Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

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

Roundtable Topics:

November: Cub Scout Salute

December: Works of Art

January: Power Up!

February: Happy Birthday, BSA

Cub Scout Leader Training: The fall leadership training session was held on October 10th and a record number of leaders turned out – 36! Thanks to all who attended and thanks to the Training Team; Susie Maris, Debbie DeWitt, Kevin Brooks, Shelli Butz, Mike Walz and Margo Redfield for all of your time.

Attention Cubmasters: Please make sure that your unit designated representative completes the paperwork and returns it to the Scout office by November 16th along with the renewal fees and signatures.

Construction City: This fun annual event for Webelos Scouts is scheduled for December 12th and the Chairperson, Bev Zaugg, is looking for assistance. Contact her at 655-0887 for information or to volunteer.

Cub Scout and Webelos Leaders - Unit Numerals Policy (*Issued by the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America*) It has come to our attention that there has been some confusion regarding the correct style of unit numerals for Cub Scouts and Webelos uniforms. the current policy is **BLUE LOOPS and RED NUMERALS for all Cub Scout and Webelos members (youth and adult)**. When the Centennial uniform was first introduced, the color of the unit numerals worn was based on shirt color. Shortly after the introduction and after the Insignia Guide was printed, the Uniform and Insignia committee changed the unit numerals to be a function of program rather than shirt color. Since the Insignia Guide cannot be corrected until it is reprinted, we're ensuring that all uniform photos and POP materials depict the correct usage



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

2010 National Jamboree: Scoutmasters, please let your scouts know that there are still a few spots left for them to sign up. For information contact **Craig Haynes at 252-7368** or go on-line to www.scouting.org for an application.

Attention Scoutmasters: Please make sure that your unit designated representative completes the paperwork and returns it to the Scout office by November 16th along with the renewal fees and signatures.

Construction City: Scoutmasters, please recruit your scouts to assist at this annual event. Contact Bev Zaugg at 655-0887 for information or to volunteer.