

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

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:
It's time for Packs to get ready for Blue and Gold in February. Order paper products and emblems now! Pinewood Derby time is here. We have trophies, ribbons, and a broad selection of supplies while they last.

January 2008

8th – Roundtable
19th – Cub Polar Day
22nd – District Committee Mtg
25th – 27th – Klondike Derby

February 2008

2nd – Scout show/Day Camp Kick-off
3rd – Scout Sunday
4th – 10th Scouting Anniversary Week
5th – Roundtable
8th – Report to the Governor
9th – Radio MB Day
16th – BS Merit Badge Day 8:30-2:30
23rd – Scouting for Food
26th – District Committee Mtg
29th – March 2nd – Rimrock Mall PWD
29th – District Webelos Crossover Ceremony

Construction City: Thanks to Chairman John Opitz and the scores of volunteers for making this event a rousing success.

Scout Show 2008: The Scout Show Committee needs you! Chairman Jim Althoff is in need of volunteers to serve on the committee and help on the day of the event. The committee meets on Roundtable Tuesday at the church at 6:30 pm (one hour before Roundtable). Since you're coming to Roundtable anyway, come an hour early to pitch in to make the Scout Show the success it's always been. Contact Jim at 652-1347 for more details.

Scout Sunday, February 3, 2008: This annual event marks the beginning of Scouting Anniversary Week. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church and to assist in the services where possible. If your Charter Organization is a church, encourage your scouts to attend services there and thank them for their support.

District Committee: David Lauwers, Chairman

The District Committee meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday 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, Kellie Gardner

Kellie 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 held monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm (just before the District Committee meeting). Contact Kellie at 245-2665 for more information.

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College of Commissioner Science – February 9th, 8:30am to 5pm, Miles City LDS Church, 825 S. Moorehead Ave., Miles City. \$30 per participant. Register by January 25th. Contact: Steve Bernbaum, 406-373-6393, e-mail: bernbaum@alum.mit.edu. Registration forms available at www.montanabsa.org.

Montana Council Wood Badge 2008 – Choice of 2 courses, either April 24-26 and May 15-17 in Western Montana or Sept. 11-13 and Sept. 25-27 at K-M. Registration forms available at the scout office or at www.montanabsa.org. Contact Steve Garner at 406-245-2665 or sgbigsky@gmail.com for additional information.



Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

Roundtable Commissioner: **Jim Larson**

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

Cub Scout Polar Day: This event is scheduled for January 19, 2008 at Riverfront Park. The cost is \$5.00 per scout. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and please remember to register your entire Pack at the same time. The activities will begin at 9:00 am and lunch will be served at 11:00 am. The event ends at Noon. Please make sure everyone dresses for the weather.

District Webelos Crossover – February 29th, First Congregational Church of Christ, 310 N. 27th St., Billings, 7pm (in the basement). All Scouts and their families are invited to attend. Registration forms for Senior Webelos are available at www.blackotterdistrict.org or at the scout office. Contact John Slaugh, OA Advisor, 256-3671, for additional info.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

Roundtable Monthly Topics:

January	Klondike
February	Eagle Projects
March	** open for suggestions **
April	Spring Camporee

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OA Membership Renewal: Your re-charter packets contained the information to renew the OA membership for your unit. This renewal information was to have been completed and in to the Scout office by December 31st. If you have not done this yet, do it soon.

Klondike Derby: The derby will be held on Saturday, January 26th. Participating Troops can camp out on Friday night and there will be a pancake breakfast served Saturday morning before the derby. Details will be presented at the Boy Scout Roundtable break out session.

Report to the Governor – February 8th – Registration is at 9am. Meet with the Governor at 11am. Lunch at Jorgensen's Restaurant, 1720 11th, Helena at 12:30pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact: Rick Grant, 406-520-4281.

Radio Merit Badge – Saturday, February 9th, 8:30 am to 4 pm, Rimrock Christian High School, 4519 Grand Ave., Billings. Sponsored by the Yellowstone Radio Club. Pizza and soda for lunch - \$2 per scout/\$3 per adult. For reservations contact Ron Glass at 259-9211 or Steve Hokanson at 896-0043 by Feb. 1st.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Day – Saturday, February 16th, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2929 Belvedere Dr., Billings (near Will James Middle School), 8:30am-3:30pm. Open to all Boy Scouts with two-Deep leadership for every troop attending. Materials and lunch provided. Merit Badges offered: Art, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Citizenship of the World (prerequisites), Veterinary Medicine. Contact: Todd McLane at 656-3780 (home) or 671-9129 (cell). Registration forms available from Todd or at the Scout Office.