

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:

We have all the new Pinewood Derby accessories in stock: new wheels, designs and decals, wraps, patches. Many items are new, better and different for 2009. Order **now** for Blue and Gold in February as well.

January 2009

6th – Roundtable Meeting
20th – District Commissioner Meeting
17th – Cub Polar Day
27th – District Committee Meeting
31st – Boy Scout Klondike Derby

February 2009

3rd – Roundtable Meeting
5th – 8th – District Pinewood Derby at Mall
7th – Scout Show/Day Camp Kick-off
8th – Scout Sunday
10th – Eagle Appreciation Dinner
17th – District Commissioner Meeting
24th – District Committee Meeting
28th – College of Commissioner Science (Billings)
28th – Scouting for Food Kick-off

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

Unit rechartering - If your recharter is not in, you are late! Contact the Scout Office at 259-4513 as soon as possible to get it turned in.

Wood Badge 2009: Plan now to attend one of the courses – Spring at Melita Island (May 28 – 30 and June 18 – 20) or Fall at K-M Scout Ranch (September 10-12 and 24-26). For additional details go to www.montanabsa.org and click on the training link or contact Kathi Schweigert at 245-9094.

Construction City: A big thanks goes out to Michael Butz and his crew for another successful event. The Shrine Auditorium was awash in cardboard on December 13th as the Webelos of the District constructed their city. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make this event both fun and successful.

Eagle Appreciation Dinner: This annual dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the MSU-B Student Union. Tickets will be \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth and are available at the Scout office. Invitations are being sent to new Eagles. Please plan on attending.

Scouting for Food: The dates for this event have changed and Ron Rager, Chairman of this event, will be at the February Roundtable with details.

District Committee, David Lauwers, 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 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 held 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

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@bsamail.org.

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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

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

Cub Polar Day is coming – January 17th at Riverfront Park. The cost is \$5.00 per scout and units should register as a whole. Registration is at 8:30 am and the activities begin at 9:00 am. For additional information contact Shawn Bowman at 651-1365.

Blue and Gold time is right around the corner! Plan now for your annual gathering to celebrate the anniversary of Scouting. Emblems, paper ware, balloons can be ordered through the Scout Shop.

Don't forget the Pinewood Derby – Cub Scouts look forward to participating in this annual event. Visit the Scout Shop for all of your Pinewood Derby supplies.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

January: Klondike and Winter Camping

February: Succession

March: Resource Information

April: Spring Camporee

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.

OA dues for 2009 were 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 to 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.

The Boy Scout Klondike Derby is coming up at the end month. Plan for your unit to attend and watch for information coming to your unit mailboxes and the web site soon.

Wishing all a Happy and Safe New Year!