BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
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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:
The Trading Post has lots of items for your scouts that can make great stocking stuffers for Christmas.
Get your Pinewood Derby supplies - they make great Christmas presents from the Pack to the Scouts. Stock up now!

District News

December 4, 2007

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4th – Roundtable
15th – Construction City
24th – 26th – Office Closed (Holiday)
28th – Office Closed (Inventory)
31st - Office Closed (Holiday)

January 2008

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

Recharter for 2008:
Your re-charter for 2008 should be complete. Thanks to all of the units who re-chartered on time. If your re-charter has not been completed, contact Don Bean at the scout office (259-4513) as soon as possible to get it done.

Construction City for Webelos: This event is fast approaching! It is being held on Saturday, December 15th. Chairman John Opitz is looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday, December 14th and to assist with various duties on the day of the event. Call John at 652-1306 to volunteer. Remind your Webelos that if they bring a potential (new) Webelos, their guest may participate free of charge.

Scout Show 2008: the Scout Show committee has announced "Explore Montana" as the theme for the 2008 Scout show. The winner of the patch contest will be announced tonight.

January Roundtable: The Roundtable meeting will not be held the normally scheduled first Tuesday in January as it falls on the holiday. We'll see you on January 8th.

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Pack News

Cub Scout Roundtable:
Roundtable Commissioner: **Jim Larson**
Assistant Commissioner: **Mike Walz (259-9762)**

Construction City: The theme this year "Building our Nation" will focus on the capitols of our great country. The registrations process is well under way and registration is due into the scout office soon. You will need to turn in a registration roster and permissions slips along with the registration fee for each scout. Contact John Opitz at 861-8198 during office hours or 652-1306 after hours/

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.

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Troop and Crew News

Boy Scout Roundtable:
Roundtable Commissioner: **Craig Haynes (252-7368)**
Assistant Commissioner: **Dodie Rife (256-1826)**

Roundtable Monthly Topics:

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

Boy Scout Volunteers are needed for Construction City: If your scouts are interested in volunteering, and adult volunteers are welcome as well, please contact John Opitz at 861-8198 (day) or 652-1306 (evenings) to sign up. Construction City will be held at the Shrine Auditorium on Saturday, December 15th.

OA Membership Renewal: Your re-charter packets contained the information to renew the OA membership for your unit. This renewal information needs to be completed and in to the Scout office by December 31st.

Klondike Derby: Save the dates on your calendar – January 25th – 27th for this fun annual event. Information will be distributed shortly. Watch your unit mailbox for complete details.

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Other News

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. Because of the holiday schedule, there will be no meeting in December.

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. Because of the holiday schedule, there will be no meeting in December.

District Executive, Don Bean
2007 has been a good your for the Black Otter District because of the service rendered by our dedicated volunteers. Thank you for the time you spend to help the youth grow into the young adults our country needs. Looking forward to even a better year in 2008.

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