

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 will be closed for
the Holiday on
December 25th and
26th and will be
closed for inventory
on December 31st.
Remember to come
in and get your scout
items. They make
great stocking
stuffers.

December 2008

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

January 2009

6th – Roundtable Meeting
15th – District Commissioner Meeting
17th – Cub Polar Day
27th – District Committee Meeting
31st – Boy Scout Klondike Derby

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 is here! 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.

Popcorn Report – Our Popcorn Kernel, Kelly Schmidt, would like to thank Dodie Rife, Don Bean, Dave Lauwers, Kevin Brooks, Kellie Gardner, Darryl Wilson, JR Fox, Levi Fox, Mike Downs, Michael Butz, Jeanne Barsnati, Jubal Rife, Justin Rife and Jim Roberts for the excellent teamwork in getting the popcorn sorted and out to the units on the pick-up days. A big thanks also goes out to the unit popcorn kernels and the scouts for making this year such a great success. Our total this year was \$353,405.00

Holiday Parade – The Holiday Parade was our chance to get scouting out there in front of the community. Thanks to Kathi Schweigert for getting the information out to the units and Michael Butz for his work with the Downtown Billings Association in getting all of the Scout units together in the parade. Thanks to all who participated and the scouts and adults who carried the banner. Let's plan for a larger turn out next year and hope the weather cooperates as well as it did this year.

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. **There will be no meeting in December.** 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. 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.

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.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

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.

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 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 next month. Plan for your unit to attend and watch for information coming to your unit mailboxes and the web site soon.

Here's wishing a happy and safe Holiday Season to all our Scouts and Scouters. See you next year!