

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:

Pinewood Derby cars and supplies are going fast! Come in soon for the best selection. We have trophies, patches, medals and a variety of ribbons. We also have a complete selection of Blue & Gold party ware and patches, while supplies last.

February 2008

4th – 10th Scouting Anniversary Week
5th – Roundtable
8th – Eagle Report to the Governor
9th – College of Commissioner Science
16th – Merit Badge Day
23rd – Scouting for Food
26th – District Committee Mtg
29th – District Webelos Crossover
29th-March 2nd – Rimrock Mall PWD

March 2008

1st – Cub Scout Leader Training
4th – Roundtable
15th – Scout Show
25th – District Committee Mtg
29th – BS Leader Indoor Training

Thanks from all of us: A big thank you goes out to Mark Caron and Troop 414 for putting on an excellent **Klondike** and to Shawn Bowman and the many volunteers who helped to make the **Cub Polar Day** a success.

Friends of Scouting: Thanks to all of the units who have signed up for a presentation. To schedule a presentation for your unit, contact Tom Spence at 373-6380 or the scout office.

Scout Show 2008: Tickets/Booth Sign Ups/Unit Sponsor Forms are available at the Scout Office. Chairman Jim Althoff is in need of volunteers to help on the day of the event and to set up the night before. We need ticket takers, prize sorters and a clean up crew. Contact Jim at 652-1347 for more details.

Scouting for Food: February is the “Scouting for Food” drive month in the Black Otter District. Please plan to have your units participate in this great service project. Ron Rager is chairing this event and he can be contacted at 656-4946 (work) or 698-5111 (cell) if you have questions. The food drop off is scheduled for February 23rd.

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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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

Webelos Crossover – The District Webelos Crossover, hosted by the OA, will be held on February 29th at First Congregational church. Registration information is available at www.blackotterdistrict.org

Pinewood Derby at the Mall: This will be held March 1st & 2nd. Slots are going fast! Reserve your spot with a deposit ASAP. Contact Michael Butz, Cubmaster of Pack 44 to register your unit or for additional information: drbutz@aspenpractice.net.

Day Camp Packets: Contact Kee Ostler at 672-1015 for your packet if you didn't make it to the Kick-Off Event.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

Roundtable Monthly Topics:

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

BS Adult Leader Indoor Training: March 29th at First English Lutheran starting at 8am and finishing about 5pm. Topics: the role of the scoutmaster, troop organization, the troop committee, troop meetings, advancement, planning for the year, membership, paperwork, and finances. Lunch and materials are included in the \$7 fee. Register by March 27th with Armand Lohof (245-4560) or at the Scout Office.

BS Adult Leader Outdoor Training: April 18th and 19th. Subjects include: campsite selection, rope work, wood tools, fire site preparation and building, stoves, cooking, first aid, plant and animal identification, packing and hiking techniques, map and compass, and leave no trace. Register by April 16th with Armand Lohof (245-4560) or at the Scout Office.

Merit Badge Day: A Merit Badge Day is being offered on February 16th at the LDS Stake Center 2929 Belvedere Dr. Art, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Citizenship in the World and Veterinary Medicine will be offered. Contact the Scout Office for additional information.

Summer Camping Opportunities: Summer Camping Opportunity - Pompeys Pillar during Clark Days 2008 - Free entry after 5pm Saturday (7/26) and all day Sunday (7/27). Scouting units need to meet BSA adult/youth requirements and have tour permits. We have been invited by the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association to participate; it is not a BSA event. Activities include a nature walk, "campfire" speakers on Sat. evening, historical displays and speakers all day Sunday. For additional information, contact Susan Lubbers at rslubbers@mcn.net.