

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 many things to get ready for the camping season. Come in and see the wide variety of scouting items available.

The Scout Shop will be closed April 10th.

March 2009

10th – Roundtable

14th – District Leader Training Day

Boy Scout Indoor & Cub Scout Leader

14th – Scouting for Food Pick-Up

17th – District Commissioner Meeting

24th – District Committee Meeting

28th – Scout Show

April 2009

7th – Roundtable

18th – Council Pine Wood Derby

21st - District Commissioner Meeting

24th – 25th BS Outdoor Training

24th – 26th OA Conclave

25th - BALOO

28th - District Committee Meeting

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.

Scout Show: If your unit has not picked up their Scout Show Information, please contact the Scout Office. Register now to reserve your booth space. Selling scout show tickets and booth sponsorships is a great way for your unit to earn money to support your activities.

Scouting for Food: March 14th is the designated drop off date. Bring your Donations to the Church of the Open Bible at 19th and Howard Avenue to be weighed. All donations will be distributed to needy organizations in the community. Bags are still available at the Scout Office.

District Award of Merit: Do you know a Scouter who goes above and beyond for the Black Otter District? Nominate them for the District Award of Merit. Nomination forms are available at the Scout office and must be returned by April 27th. The award will be presented at the district dinner in May. Let's recognize our outstanding volunteers.

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.

We would like to welcome Scott Jenkins, Black Otter's new District Executive

Scott will begin with the Montana Council March 17th. He will be settled in the Black Otter Scout Office beginning the week of March 23rd. If you have any questions about Scouting please contact the Scout office at 259-4513.

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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

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

Cub Scout Leader Training is scheduled for March 14th: Join us for this informational session at EBMS, Inc., 2075 Overland Ave (just off of 20th St West and King Ave). Registration begins at 8:00 am and training begins at 8:30 am. The cost is \$5.00 per participant. Call the Scout office to sign up. This training is for anyone who has not yet attended Basic Leader Training or the leader who is moving into a new position within the Pack. A new session for Pack Trainers has been added to the curriculum. Every Scout deserves a well trained leader.

Day Camp is just around the corner! If your Pack has not picked up their registration information, please contact the Scout Office.

Webelos Crossover: If your Pack would like the OA to participate in your crossover ceremony, call the Scout office to sign up.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

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.

Boy Scout Indoor Leader Training is scheduled for March 14th: First English Lutheran Church, \$10.00 per participant. Please sign up at the Scout office by March 12th. Every Scout deserves a well trained leader.

Attention Troop Leaders: Day Camp is in need of scouts to work day camp. Pick up registration forms at the Scout office and have your scouts earn community service hours.

OA News: 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.

Call the Scout office to sign up for OA elections.

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