

BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
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District News

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Black Otter District

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David Lauwers

District Commissioner:

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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:

Reserve neckerchiefs and handbooks now for your year end activities! We have switchback uniform pants, socks, etc. for Takachsins. Come in early for the best selection. We also have metal mirrors in stock.

April 2008

1st – Roundtable
3rd – Boy Scout Recruitment Training
15th – Day Camp Registration Forms Due
17th – District Award of Merit Nominations Due
18th – 19th BS Leader Outdoor Training
19th – BALOO
22nd – District Committee Meeting

May 2008

2nd – 4th Spring Camporee
6th – Roundtable – Auction w/RT Bucks
10th – Tiger Roundup
17th – District Appreciation Dinner
19th – Online Auction Begins
22nd – OA Call Out/Arrow of Light Ceremony
26th – **Memorial Day – Office Closed**
27th – District Committee Meeting

District Award of Merit: Do you know a Scouter who goes “above and beyond” for Scouting? The time to recognize them is upon us. The District is accepting nominations for the District Award of Merit up until April 17, 2008. The nomination forms, as well as instructions, are available under FORMS on the district web site.

OA Callout/Arrow of Light Ceremony: This event will be held at 7pm on May 22nd at 448 Bender Rd. (4 mi. south of I-90 off S. Billings Blvd./Blue Creek Rd.) Arrow order forms are available on the web site. Contact **John Slauch at 256-3671 (H) or 671-1421 (C)** or the Scout Office for more information.

Wood Badge 2008: Coming this year in two course selections, both spring and fall weekend courses. This is an excellent opportunity to receive leadership training that will not only benefit your scouting career but your personal life as well. Invitations may be downloaded from the council web site. Choose your course and sign up today!

District Appreciation Dinner: The annual District Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for May 17th at 5:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church located at 13th and Poly Dr. There is no cost for registered scouters. Come and join us in showing our appreciation for the hard you do all year long. Please reserve your spot by calling the scout office.

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 blackotterdistrict.org.

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 6:30 pm (just before the District Committee meeting). Contact Kellie at 245-2665 for more information.

District Executive, Don Bean

The Friends of Scouting Family Campaign is in full swing and the following units have achieved their Gold Status: Troop 394 and all Billings Stake units. The following units have achieved their Platinum Status: Pack 12, Troop 2, Troop 10 and Troop 23. Thanks to all the units who have had their FOS presentations. Call the scout office to schedule a presentation if you haven't already.

Thanks to the Scout Show Committee and Chairman Jim Althoff for another successful Scout Show. The booths offered a wide variety of activities showing off scouting to the community and it was great fun.

