

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:

Please remind your
Takachsin/NYLT
participants to plan
ahead to get their
uniforms. Come in
and see the wide
variety of scouting
items available. We
are here to help you
choose what you
need.

April 2009

7th – Roundtable

18th – Council Pine Wood Derby

18th - Central Christian Clean Up Day

21st - District Commissioner Meeting

24th – 25th BS Outdoor Training

25th – BALOO

28th - District Committee Meeting

May 2009

1st-3rd OA Section Conclave

1st-2nd Council Annual Meeting

5th – Roundtable Auction

8th –10th Spring Camporee

16th – Tiger Roundup

16th – Day Camp Indoor Training

18th-31st On-Line Auction

19th – District Commissioner Meeting

26th – District Appreciation Dinner/Committee Mtg

Central Christian Clean Up Day April 18th 8:30am- Since the weather was nasty on April 4th we have rescheduled the clean up at the church for April 18th at 8:30am. Please bring work gloves, rakes and other clean up equipment with you. This is our way of thanking the church for allowing us to use their building.

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: A big THANKS to Shelli Butz and all of the staff for making the show a great success. If your unit has Exhibit Sponsor Signs from the Scout Show, please return them to 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.

Training Update: Thanks to all who attended training on March 14th. Six Boy Scout and 19 Cub Scout leaders were trained. The second half of our spring training is coming up in April with Boy Scout Leader Outdoor training on the 24th and 25th and BALOO training for Cub Scout Leaders on the 25th. Information and sign up is available at the scout office.

Welcome to our new District Executive: After many months of searching, we finally have a new DE. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Scott Jenkins please stop by the scout office to welcome him to the Black Otter District.

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. 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.

District Executive, Scott Jenkins

With spring comes the excitement of beautiful weather. Being in Montana during Spring means the chance to get to take in all the state's beauty. I am very excited to be back in Montana especially with spring finally here. Spring is the best time for the units of Black Otter to reach out to those boys that we don't have in the program and invite them camping, on a day hike, to a bike rodeo or to a pack or troop meeting. The District will be working very hard this spring to make sure we can reach out and grab as many of those non scouting boys and get them addicted to scouting just like we are. I look forward to working with everyone this spring.

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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

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

Is BALOO for you? Let us help you plan a fun and safe outdoor program for your Pack. This training will be held on April 25th at the King of Glory Lutheran Church. Information and sign up at the scout office.

Tiger Roundup: This annual recruiting event is taking place on May 16th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Packs are needed to help run this event and recruit. Contact Tom Watson at 208-8124 to sign up.

Day Camp is just around the corner! Registration will be at the Scout Office between 5 & 8pm on April 9th, 10th and 15th. Indoor training is scheduled for May 16th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Best Western Kelly Inn.

Arrow of Light: Cubmasters – Please check that your Senior Webelos, that earned the Arrow of Light, have their arrow forms completed and turned in to the scout office. We do not want any disappointed scouts at the Spring Camporee.

Spring Recruitment- All packs are encouraged and should hold a spring recruitment. Spring is the best time of year to get new cub scouts involved. They can join and attend your pack meetings then have the chance to attend day camp and all the activities your pack does over the summer. Kyle Lantz or Scott Jenkins will be contacting you in order to arrange a date for spring recruitment for your pack.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

April: Spring Camporee will be May 8th –10th. Troops are encouraged to pre-register so that the organizers can get a head count. For more information on spring camporee contact Rick Bence rickb@csa-inc.net

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 Outdoor Leader Training is scheduled for April 24th and 25th. Information and directions to the outdoor campsite is available at the scout office.

Arrow of Light: Scoutmasters – Please check that your transitioned Webelos, that earned the Arrow of Light, have their arrow forms completed and turned in to the scout office. We do not want any disappointed scouts at the Spring Camporee.

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