

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:
Judy will be on
vacation from 6/13
thru 6/23. Helen will
be in Wed- Fri
afternoons. Other
times will vary
depending on
volunteer
availability. Plan
ahead!!! Thanks for a
great year at the
store. We appreciate
your support.

May 2008

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

June 2008

No Roundtable Meeting
9th – 14th Cub Scout Day Camp
20th – Sporting Clays Classic
27th – Store Closed for Inventory

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 (blackotterdistrict.org). Contact **John Slaugh** 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 scouts. Come and join us in showing our appreciation for the hard work you do all year long. Please reserve your spot by calling the scout office ASAP.

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

Scouting Legacy Online Auction: The annual Council online auction begins May 19th and runs through June 1st. You can connect to the auction through the council web site. It's not too late to donate an item for the auction (and earn a thank you gift for yourself). Information on donating is available on the web site.

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. Mark your calendar to attend the annual committee retreat on August 23rd and help plan the future of your district.

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 annual Sporting Clays Classic is coming up on June 20th at the Billings Rod and Gun Club. This fun event kicks off with check in at 3:00 pm. New this year is a training session for novice shooters to be held on June 14th. For more information see the link on the district web site or call 259-4513.

It's great to see that nearly every Pack and Troop in the District have signed up to attend either Day Camp or Summer Camp. What a great way to keep our scouts involved during the summer and brings the program to life. Thanks to all for their efforts.

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Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

Tiger Roundup: All Packs are encouraged to join the District wide Tiger Roundup being held on May 10th from 10:00 am to noon at Veterans Park. Get your unit out there to recruit potential Tiger Cubs and their parents. Contact **Susie Maris** at **860-0243** for additional information.

Day Camp News: Get your potential Tigers to Cub Scout Day Camp. There will be a special session for them a Day Camp on Wednesday afternoon, at no cost, but they must sign up before Day Camp. For additional information, contact **Shon Ostler** at **671-5670**. There is also a wealth of information about Day Camp on the district web site under the **Cub Scout** link.

Automotive Safety Patch Program: This is an easy one for the leaders, and fun for the whole family. Bring your Pack or den to Denny Menholt Chevrolet on June 21st at 10:00 am, and they will have a great time for two hours with hands-on auto safety instructions and demonstrations from the experts in our community. All members of the family are invited to participate, but only registered Cub Scouts will receive the patch. Sign-up at the Billings Scout office by June 6th.

Cub Scout Leader Recruitment Training: A meeting is scheduled for July 10th. Come and share recruitment ideas with other leaders in the District. Learn what you can do to help your Pack grow. Watch for details coming soon.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

Boy Scout Outdoor Training: There were 13 attendees at the spring session of the outdoor training. The following individuals completed the requirements and earned their *Trained* strip: Lloyd Swords, Steve Grosso, Ted Anderson, Ron Colwell, Spencer Zaugg, Dawn Hudkins, Cindy Inman, Keith Winn and Kevin Schatz. Congratulations to all and thanks for your commitment to Scouting. The next Boys Scout Leader Training is scheduled for the fall. Plan to join us then for fun, information and a better Boy Scout program for your Troop.

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.

There will be no Roundtable meetings in June and July. Watch your unit mailbox and the web site for information about the August meeting. Have a fun and safe summer.