

**BLACK OTTER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE**  
Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America



# District News

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**David Lauwers**

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**Craig Haynes**

Senior DE:

**Scott Jenkins**

**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.

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**May 2009**

5<sup>th</sup> – Roundtable Auction  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Camporee  
16<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scout/ Tiger Roundup  
16<sup>th</sup> – Day Camp Indoor Training  
18<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> On-Line Auction  
19<sup>th</sup> – District Commissioner Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> – District Appreciation Dinner/Committee Mtg

**June 2009**

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Day Camp/Webelos Camp  
21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Takachsin

**July 2009**

16<sup>th</sup> Cub Scout Recruiting Meeting

**August 2009**

4<sup>th</sup> Roundtable Picnic  
18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> District Committee Retreat

**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](http://www.montanabsa.org) and click on the training link or contact Kathi Schweigert at 245-9094.

**District Appreciation Dinner – May 26<sup>th</sup>:** The annual District Appreciation Dinner will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church (13<sup>th</sup> and Poly Dr) at 6:00pm. Sign up at the Scout Office (259-4513) by May 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost for registered Scouters. Babysitters will be provided. The District Award of Merit will be presented at this gathering. We appreciate all of our volunteers and want to treat you to dinner!

**Volunteers Needed:** Cabela's has offered the District a space to recruit at their store on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> as well as May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> if we have volunteers available. This is a great way to let the community know that Scouting is alive and well in the greater Billings area. Contact **Scott Jenkins** at 259-4513 if your unit, or you as an individual, would like to assist in the recruitment effort for the District.

**On-Line Auction:** The annual On-Line Auction kicks off May 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 31<sup>st</sup>. We have a number of great items again this year. Log on to the Council Web site at [www.montanabsa.org](http://www.montanabsa.org) to link to the auction. You can have a great time shopping while supporting Scouting.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Central Christian Church at 7:00 pm. Contact Craig at 252-7368 for more information.

**District Executive, Scott Jenkins**

I want to first of all thank everyone for their hard work with FOS this year. We are farther along this year than any year in the past. Keep up the good work! Now it's time to focus on membership. In just over two weeks we are having our Cub Scout Roundup. Flyers will be going out to school this week and next. If you are a Cubmaster or Den Leader and want to deliver the flyers to your school please let me know. I am also excited about plans for Fall recruitment. There are a lot of fun things in store. This year Black Otter will hit our membership goal, our unit goal, and our FOS goal so we can proudly say that we will be a Quality District for 2009!

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## Pack News



**Cub Scout Roundtable:**

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

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

**Cub Scout/Tiger Roundup:** This annual recruiting event is taking place on May 16<sup>th</sup> 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!** Indoor training is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Best Western Kelly Inn. Camp set up/Outdoor Training is set for June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with Camp tear down on June 21<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome to assist in these projects.

**BALOO:** Thanks to all who attended BALOO on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We had 25 participants and a good time was had by all.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup>. For more information on Spring Camporee contact Rick Bence [rickb@csa-inc.net](mailto: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:** Thanks to all who attended this session. Congratulations to those who completed this training and received their Trained Patch; Walter McIntosh (T-9), Jay Hudkins (T-9), Vance Thorston (T-5), Brian Jones (T-5), and Sherry Holderith (T-23). Others attending were: Deb Dougherty (T-9), Kevin Pfeifer (T-9), Randy Henning (T-9), Mitch Mantz (T-23), Cameron Tavares (T-2), and David Peters (T-10).

**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.