

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:

As you recruit this fall please remember that the store has all of the items that your new scouts need. Let your scout families know where we are located and what our hours of operation are. We appreciate your support!

September 2008

2nd - Roundtable Meeting
12th - 13th BS Leader Outdoor Training
16th - Popcorn Training
16th - District Commissioners Meeting
23rd - District Committee Meeting
27th - Popcorn Sale Begins
30th - Farewell Party

October 2008

4th - Indoor Unit Leader Training
 Cub Scout and Boy Scout
4th - College of Commissioner Science
7th - Roundtable Meeting
18th - Popcorn Sale Ends
21st - District Commissioner Meeting
28th - District Committee Meeting

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

Wood Badge 2008: The spring course was a rousing success and the fall course is coming up fast! The course is filling fast but there are a few spots left. The fall course is September 11 - 13 and 25 - 27 at K-M Scout Camp. Get your invitation completed and turned in today.

Popcorn time is just around the corner! Training for the unit popcorn chairs will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at the Central Christian Church (16th and Alderson Ave) at 7:00 pm. Our district popcorn chair, Kelly Schmidt will be there loaded with information for all of the units to get them off to a great start. Make sure that someone from your unit is present to get all of your information. Contact Kelly at 655-0673 if you have questions regarding this meeting.

Farewell Party for Don and Louise Bean: Don and Louise will be leaving the Black Otter District as of November 1st. Please join us in wishing them well on their journey as they relocate to Utah. This is an exciting opportunity for them and we will be saying farewell with a gathering on September 30th at the First Congregational Church (315 N 27th) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. To insure we have enough refreshments for all who attend, please RSVP to the Scout office by September 29th.

Unit rechartering is just around the corner! The information on unit rechartering will be available at the October Roundtable. Please designate someone from your unit to pick up your recharter packet. The recharter should be completed and returned to the Scout Office by November 15th.

District Committee: David Lauwers, Chairman

The District Committee meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday, normally at the First English Lutheran Church at 7:00pm. **The committee meeting for September will be held at First Congregational Church 315 N 27th.** 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 will be held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. The time and location will be announced. Contact Craig at 252-7368 for more information. **The College of**

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Commissioner Science will be held October 4th in Missoula. See the Council web site for more details.

District Executive, Don Bean

As we start a new Scouting year, I thought of all the hours spent on the Scouting program and asked myself why so many good people would spend so much time administering this program to our youth. I think that for each person the answer may be a little different: some just think Scouting is fun, some like the time with family, and some serve out of a sense of duty. So whatever the reason you help in Scouting, thank you for sharing the values of Scouting through your service. The values taught by Scouting are exemplified by those who volunteer in its implementation.



Pack News



Cub Scout Roundtable:

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

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

September: Themes and Fall Activities

October: Presentation by the Red Cross on Emergency Preparedness. This will be a joint session for both Cub and Boy Scout Leaders.

Fall Leader Training will be held on Saturday, October 4th. Let us help your new leaders put on a quality program. Pick up a flyer with all the details, visit the District web site or call Kathi Schweigert at 245-9094 for more information.



Troop and Crew News



Boy Scout Roundtable:

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

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

October: Presentation by the Red Cross on Emergency Preparedness. This will be a joint session for both Cub and Boy Scout Leaders.

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: This training is scheduled for September 12th and 13th. For information, contact the Scout Office at 259-4513 or Armand Lohof at 245-4560. Indoor Training is scheduled for October 4th.

Den Chief Training: Do you have scouts who would like to become Den Chiefs? Training is available on-line at www.scouting.org. There is a link to the training site which contains a course for Den Chiefs. Fast Start Training, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat are also available on-line.