

BSA NSC Great Rivers District

April Post Roundtable District Information

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*Dear Great Rivers' Scouters,

*In an effort to keep you better informed of the goings on around the District, we have sent you this informational email. Please take time to browse the information and attachments and pass it on to others in your Unit.

Activities:

*Great Rivers District Dinner has been changed to the May Roundtable/Volunteer Recognition Program at Tartan Park- *In lieu of the District Dinner scheduled for April, Great River's District volunteers will be cooking outdoors at Tartan Park on May 5th. In addition to dining on the fine outdoor food, we will also have a social hour including a silent auction (bring your scout bucks) and a raffle followed by a recognition program. Please see the attached flyer and mark your calendar.

Skate with NHL All Stars! MPS 2nd Annual Fantasy Hockey Game & Gala- This is a great opportunity for kids to skate with NHL Alumni Players while raising money for a great cause.

St. Croix Recreation Center, 1675 Market Drive, Stillwater

April 16th, 2011* *

1:00 to 1:45 PM

Donation of \$5.00 at the door

For more information go to www.mpscup.org

http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/michelle-bjorkman/minnesota-mps...

Questions? contact Michelle Bjorkman at mi...@hughes.net

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Good Turn for America/Scouting for Food- Saturday, April 30th. If you were unable to attend the April Roundtable or if you have any questions on the event please contact Karen Foster at 651-341-8074 or steveste...@hotmail.com or Sue Gurrola at 651-295-5292 or gur...@tcq.net

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Council Gathering of Eagles- All Eagle Scouts, Scouters, friends and family are invited to come out to Base Camp on April 26 for the 2011 Gathering of Eagles. The annual reunion will feature a keynote speech from former WCCO anchor Don Shelby, and will be hosted by distinguished Eagle Scout/Meteorologist, Paul Douglas. Go to <a href="http://www.northernstarbsa.org/News.aspx?articleID=910<a href="http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Ne

/News.aspx?articleID=910%20>for more information.

Eagle Expo- On April 26th from 7 - 8:30pm, join members of the Advancement Committee for an evening of sharing information regarding Eagle rank, project planning, boards of review, and courts of honor. If you are an aspiring Eagle, parents of an aspiring Eagle, or a Troop Leader looking for more information, please plan to attend this informative session. Go to our District Webpage at http://greatrivers.nsbsa.org/ for more information.

*EAA Free Airplane Rides**- * Our Aviation group EAA Chapter 25 from Lakeville, MN offers free airplane rides for kids ages 8 to 17. This program is called the Young Eagles program. EAA Chapter 25 gives rides on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Airlake Airport in Lakeville, MN. Our Chapter gave 472 kids rides in 2010.

Please call Bill Brown for registration or more information at 952-432-4231 or contact him by email at shelt...@charter.net

The EAA Chapter 25 web site is www.eaa25.org. The Young Eagles web site is www.youngeagles.org.

*Ripley Rendezvous**-* Although Northern Star Council is not participating in Ripley Rendezvous this year, Units may still take advantage of the event. Take a look at the attached flyer and make sure your youth get a chance to experience all the fun on June 3rd-5th.**

Camping:

*CUB SCOUTS- *Reservations are still being taken for Cub Scout Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp and Webelos Day Camp. Cub Summer Camp is just 2months away and some sessions have already been filled. Get your reservations in now. Get all the info. about each program at

http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Camping/CubScout/Summer/, then register at www.goscouting.org.

Resident Camp is a great opportunity for Packs to have a summer activity and strengthen a Cub's experience in Scouting!

*BOY SCOUTS- *For those Troops who already have sites reserved this summer at Tomahawk and Many Point you have until May 1st to reserve the same site for the same week in 2012. A \$100.00 non-refundable reservation fee is required.

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Boy Scout deposits (\$25.00 per scout) for Many Point and Tomahawk for this summer are due April 15th. Scout leaders should have received a deposit invoice in their leader's manual packet.

And if your Troop camps at Tomahawk and has thought about trying Many Point (or visa versa), but doesn't want to risk losing your current reservation/site you can now swap for one summer with another Troop. If interested, just go here:

http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Camping/BoyScout/Winter/NorthWind/Defa...details.

And finally.....The Northern Star 2012 contingent to Philmont (June 24-July 6) is now accepting applications. This contingent will include 9 crews.

Go to

http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/National/Defaul... for forms and more information.

Order of the Arrow:

Please remind your units that Order of the Arrow dues were due last September. We still have more than 20% of our membership (from 2009-2010) unpaid. As an Arrowman, and your Scout's Honor, you should not display a Lodge flap if your dues are unpaid. Please remit \$15 to the Council office with your registration (available on the Lodge website) immediately. Let's show the Lodge we have the most dedicated Arrowmen in our Chapter.

Thank you to ALL units for your response to Order of the Arrow Election Teams. All units have either had their elections or will be completed by this week.

Recruiting:

Spring Recruitment- Great opportunity for ALL units to grow and it's just in time for all the fun spring and summer activities, that are vital to our program and retention of youth. PLEASE visit the Youth Recruitment Planner it is a great tool to get all your recruitment material and upload your important dates on adventure is calling. https://www.northernstarbsa.org/planner

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Packs, Troops and Venture Crews - consider holding a spring open-house or other recruitment event to recruit new Scouts in time for summer activities. It is a great time to recruit new Scouts to join the incoming Webelos! Call John Capecchi (651-739-8225) or Eric McFee (651-254-9118) for details.

Watch for details on the fall Lions Cub program! We would like every Pack to consider adding a Lions Cub den to their program.

*Training: *

www.MyScouting.org http://www.myscouting.org/: If you are doing on-line training of any kind, you need to add your membership # to your profile. This will sync your on-line training with your national Scoutnet record at the council. It will also sync any council records with your MyScouting.org account. Your membership ID number is found on your membership card or from a roster of your unit. New membership cards for Troops and Crews will be issued this month to the unit leader. Packs will receive membership cards in May.

*C.Y.C.L.E. Leadership Development- *Boy Scouts and Boy Scout Leaders! Mark your calendars for the weekend of May 20th - 22nd. This hands-on, skill-oriented leadership development will be held at Phillippo Scout Reservation and led entirely by youth. See the attached flyer and go to <a href="http://training.nsbsa.org/info/CYCLE.aspxhttp://training.nsbsa.org/info/CYCLE.aspx%20>to find out more.

Wood Badge- Are you ready to take the next step in Adult Leader Training? If so, attend Wood Badge! You will gain new insight into leadership, group dynamics, leveraging diversity, working with youth, and so much more. Take a look at Council website for more information and use it to sign up for the Course that fits your schedule. http://training.nsbsa.org/info/WoodBadge.aspx* *

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Future training courses being offered can be found on the www.NorthernStarBSA.org website.

Venturing: *Traditional Scouting's third step.*

Check out this interactive look at Venturing program and process ...

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/sitecore/content/Scouting/Trainin...

Older Scouts and others will enjoy this look at Venturing, Life After Eagle

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYhgxCUb7es&feature=related

To watch Venturing grow throughout the midwest visit http://crventuring-bsa.org/Home/Welcome/

This is the Central Region Venturing site. We're in "Area 1".

*Other: *

District Contact List- If you have any questions about your role in Scouting, need help, or are interested in volunteering your talents, please contact us at the District. We are here to help you. Please go to our District Contact page on our website at:

http://greatrivers.nsbsa.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=XKdhKhaF_jE%3d... you are need of answers or assistance.



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