



May Post Roundtable District Information

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*Dear Great Rivers' Scouters,

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*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 pass it on to others in your Unit.

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Camping:

*CUB SCOUTS-** *

Reservations are still being taken for Cub Scout Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp and Webelos Day Camp. Cub Summer Camp starts next month 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-** *

The council contingent to Sea Base for 2011 is still accepting applications. Our Sea Base contingent will include 2 treks. Both have space available, but it is going fast. The dates for the trip are December 26, 2011 through January 1, 2012.

To sign up, go to

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

Interested in attending the 2013 National Jamboree to be held at the NEW Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia? Registration will be opening soon for this great event at this new location. The Northern Star Council will be looking to fill 10 Troops and

3/4 Venture Crew or just over 400 participants and many more onsite staff.

Keep an eye out for additional information and registration at

www.northernstarbsa.org.

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.

*Friends of Scouting: *

We are currently 85% to goal for the Great Rivers District. Please make sure your F.O.S chairs make their follow up sweep calls a.s.a.p. so we can complete the program by 5/31. Letters will be sent out to all previous donors who haven't responded yet.

THANK YOU ALL for your efforts and support of FOS!!!!!!!!!!!!

*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.

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.

*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.

*Hangfile paperwork- *

There is still Hangfile paperwork for many of our Packs, Troops, Crews, and Teams.... (including: the BSA Charter for the Charter Organization, 2011-2012 Program Planning Calendar & Resource Guide, 2011 Coupons from Dick's Sporting Goods, Information on upcoming events.... etc)

If a representative from your unit has not collected your Hangfile paperwork recently, they may go to the Council office and pick it up from our District Executive, Eric McFee.

Program Kickoff-

Make sure you mark your calendars for August 18th for our Great Rivers 2011 - 2012 Annual Program Kickoff. More information forthcoming.

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From the District Chair

1. I was very pleased with our Annual Great Rivers' Volunteer Recognition Event that took place on May 5th. It wasn't because the weather, which looked dismal in the morning, gave way to a beautiful sunny and warm evening. It was because we were able to recognize so many volunteers who went beyond the norm in providing leadership at the unit and district level. Taking leadership to the next step in our district is very hard because of the high quality of all Great Rivers' Scouters. Nevertheless, we were happy to recognize a number of standouts.

Two District Awards of Merit were presented to Sue Gurrola and Ted Jeo. David Novy received the Carl Kaepple Award for his longtime commitment to scouting in the Great Rivers District and its predecessors.

I was also pleased to present awards to many Distinguished Unit Scouters. Great leadership in our Packs, Troops, and Venturing Crews keeps scouting alive and well. A list of the awardees can be found on the District Web site. Thanks, too, to all of the unit Scouters who took the time to write a nomination for a fellow Scouter.

2. Summer is a great time to keep "the *outing* in sc*outing*." Our Council has some of the best properties and programs in the BSA. Let's take advantage of our extraordinary good fortune, especially the opportunities for Cub Scout camping. Our programs for cubs offer great times for parents and boys to grow together while they have fun, and the experience whets the scout's appetite for even more outdoor adventure as a Boy Scout.

There are still openings so sign up for a Cub Camp experience.

Help People Find Your Scouting Unit

Update your web site and unit leader contact information in the council planner database. *CLICK HERE * <<http://nsbsa.org/planner>> to go there. This information is used in the multiple location including * AdventureIsCalling.org <<http://adventureiscalling.org/>>* and, starting last month, the district web site unit listing * <http://greatrivers.nsbsa.org/Units.aspx>*

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