



January Post Roundtable District Information

Great Rivers District <greatriversdistr...@gmail.com>

Activities:

***Klondike Derby-** *This year is perfect to get your Boy Scouts out into the snow and have them enjoy a race unlike any other. The Klondike Derby consists of a competition of Scout skills and sleds built by Scouts, driven by Scouts and *powered* by Scouts! This one day event will take place at Fred C. Andersen Camp - Upper Level on Saturday, February 5th, 2011. Leader Guide and On-line registration will be available soon at <http://greatrivers.nbsa.org/>. Also check out the Klondike videos on our Great Rivers Facebook page.

Great Rivers District Lock-up-** *Great Rivers District Lock-up"** in scheduled for Friday, March 4th. with Webelos and Boy Scouts being invited. The event start at 9:00 p.m. and goes until Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. Activities include: working on various Webelos pins, a Merit Badge; also a Cribbage Tournament, Dodge Ball and Swimming.

Please contact Dave Jungkunz at 651-777-4282 if you have any questions .

Camping:

* ****Northern Star Council**** *offers some of the best winter overnight and day camp activities in the BSA. Scoutmasters and Venturing Advisors will want to check out North Wind programs at Stearns Scout Camp and Snow Base programs at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. Cub Scout leaders will want to check out the Polar Cubs program at Phillippo and Rum River camps. Plenty of spaces are still available at all three venues. If you have any questions about Cub or Boy Scout Camping, please contact Randy Greenly at rgree...@mpr.org

Family FOS:

If your unit hasn't picked up your 2011 FOS packet yet, please contact Eric McFee at the Council office or Dave Carlson at 651-643-8471.

We will have it available to pick up at Roundtable, the Council office, or we can mail it out.

We would like to know your unit's FOS Chair, presentation date, and if you need an outside presenter.

We would also like all the FOS presentations done by the end of February, if possible.

Thanks to all of you who have picked up your packet and turned in your information!!!

Order of the Arrow:

Troops: Schedule your Order of the Arrow Troop Elections as soon as possible. The dates are filling fast. ALL unit elections must be completed by April 15, 2011. We also need the contact information of your Order of the Arrow Troop Representative (if you have one). Please contact

Mike Westfall, Chapter Adviser via email at mlwestf...@comcast.net or via voicemail at 651-336-6399 with this information. Thank you.

Rechartering:

* If a unit still needs the access code for re-charter, please contact our District Commissioner, Maggie Knuteson at riverwoo...@comcast.net. Also, there will be another

* re-charter training* at 6:30 pm prior to February's Roundtable for Packs who missed it last month

Recruiting:

It's **everyone's** job! All units - Packs, Troops and Crews - should enter information into the Youth Recruitment Planner website (<https://www.northernstarbsa.org/planner>) about their unit such as where and when the unit meets and contact information. This information is then available to people looking to join a scouting unit. Packs that are short of their recruiting goal should consider additional recruitment events. Troops and Crews are also encouraged to hold their own recruitment events. Contact John Capecechi at jtcapec...@mmm.com for more information.

Webelos Transition- Get ready for ***Webelos Transition*** (cross-over)! It is almost here and it is time to prepare for the transition. We have great information for you! If you would like a copy of this information or have any questions (like, "what is the Summit Award?") please drop me an email or call. I would be happy to hear from you! You can reach me at Michelle Bjorkman at mi...@hughes.net or 651-436-1411.

***Training: ***

If you are not yet trained in your position, we have made available opportunities to update your training. Please check out the position specific and youth protection training offered not only in the District, but throughout the Council and on-line at: <http://greatrivers.nsbsa.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kYIOWBEMHb0%3d...>

Merit Badge Counselor Training- ***The long awaited Merit Badge Counselor Training** will be held before both February's and March's Roundtable at 6:00 p.m. Please pass the word to your Troops' merit badge counselors.

Super Training Day- ***On Saturday, March 19th starting at 8:00 a.m.** we will be offering This is Scouting. Following at 9:00 a.m. will be: Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, Scoutmaster/ASM Specific training, Troop Committee Challenge, and Youth Protection.

For more information please contact Mary Degel at mde...@nsbsa.org

Venturing:

Venturing is traditional Scouting's third step.

At our last Great River's Roundtable we asked troop leaders "Do you know where your 15 to 20 year old Scouts are?" We'd like the answer to be "In Scouting". Please take the opportunity to review this short video about the opportunities that Venturing offers our older Scouts. Please share with committee, your older Scouts, their sisters, and friends who may find this to be **their** Scouting opportunity!

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

For more information, also visit <http://crventuring-bsa.org/Home/Welcome/>
This is the Central Region Venturing site. We are part of "Area 1".

Let's work together to keep Scouting strong, growing, and meeting the needs of today's young adults. For more information or to arrange for a visit to your Troop or committee meeting, please contact Mike McCarthy, Great Rivers District Venturing Representative at michaelmccarthy...@msn.com, or at 651-494-8296.

*Other: *

*Wood Badge Breakfast- *You are all invited to the Wood Badge Breakfast. This year it will be held at the new Northern Star Council Base Camp on Saturday, January 22nd. See the attached flier for details. The breakfast is a great place to reconnect with Wood Badge friends, and also to bring Scouters you think would be good candidates for taking Wood Badge. Please bring silent auction items to help raise money for the Scholarship Fund.

District Award of Merit- Applications are now being taken for the District Award of Merit. If you know a Scouter that deserves recognition for their contributions to Scouting, please fill out the attached form and send it to our District Executive Eric McFee at 393 Marshall Avenue - Saint Paul MN 55102. If you have any questions in regards to the form please contact Dave Jungkunz at 651-777-4282.

*Child Care Available at Roundtables- *Child care is now available at Roundtables. We will have child care on-hand for children ages 3 and up. We want to make this available so you can come and take advantage of this wonderful District resource.



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