



December District Communications

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Dear Great River's Scouters. To keep you better informed of the goings-on around the District, we wanted to send you the following information so you can plan accordingly in the New Year.

Camping:

*CUB SCOUTS-** *

Sign up now for *Polar Cubs*...a one day experience filled with plenty of fun, adventure, activity and advancement opportunities. Hot lunch will be provided in the camp dining hall for everyone. Don't let the lack of snow keep you away as the staff has plenty of snowless activities planned, including learning how to keep warm and dry in the winter season.

There are two separate programs: Cub Scout Polar Cubs (for Tigers, Wolf & Bear Cubs) and Webelos Polar Cubs (for 1st & 2nd year Webelos). Polar Cubs programs will be run weekends in January – the 1st weekend in March at Rum River Scout Camp, Anoka, MN; Stearns Scout Camp, South Haven, MN; & Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls, MN. Reservations *now open* . You can register online at www.goscouting.org.

*BOY SCOUTS-** *

Interested in attending the 2013 National Jamboree to be held at the NEW Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia? Registration is now open for this great event at this new location. The Northern Star Council is looking to fill 10 Troops and 3/4 of a Venture Crew or just over 400 participants and many more onsite staff. You can register here:
<http://districtoperations.nsbsa.org/NationalJamboree.aspx>.

Now is the time to start your winter camping planning at either North Winds at Stearns Scout Camp or Snow Base at Tomahawk. NEW THIS YEAR: The Snow Huskies program for younger scouts now starts Friday evenings instead of Saturday mornings. Now all your scouts can make the trip together before going off to their separate programs. Learn more about North Winds here:
<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Camping/BoyScout/Winter/NorthWind/Prog...>

Learn more about Snow Base here:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Camping/BoyScout/Winter/SnowBase/>.

*Membership:**

*Cub Scouts Leaders! We are very close to achieving year-to year growth! With your help we can reach that goal!

If you have any applications, call John Capecchi or Eric McFee and we will arrange to pick them up.

If you have not started a Lion Cub Den, it is not too late! Call Eric McFee (651-254-9118), John Capecchi (651-739-8225) or Josh Ness (612-209-8666) to talk to us about getting this exciting program going in

your pack!

If you have any small dens (less than 6 boys, including Tigers or Lions dens) consider a special recruiting event targeting the appropriate grade to fill out those dens. Scout to scout recruiting cards are available. Scouting is always more fun with more boys involved!

Family Friends of Scouting:

If you haven't already picked up your FOS packet yet, please make sure to get in touch with Eric McFee emc...@northernstarbsa.org or Dave Carlson da...@eaglevalleybank.com. They would like to have your presentation date, time, and whether or not you need a presenter.

Also make sure to update your info in the toolbox on the website and add it (& other info. needed) there. The specific website address is;

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/planner>.

Finally, please add the following dates to your calendars as they apply to you and your unit:

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Monthly ROUNDTABLE - January 5, February 2, and March 1

Every Scouter is invited to GREAT RIVERS ROUNDTABLE, our monthly networking and continuing education event. Each session is at the LDS Church in Oakdale and starts at 7:00 pm.

Monthly DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING – January 19, February 11(Saturday), and March 22

District Committee Meetings, where the committee does its work, are open to all scouters. Please contact Eric McFee or David Misemer in advance if you have a matter you would like to discuss. Regular Thursday sessions are at Platinum Bank in Oakdale, beginning at 6:00pm.

Merit Badge Day - January 21

Any Boy Scout or Venturer working on Merit Badges is welcome to come to North Presbyterian Church in North St. Paul. MBD is a chance to complete requirements for Citizenship in the World, Nation & Community. Other MBs, too. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m.

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Klondike Derby - February 4*

All Boy Scout Troops are invited to Fred C. Andersen Scout Reservation for a day of fun and scout-skill challenges. Registration begins at 9:00am and the event should conclude by 3:00pm.

Advancement Lock-in - March 2

Calling all Webelos and Boy Scouts: come for advancement and stay for the fun. Swimming, basketball, cribbage tournament, pizza at midnight, and movies until dawn. Registration for units begins at 8:45p.m. and the location to be determined. Two-deep adult leadership for each group required.

Super Training Day - March 10

All scouts deserve trained leaders. Classes for Cubmasters & Assistants, Den Leaders, Den Chiefs, Scoutmasters & Assistants, Troop Committee, Venture Advisors. "This is Scouting" starts at 8:00. Stay tuned for a location.

District Pinewood Derby - March 24

Cubs from Lions to 2nd yr Webelos can continue the fun at our District Derby. Top racers from each Pack are encouraged to enter, but the event is open to all Cubs. District winners may go to the council championship in June. Registration is at 8:30 am; a location will be announced soon.

DETAILS ON EACH EVENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR WEB SITE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE EVENT.