

Great Eastern District "Roundtable Bullets"

August 2011

Welcome to the 2011-12 edition of our district "Roundtable Bullets". They are a collection of announcements and information and while every effort is made to ensure accuracy; errors are possible. Please point out any needed corrections to me at: dennis_gleason@alumni.nd.edu.

- **1st Roundtable session:** Thursday Sep. 4, Second Congregational Church (corner of Conant St. and Rt. 97). 7-8:45 PM.
- Interested in the introduction to Scuba course for Boy Scouts or Venturers? Contact Susan Copelas from "Dive the World", cell: 617 416 1658, email: copelas.dtw@gmail.com.
- **YAHOO GROUP:** This is our current district email communication method. The site is located at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YCC_Great_Eastern_District/?yguid=4722111571. Log in with your user name (generally your email address before the "@", unless you changed it, and your password to view documents posted there.
- **District Nominating Committee:** The District Nominating Committee is seeking referrals for additional volunteers. Please send any suggestions for Commissioners to our District Commissioner, Charlie Cochrane (CCochrane@cochraneventilation.com), and for other positions to the District Nominating Chair, Mike Vicari (mvicari@berry.com).
- **The District Advancement Committee is seeking units willing to host "Life to Eagle" seminars.** These seminars provide valuable information on the Eagle Service Project, the approval process and boards of review. Interested units contact the advancement committee at GEDAdvancement@yahoo.com.
 - Boy Scout Units have been provided with a password access on-line listing of merit badge counselors. To respect privacy, this list should only be accessed by a few unit leaders (e.g., advancement chair, Eagle advisor/coordinator, committee chair, ASM working with senior Scouts, etc.). It has been reported that some council units (not necessarily from the Great Eastern District) have shared this password with all Scouts and parents. This should not be done. The correct procedure is for the Scout to approach the adult leader with access, request information on counselors for a particular merit badge, then be provided with this information.
- **Friends of Scouting Campaign Incentives:** Units who qualified for Friends of Scouting Contribution Incentives are reminded that all pledges **MUST BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER** for the incentives (free cloth advancement patches, etc.) to kick in. The incentive period runs from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.
- **Tour Plans:** As you are firming up your calendar, *remember that tour plans must be filed with the council office at least 21 days in advance of the trip.* The tour plan form is available from the council website, www.yccbsa.org.
- **Health and Medical Forms:** Remember that recent BSA policy revisions require that Parts A and B of the Health and Medical Form Must be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians. A member of the Unit Committee should be designated to be the record holder. *Due to privacy concerns, forms should NOT be transmitted electronically.*

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- **Adult Leader Training:** ALL registered adults must complete Youth Protection Training (available on-line). In the future, all direct contact leaders will be required to also complete position specific training (For Packs: This is Scouting, and Leader Specific Training for their position (available on-line); For Troops: This is Scouting, SM and ASM Leader Specific and Outdoor Skills; For Crews: This is Scouting, and Venturing Leader Specific). In addition, certain activities require other training: BALOO for pack overnight camping, Hazardous Weather for all events requiring tour plans, Safety Afloat and/or Safe Swim Defense for water activities, Climb On Safely, Trek Safely, CPR and others. Many are available on-line. REMEMBER, TRAINING STATUS HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE! CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR TRAINING IS CURRENT BEFORE IT EXPIRES.
 - Training events are listed on the calendar at yecbsa.org, and more information will be presented at roundtable.
 - Check your training status (as recorded at National) at www.scouting.org/myscouting. Sign in with your user name and password, or create an account. Forgotten user names/passwords can be recovered using your registration number, which is on your membership card, or listed on your unit’s charter.
 - ***If your training status listed at National IS NOT CORRECT, that is, if you have completed a course that is not listed, NOTIFY Larry Lawless (larlawless@hotmail.com). Larry can approve updates to your records through THIS FALL. If your training status has not been updated by the end of this calendar year, you may be required to retake training. Note: Training completed at summer camp, in particular out-of-council camps, does not get recorded UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS IT. Ensure to report any adult leader training completed at camp!***
 - We are working to prepare lists, by unit, of leaders with training status and hoping to distribute these at the September Roundtable.
 - Due to lack of enrollment and other conflicts, the Woodbadge course planned for this fall, and this fall’s University of Scouting have been cancelled.
- **National Summertime Pack Award:** Packs who qualify must complete the application (June, July and August activities) to receive the award.
- **Activities:**
 - Tiger Cub Safari - Endicott Park, October 15, Sign up at the calendar link at yecbsa.org
 - Fall Camporee - October 21, 22, 23 Lonetree Scout Reservation; remember, units that do not pre-register must file a tour plan.
- **POPCORN -- The BSA’s Unit and Council Fund Raiser.** If you are not registered to sell, contact our District Director, Laura Moriarty, lmoriarty@bsamail.org.
- **Membership:**
 - Fall Sign Up Nights: Units who have not ordered/picked up their flyers should contact our District Director, Laura Moriarty lmoriarty@bsamail.org, or our District Membership Chair, Trish Gleason, trishglea@verizon.net.
 - BeAScout.org: Yankee Clipper Council has joined the national organization’s “Joining” web page, but units must “populate” their pins on the google map so that unit information shows up when potential Scouts and their families visit the page. To do this, log in to My Scouting.org, select the BeAScout.org link in the unit tools section which takes you to the

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Unit Pin Management Option where you can post information. There is a "Help" icon to answer questions. Want more info? Visit <http://scouting.org/filestore/beascout/ppt/beascoutwebinarpresentation.ppt> (you may need to copy and paste this link into your browser for it to work.)

- Key Dates for 2011-12 are included below (reprint from the program launch), more info at Roundtable on 9-1, hope to see you there

Yours in Scouting,

Dennis Gleason

Great Eastern District Roundtable Commissioner

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM KEY DATES in 2011/2012

August

- Attend Great Eastern Popcorn Kickoff (August 11) American Legion Hall, River St. Middleton, 6:30 PM
- Attend Great Eastern Round-up Kickoff (August 18) Second Congregational Church, Beverly, 7:00 pm
- Recruit boys for Cub Scouts and recruit parents for leaders

September thru April ----- Attend District Roundtable

First Thursday of Month --- Second Congregational Church, 35 Conant Street, Beverly

September

- Recruit boys for Cub Scouts and recruit parents for leaders
- Participate in School Night Signups (September 5 – 16)
- Training – Attend BALOO (September 24)

October

- New registrations due (October 7)
- Attend Tiger Cub Safari (October 15)

November

- Training – Attend Great Eastern Training Expo (November 19)
- Complete and Submit December Charters Online, Journey to Excellence Award by November 27

December

- Schedule Unit Friends of Scouting Presentation
- Charter Turn In Breakfast (December 17)
- Complete and submit 2012 December Charters, 2011 Journey to Excellence Award by December 30

January 2012

- Have Webelos attend District Klondike Derby (January 28)
- Complete and submit February Charters Online, Journey to Excellence

February

- Attend Scout Sunday (February 5)
- Complete and submit 2012 February Charters, 2011 Journey to Excellence Award by February 29

March

- Training – Attend Shu Shu Ga (March 4, 11, 18, 25)
- Attend District Pinewood Derby (March 17)

April

- Training – Shu Shu Ga Outdoor Weekend (April 14-15)

May

- Attend District Dinner and awards night (May 2)
- Training – Attend BALOO (May 5)

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BOY SCOUT PROGRAM KEY DATES in 2011/2012

August

- Conduct program planning
- Recruit boys for Boy Scouts and recruit parents for leaders
- Attend Great Eastern Popcorn Kickoff (August 11) American Legion Hall, River St. Middleton, 6:30 PM

September thru April ----- Attend District Roundtable

First Thursday of Month ----- Second Congregational Church, 35 Conant Street, Beverly

September

- Participate with Packs in School Night Signups (September 5 – 16)
- Training – Attend Shu Shu Ga (September 18, 25)

October

- New registrations due (October 7)
- Training – Attend Shu Shu Ga (October 16, 23)
- Attend District Fall Camporee (October 21-23)
- Training – Attend Shu Shu Ga Outdoor Weekend (October 29-30)

November

- Training – Attend Great Eastern District Training Expo (November 19)
- Complete and Submit December charters online, Journey to Excellence Award by November 27

December

- Complete and submit 2012 December charters, 2011 Journey to Excellence by December 30

January 2012

- Attend Great Eastern Klondike Derby (January 22 - 24)
- Complete and submit February Charters Online, Journey to Excellence Award by January 31

February

- Attend Scout Sunday (February 6)
- Complete and submit 2012 February charters, Journey to Excellence Award by February 29

March

- Training – Attend Shu Shu Ga (March 4, 11, 18, 25)

April

- Training – Shu Shu Ga Outdoor Weekend (April 14-15)

May

- Attend District Dinner (May 2)
- Attend Spring Camporee (May 18-20)

Note: more information available at Roundtable, or on the calendar on www.yccbsa.org