

Great Eastern District "Roundtable Bullets"  
September 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](mailto:dennis_gleason@alumni.nd.edu).

- **Next Roundtable session:** Thursday Oct. 6, Second Congregational Church (corner of Conant St. and Rt. 97). 7-8:45 PM.
- **Need help with your program/calendar planning?** Try these resources:
  - Cub Packs: Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide, start at Scouting.org, click the Cub Scouts Link, Click the button for New Delivery Method, then follow the link to the guide; or from the Cub Scout page, scroll down to the Adult Leader grouping on the left side and select the appropriate resource.
  - Boy Scout Troops: Troop Program Features, Vol. I-III. Start at Scouting.org, click the Boy Scout Link, select the program features under resources on the left side of the page.
  - Venturing: Start at Scouting.org, click the Venturing Link, select the venturing resources link on the left side of the page.
- 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](mailto:copelas.dtw@gmail.com).
- ***DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS:*** We will be switching from our current yahoo group method of communication to the Council's Constant Contact process in the near future. If you received these bullets, you are a member of the district yahoo group, and should be a member of the Great Eastern District Constant Contact Distribution. You can check your status, or sign up as follows:
  - Go to the Council webpage [www.yccbsa.org](http://www.yccbsa.org)
  - Towards the bottom of the page, to the right, look for "Join Our Mailing List"
  - Enter your email address
    - If you are registered it will confirm and ask if you want to update your profile
    - If you are not registered, you will be asked to create a profile. Within the profile you can request what type of information you want to receive. **Make sure you select Great Eastern District.**
    - You can "opt out" at any time.
- ***Membership:*** It is "fall sign-up night season", and sign up nights are in full swing. Some key things to keep in mind:
  - Don't only recruit youth -- recruit leaders. Some units have had great success by having their calendar of events at sign up night and requiring parents/guardians to sign up to help out on at least one event. Don't overwhelm new adults, but don't let them completely off the hook either!
  - **DON'T HANG ON TO REGISTRATION FORMS (NEW MEMBER/ADULT APPLICATIONS!)** It is very important to have these processed quickly, BUT they cannot be fully processed unless complete. BSA Insurance kicks in when the new member is registered, but they are not registered if the application has not been submitted to the Council Office. Youth applications should be handed to the district representative (if present) at sign up night, with check if possible. If a check can't be made out that night, it should be forwarded to the Council Office within a few days of the sign up night. Adult Applications can be handed to the district representative if they are complete (application, CORI form, Driver's License copy) but if it is necessary to wait for photocopies of Driver's License, the application should be held by the unit until this is available.

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- Troops -- help your feeder packs at sign up nights. A couple of uniformed Scouts doing some activity with the new boys while their parents talk to Pack Leaders goes a long way to sell our program to prospective members.
- **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 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.)
  - **Note:** Once a pin is "populated", it needs to be kept up to date. Ensure unit contact information (and any other information posted) is updated as leaders change positions.
- **New Cub Scout Activity: FUN WITH SON AT LONETREE. Sat. Nov. 5.** A four hour program at our Cub Scout Summer Camp for any boy joining Cub Scouting during our membership events in 2011. No charge, pick either morning or afternoon sessions, pre-registration required -- register with the calendar link at [ycbsa.org](http://ycbsa.org).
- **District Nominating Committee:** The District Nominating Committee is seeking referrals for additional volunteers. Please send any suggestions for Commissioners to our District Commissioner, Charlie Cochran ([CCochrane@cochraneventilation.com](mailto:CCochrane@cochraneventilation.com)), and for other positions to the District Nominating Chair, Mike Vicari ([mvicari@berry.com](mailto:mvicari@berry.com)).
- **Advancement:**
  - Life-to-Eagle Seminar, 10/29/2011, sponsored by T3, Manchester-by-the-Sea. Contact: [GEDAdvancement@yahoo.com](mailto:GEDAdvancement@yahoo.com).
  - Merit Badge Counselor List -- available on-line. Start at the council web site, then select the Resources Link. Next select the Doubleknot Login link. You need to have a password or register for one. Once in the MB Counselor listing can be found out in the margin of the desktop. To respect privacy, this on-line 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.) and should not be shared with all Scouts. Scouts should obtain specific counselor contact data when getting their "blue card" (unit leader approval is required via "blue card" signature *before* the Scout starts working on the merit badge.
- **Friends of Scouting Campaign Incentives:** There was an error in the August Bullets -- Units qualifying Incentives must have pledges paid by OCTOBER 31 (not September) and the incentive period runs Nov. 1 to Oct. 31. Additional information:
  - A letter from the council will be sent to units letting them know what they have qualified for and or how close they are including encouragement to make sure pledges are paid by Oct. 31.
    - An order form will be enclosed for units achieving the growth goal - this should be returned to the office with choice of incentive.
  - Units unsure of their qualifying status should contact Diana at [dminkle@bsamail.org](mailto:dminkle@bsamail.org) to get their results. If units disagree with this status, contact our District Director, Laura Moariarty, [lmoriarty@bsamail.org](mailto:lmoriarty@bsamail.org), errors are possible since some units have qualified via pacesetter gifts and e-board gifts that do not appear on Diana's listing.
  - A list of qualifying units will be sent to the Scout Shop.

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- From Nov. 1, 2011 through Oct. 31, 2012, qualifying units may pick up free "cloth rank advancement" - **BUT** there are two conditions:
  - 1.They must use internet advancement - if they don't have a password either the CC or SM/CM must request it through Denise at [dellen@bsamail.org](mailto:dellen@bsamail.org).
  - 2.They must get them through the YCC Scout Shop - Woburn and the Boston Minuteman Council will not be honor our incentives (not part of our council) them free rank advancement.
  - 3.Units desiring to have patches delivered to roundtable must call the Scout Shop a week in advance and place their order. They must also notify our District Director (Laura Moriarty) so we can make arrangements for pick up.
- **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 and council policy on requirements are available on the council website, [www.yccbsa.org](http://www.yccbsa.org).
- **Health and Medical Forms:** Remember recent BSA policy revisions require that *Parts A and B of the Health and Medical Form Must be completed at least annually by participants at 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.* **If your unit does not have health/medical records on file for all Scouts and Leaders, you are behind and should address this right away.**
- **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 [yccbsa.org](http://yccbsa.org), and more information will be presented at roundtable.
  - Upcoming Events - contact District Training Chair, Sherry Rust ([cherrust@aol.com](mailto:cherrust@aol.com)) with questions, sign up on-line using the calendar at [YCCBSA.org](http://YCCBSA.org):
    - Boy Scout Leader Training - Shu Shu Ga -- Sep 9&18; Oct 16&23, Clifftondale Congregational Church, Saugus; weekend Oct 28-30, Lontree Scout Reservation
    - Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Skills (included in Shu Shu Ga, but required if Scoutmaster Fundamentals was taken separately) Oct. 29, 8-4:30, Lonetree Scout Reservation
    - BALOO (any pack camping MUST have a BALOO trained adult present): Sep 24, 9-4, Middleton Scout House
    - District Staff and Commissioner Training, Nov. 12, Lawrence Technical High School, 8-3.
    - Great Eastern District Leader Training Expo, Nov. 19, 8-1:30, Holten Richmond Middle School, Danvers; more info to follow.

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- Check your training status (as recorded at National) at [www.scouting.org/myscouting](http://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](mailto: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!***
- A listing of registered leaders with training status was distributed 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 - FOR ALL TIGER SCOUTS, pre-registration required (each Tiger, by name), use the calendar link at [ycbsa.org](http://ycbsa.org). This is a GREAT way to get your Tiger program off to a roaring start. Endicott Park, Danvers, October 15. Check-in 11, event 12-3. \$5 per Tiger. Concession stand (food/drinks/snacks) available.
  - Fall Camporee - October 21, 22, 23 Lonetree Scout Reservation; Theme "Mountain Man Competition". *Remember, units must either pre-register or file a tour plan.*
- ***POPCORN -- The BSA's Unit and Council Fund Raiser.***
  - Show-n-sell/show-n-deliver popcorn distribution: Sep. 28 & 29
  - Popcorn Blitz Week - Oct. 1-8
  - Last day to return Show-n-sell/show-n-deliver popcorn: Nov. 11
  - Take Order Popcorn orders and prize orders due: Nov. 13
  - Show-n-sell/show-n-deliver popcorn payments due: Nov. 15
  - Take Order Popcorn Distribution: Dec 1-2
  - Final payments due: Dec 16
  - Questions: [rdsarkmail@yahoo.com](mailto:rdsarkmail@yahoo.com)