

January 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Updates:

Now LIVE on the Northwest District Facebook Group is a direct link to the Northwest District Google Calendar 2.0. This Google Calendar 2.0 can be downloaded directly to your phone. It can also be found on the Northwest District website. It has every detail that we know about added to each event. Stay informed, stay active, and be happy.

Woodbadge Breakfast:

Did you know the 2018 WOOD BADGE BREAKFAST is this Saturday?

You are invited to COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS. Enjoy a morning of Scouting at its best!

This year's Wood Badge Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Wayzata Community Church – 125 Wayzata Blvd E, Wayzata, MN 55391. Check in and silent auction will start at 7:30 AM, with breakfast and program from 8:30 - 11:00 AM.

How to register: If you haven't registered yet, you can do that now. Online Registration and additional information can be found at:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/2018-wood-badge-breakfast>

Cost: \$15 for Wood Badgers and **FREE for prospective participants.**

Proceeds from this year's breakfast and trading post will benefit the Northern Star Council Wood Badge program with a portion supporting the parallel youth program Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training. We look forward to seeing you there!

OA:

Winter Banquet: This Saturday!!! January 13, 2018. Come out for a night of food, fun, and comraderie with fellow OA Members.

Vigil Nominations: Nominations are due to Karen Rafter. Seek her out tonight.

Volunteerism:

Silver Beaver Award: Every year the Northern Star Council can recognize individual adult leaders who exemplify the values of scouting to the youth we serve. This is done through a nomination process. See the link to this form. It takes longer than you might think to prepare this form so start early. To assist in preparing the nomination see the "Tips for Successful Silver Beaver Nomination" document to prepare a quality form. Volunteer representatives from across the Council review these forms and make selections for those leaders that best exemplify the values of scouting. The forms are due to the Council by November 30. Any questions do not hesitate to contact me at paul@bartyzal.net or (651) 483-6630.

WaliGaZu:

All Troops are invited to the 50th anniversary of the Northwest District Wali-Ga-Zu Scout skills activity on February 19. The purpose is to promote learning, practicing, and demonstrating basic Scout skills in a fun and exciting format.

The Scout skills covered at the Wali-Ga-Zu are:

- Tripod Building (Lashing)
- First Aid (knowledge and skill demonstration)
- Nature Identification (this year is fish)
- Map and Compass Symbols
- Knot Tying

Have the scouts spend time practicing these skills before the event so they can "Do their best." This is a great way to excite new scouts who just joined the Troop.

Check your eHangfile or the activities section on the Northwest District website for signup information.

Membership:

Webelos Transition: Now is the time to "seal the deal" with your 2nd-year Webelos Scouts!

Continue to make Troop connections and plan for a seamless transition ceremony.

The enthusiasm of a Webelos Den Leader is a key factor in Webelos Transition.

- Now is a great time to contact scouts who have been less active, and encourage them to join you going forward!
- *The Adventure of Boy Scouts* is an opportunity we want to offer to every Webelos Scout. Thank you.
- Northwest District was tops in the Council last year for Webelos Transition. Let's do it again this year!

Training:

Chaplain's Aide Training: This will be held Feb 11, 2018 from 1-5pm at the Jewish Center, 4330 Cedar Lake South in Minneapolis OR February 17, 2018 from 9am-2pm at First Baptist Church, 1021 Hennepin Avenue, Mpls. Chaplain's Aide is a Star/Life/Eagle position of responsibility, and it is also a leadership position in a Venturing Crew. This training is designed to prepare a Scout to do their best in the role.

Woodbadge: The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and councils. The Wood Badge "ticket" represents your commitment to complete a set of personal goals relating to your Scouting Position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. In addition, the ticket gives you an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership skills represented during the course.

*Winter Course Weekends are Jan.26 and Feb. 23.

[Training Opportunities or Questions?](#) Contact our district training coordinator, Dina Boie, at dinaboie@hotmail.com

Venturing:

If a Venturing crew wishes to attend Venturingfest at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, there still may be time. This is a unique national event for Venturing scouts where they can experience many fun high adventure activities such as BMX biking, zip-line, water sports, shooting sports, climbing, skateboarding, and much more. The dates are: June 29th to July 7th. Total cost is \$1000.00, which includes registration, travel, and lodging to WV and back.

A \$600.00 payment is due by 2/01/18. \$200.00 by 4/01 and \$200.00 by 5/01.

Contact Carl Anderson at 651-459-8616 or at stone.wall@q.com for further details.

2018 Buck Hill Overnighter

This is an annual event for Venturing and Boy Scouts at Buck Hill in Burnsville. The date is March 2nd, 9PM-5AM.

The cost is \$40.00. This includes lift ticket, snow tubing pass, and equipment rental. All scouts can also bring a friend 11 or order too. Registration will be available soon.

Council VOA

The council Venturing officers association is looking youth to be apart of the council committee that plans and implementing various council venturing events such as Shindig and Urban adventure. The VOA meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you know of someone who might be interested, contact Wes Elder at elderwbc@msn.com Phone: 763-300-7187.

The Area One Venturing Leadership Conference

The annual Venturing Leadership Conference for Area 1 is the weekend of Jan. 26-28 at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Menomonie, Wisc. There will be classes to enhance leadership skills, opportunities for Venturing Advancement, games, and FUN! Plus swimming and bowling (additional \$12). Cost is \$80.00 for youth and \$100.00 for adults. Sat. only is \$50.00

Questions? Contact Helen Lockwood at 612-940-5211 e-mail: hlockwood@comcast.net

Advancement:

Eagle Boards of Review: The NW District has established nights for conducting Boards of Review. Boards will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th St NW, New Brighton 55112. This should allow candidates and units to plan ahead. We will make accommodations for youth over the age of 18 and special circumstances. Please contact Phill Lawonn, Advancement Chair with any questions at plawonn33@outlook.com or 612-619-6779.

Eagle Info: Project concept approval paragraphs are a separate submission that must be approved by Mrs. Smith prior to submitting your Proposal packet.

Please email your paragraph, including your Scoutmaster and Eagle Coach, to Mrs. Smith at karolsmith@hotmail.com. Your concept paragraph must include the who, what, when, and how you will demonstrate leadership to be considered. You must receive concept approval prior to submitting your Eagle Proposal Packet paperwork. The Proposal packet will not be considered without the prior concept approval.

Completed, troop approved, signed Proposals are due no later than 11:59 PM the night of the required due date.

Upcoming Eagle Proposal Deadlines and Proposal Presentation Dates

- Submissions due Tues, Jan 30th by 11:59 PM for presenting on Thurs, Feb 8th, 2018
- Submissions due Tues, Feb 27th by 11:59 PM for presenting on Thurs, Mar 9th, 2018
- Submissions due Tues, Apr 3rd by 11:59 PM for presenting on Thurs, Apr 12th, 2018
- Submissions due Tues, May 1st by 11:59 PM for presenting on Thurs, May 10th, 2018
- Submissions due Tues, May 29th by 11:59 PM for presenting on Thurs, June 7th, 2018

There are no presentations in the month of July 2018

Camping

Cub Scout Camping

- **Get signed up for Polar Cubs. It is an all day experience offering snow tubing, broomball, games, winter animal study, tomahawk throwing, sled chute, songs hot chocolate and more. Happening all weekends January 6 – March 3, 2018, it is the perfect family event for all Cubs, especially those who just joined. Sign up at www.nsbsa.org/cubcamp.**
- **Packs are asked to select and promote a date to attend summer camp in 2018. Registration opens March 1, 2018. Check out our website for more information.**
- **Blue and Gold Banquet placemats will be available on February 1.**

Boy Scout Camping

- **Troops are asked to select and promote a date to attend Boy Scout Winter Camp. Both North Wind (Stearns) & Snow Base (Tomahawk) operate all weekends in January and February.**
- **Presentation available and email camping@nsbsa.org**
- **Strong winter ahead**
- **More info online at camping@nsbsa.org**
- **Leaders orientation meeting is Feb 3rd. Visit www.manypoint.org & www.camptomahawk.org for more information. SPL's and Leaders encouraged to attend.**
- **New programs being announced via Many Point & Tomahawk Facebook pages over the holiday season. Stay tuned to Navigator as well.**

Base Camp

- **Home School Days: Base Camp is offering two spring sessions for home schoolers. [Join us on February 22 for STEM Day and/or April 26 for Nature Day with Dodge Nature Center.](#)**
- **Visit our Website for more information on these and other opportunities: <http://www.explorebasecamp.org/>**

Visit our District Website @ <http://northwest.nsbsa.org/>