

Announcements

Order of the Arrow

Scoutmasters please send your OA election dates for your units to: nwchapternl@gmail.com
Questions please email Karen Rafter. Rafter626@hotmail.com



Friends of Scouting

If you were not able to attend the training last month, please pick up your unit's packet this month. **At this time, unit FOS presentation dates are past due, so please get them to us ASAP.** Dates can be sent to Rika Young at rikamyoung@gmail.com.

Klondike Derby

The Klondike Derby is a fun winter sled race, driven by Scouts and powered by Scouts! This is one-day event of Scouting fun that is a mixture of competitive spirit and outdoor fellowship.

We are partnering with the Great Rivers District for this fun winter event. Saturday Jan 28th at Fred C. Anderson. For more information visit <http://northwest.nbsa.org/en-us/activities/2017klondikederby.aspx>

Wali-Ga-Zu

All troops are invited to participate in the Northwest District Wali-ga-zu. Wali-ga-zu is a Scout skills challenge providing Scouts the opportunity to learn their basic Scout skills, and show what they have learned in a fun and exciting event. The 2017 Wali-ga-zu will be on the last Monday evening in February, or the first Monday evening in March (troops can choose either date). Details can be found by downloading the Wali-ga-zu Planning Guide from the Activities section of the Northwest District web site.

Training

All Training Day

- Saturday, February 4, 2017
- Online registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/250-nwalltrainingday122016>
- Christ the King Lutheran Church 1900 7th St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112
- Registration starts at 7:30am. Leader Specific Training Starts at 8:00am.
- Cost: \$2.00 for Leader Specific & \$10.00 for Outdoor Leader Skills
- Cub Scout Leader-SM/ASM Leader Specific -Venture Leader Specific
- Coffee and Water will be provided. Break from 11:00 - 12:00, Participants who are staying for the afternoon session can leave for lunch.
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills & BALOO training starts at 12 noon.
- We are also offering Eagle Coach Training and Merit Badge Counselor Training for FREE! These classes will run from 12:30 - 3:30pm.

Any questions: Dina Boie-Training Chair- 952-454-8409 or dinaboie@hotmail.com

Advancement

Nominations for District Award of Merit, Distinguished Scouter, Distinguished Scout, Lavern Sherman and the Unit Leader Awards are being accepted now. Take a moment and look at the Scouters and Scouts in your unit. Please nominate deserving individuals for one of these District Recognitions. For more information and for nomination forms please go to the District Website at <http://northwest.nbsa.org/en-us/advancement/awards.aspx>.

Completed, Troop approved, signed **Proposals are due no later than 11:59 PM the night of the required due date.** Eagle Concepts and the completed, Troop approved, signed proposals should be emailed to karolsmith@hotmail.com. Eagle project approval presentations are held at the monthly Round Table meetings.

Upcoming Eagle Proposal deadlines as follows:

- Thurs Feb 9, 2017 with a submission deadline of 11:59 pm, Tues, Jan 31, 2017
- Thurs Mar 9, 2017 with a submission deadline of 11:59 pm, Tues, Feb 28, 2017
- Thurs Apr 13, 2017 with a submission deadline of 11:59 pm, Tues, Apr 4, 2017
- Thurs May 11, 2017 with a submission deadline of 11:59 pm, Tues, May 2, 2017
- Thurs Jun 8, 2017 with a submission deadline of 11:59 pm, Tues, May 30, 2017

Camping

Webelos Woods:

- Webelos Woods will be May 19-21 this year. A flier will be out at the February Roundtable.

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 7th – March 5th, 2017, it is the perfect family event for all Cubs, especially those who just joined.](#) Sign up at www.nbsa.org/cubcamp.
- Packs please select and promote a date to attend **summer camp in 2017**. Registration opens **March 15th, 2017**
- Pack promotion materials are available on line, including a video and pack meeting guide.
- [Blue and Gold Banquet placemats available on February 1.](#)

Boy Scout Camping:

- Troops are encouraged 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.
 - Presentations are available by email request at camping@nbsa.org
 - More info online at <http://camping.northernstarbsa.org/> or by email request at camping@nbsa.org
- [Leaders orientation meeting is March 4th](#). Visit www.manypoint.org & www.camptomahawk.org for more information. SPL's and Leaders encouraged to attend.
- New programs are being announced via Many Point & Tomahawk Facebook pages over the holiday season. Stay tuned to *Navigator* as well.

Base Camp:

- **New Website:** www.ExploreBaseCamp.org has been updated. It's great for brainstorming program.
- **New Article:** Getting the most out of Base Camp, This will go live in January and be available on both council and Base Camp websites. It is meant to help Scouts and other groups understand how to utilize Base Camp to the fullest.