



FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Dinner

The Northwest District Recognition dinner will be held April 28, 2017 at Christ the King in New Brighton. More information to come.

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.

Webelos Transition

Troops should begin inviting 4th grade Webelos to Webelos Woods.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods weekend is May 19-21 at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp. This is a highlight event for 4th grade Webelos Scouts and Boy Scouts in their partner Troops. Please see detailed information in your hangfile.

Grey Wolf NYLT

Scoutmasters will receive information letters this month for Grey Wolf NYLT. Online nomination submissions must be made before April 1, 2017.

District Award Nominations

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.nsbsa.org/en-us/advancement/awards.aspx>.

Training

Merit Badge Counselor Training will take place on Saturday, May 13, at NW Merit Badge Saturday.

Spring University of Scouting will take place on April 22 from 8am-4pm at Lakeville South High School. There will be over 100 classes to choose from this spring. There will also be a youth college focusing on leadership training. Additional information and registration can be found at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/2017-spring-university-of-scouting-3>

Advancement

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 is in your hangfile.

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.nsbsa.org/cubcamp.
- Packs should 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:

- Put Boy Scout Work Parties on your unit's calendar, and help get camp ready for summer. **FREE** weekend with food and lodging provided. Volunteers of all skill sets welcome. More information available at www.manypoint.org & www.camptomahawk.org.
- Apostle Islands Sea Kayaking Adventure is now open for registration. Links and details available on www.CampTomahawk.org
- [Leader's orientation meeting is March 4th](#). Visit www.manypoint.org & www.camptomahawk.org for more information. SPL's and Leaders encouraged to attend.
- Older Scout program registrations open on April 1st. Visit www.ManyPoint.org & www.camptomahawk.org for more information. Registration is available online.

Base Camp:

- Keep an eye on the Base Camp event calendar at www.explorebasecamp.org/events for upcoming activities.
- February and March are great times for Base Camp Lock-in's and evening programs. Stay active with the rock wall, archery range, and high ropes course!

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