



HOT SHEET

Calendar of Events

December

- 1 District Committee Meeting
- 1 District Commissioners Staff Meeting
- 6 Charter Turn-in
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Meeting
- 8 Final Charter Turn-in

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January

- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 5 District Commissioners Staff Meeting
- 11 Beaverton Stake and Beaverton West Stake FOS Kickoff
- 12 Family FOS Kickoff (Roundtable)
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 Den Chief-Train the Trainer
- 12 Camp Card Sale Kickoff
- 14 Leader Specific Training
- 16-20 Troop Open House Week
- 19 Cedar Mill Stake FOS Kickoff
- 26 FOS Turn-in

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Merit Badge Counselor Process

There has been changes to the Merit Badge Counselor process over the last several months. Please remind your Troop, Team, and Crew Committees of these procedures to add or renew Merit Badge Counselors through the district. Please be aware that not every request to counsel a merit badge can be honored. Counselors must have a hobby, vocation, or knowledge in a specific area to counsel Scouts. Some merit badges require special certifications to be approved. The counselor is responsible for maintaining current certifications. The current merit badge process is outlined as follows:

1. A potential counselor completes an application and submits it to their unit committee for approval.
2. The unit committee chairman submits the application to the district merit badge Coordinator at Roundtable.
3. The district coordinator receive the application, makes a decision, and submits the adult application to the council office.
4. A current merit badge counselor listed is published quarterly.
5. Merit badge counselors must be trained and reregister annually.

Please contact Joan Townsend 503-645-7284 or garyt103@comcast.net for details.

E-Mail News is available by signing up at www.cpcbsa.org/email. These emails provide periodic information about council events & activities relevant to Scouting.

Adult Leader Training is available in our district. Upcoming training opportunities include:

All Leader Specific Training
Farmington Chapel
5175 SW 209th Ave, Aloha, OR,
1/14, 9am.

NOR-WEST SCOUT SHOP CLOSURES

The Nor-west Scout Shop will be closed for inventory December 29-January 3rd. The Scout Shop Staff regrets any inconvenience the closure may have caused. If you need advancement items, please pick them up prior to the scout shop closure.

FAMILY FOS KICKOFF

JANUARY 12 -SAVE THE DATE

Cub Scout Roundtable Corner

Stay up to date with the latest Roundtable schedule. Please save these dates and forward them to other leaders in your pack.

2011 Schedule

*November: Cub Scout Core Value (Sept-Oct)
December: Holiday Craftervaganza

2012 Schedule

January: Pinewood Derby Clinic
*February: Cub Scout Core Value (Mar-May)
March: Campfire Planning Workshop
April: Sports Day Planning Workshop
*May: Cub Scout Core Value (Jun-Aug)
June: Day Camp Planning

*Quarterly Roundtable Program

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FREE Pinewood Derby Cars

Did you know your pack can receive free Pinewood Derby cars? The free cars are for those packs who have a 10% growth in Cub Scout membership from December 2010. Most packs only need to grow a few new scouts. Recruiting new scouts and leaders are important to the future success of your pack. We gave away hundreds of Pinewood Derby Cars last year. Will you get your cars this year? Please contact Eric Hearn 503-225-5737 or ehearn@cpcbsa.org or Enrique Suarez 503-225-5746 or eswartz@cpcbsa.org.

Boy Scout Roundtable

2010-2012 Roundtable Preview

December: Snow Caving, Hazardous Weather and Scout Committee Challenge

January: Snow lodges and snow fun

April: Spring camping and camporee, reminders for summer camp

June : How to survive at summer camp and have a great time

October : Late Fall camping, facilities and adventures

February, May, August and November
High adventure report outs and "How did we do that" sessions each roundtable

March: Summer/adventure programs

September: TLT, recruiting helps

December : Hazardous Weather, Snow caving how to's

Boy Scout Roundtable is open to all leaders in Boy Scouting, Varsity, or Venturing

Webelos Crossover

The passage from Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between. By the time Webelos

Scouts are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities, and feel excited about beginning this new adventure. The Webelos Scout's graduation ceremony should clearly signify his transition to a new level of Scouting, and could include the presentation of his Arrow of Light Award, a *Boy Scout Handbook*, and a troop neckerchief.

Webelos dens should be visiting boy scout troops in December and January. Most crossovers occur in February at the Blue and Gold Dinner. Boy Scout troops should not be passive in this process. They too should be contacting Webelos dens for a time to visit their den.

International Scouting Chinese Educators Learn About Scouting

HOUSTON, TEXAS – On December 5, 2011, the Sam Houston Area Council's International Scouting Committee shared insights about the Boy Scouts of America and its counterparts from around the world with a Chinese delegation of educators – largely consisted of principals – from Xi'an in the Shaanxi Province, People's Republic of China. The trip was coordinated by the Houston Mayor's Office of International Trade and Development department. The delegates made their stop at the Cockrell Scout Center before visiting with area school administrators.

Tyler Smith, Coordinator of Special Projects from the Mayor's Office, stated that the interest was primarily on "educating young men to be civic-minded citizens and how to be leaders of society by example." The International Scouting Committee organized a panel of six volunteers and professional Scouters led by Dan Ownby, a Sam Houston Area Council Board Member and a newly elected member of the [World Scout Committee](#). The panel presented and answered questions about morals and ethics; how the Scout Oath is put into practice; public service; the educational aspects of Scouting including advancement, leadership, life skills and citizenship; and how local Chinese scout units incorporate cultural aspects into their program.

Until recently, there has been little interest in establishing a Scouting program in the People's Republic of China. The Chinese delegation recognized that they had a "misperception about the Scouting program" and had thought that it was mainly a military program for youths. That perception was dismissed after having heard the history of how Scouting had started by Lord Baden-Powell right before World War I and how different countries have adopted their own [National Scout Organization](#) to meet the aims of Scouting today. "We are pleased to provide guidance to these educators and hope that Scouting's character building program can begin to reach mainland China," stated Dan Ownby. The Scout Association of Hong Kong is home to 95,000 uniformed Scouts and the Scout Association of Macau has 36 groups with a total of about 5,000 members. Evidenced by their wanting to visit with the Sam Houston Area Council and by their engaging conversation with the panel members about the Scouting program, there is renewed optimism that their new found interest will spark further discussion or even action to charter a new National Scout Organization in the People's Republic of China.

Source: Scouting News
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/2011/12/05/chinese-educators-learn-about-scouting-2/>

Scouting for Food

We thank our scouts, leaders, and parents for participating in the Scouting for Food Drive. The canned goods and non-perishable items are especially needed this time of the year. In Washington County, one in eight families are using food assistance. This year, we collected about 20,000 pounds of food items. Thank you for the valuable service you provided our community.

New Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

We are pleased to announce Skip Gaudreau will serve as the Boy Scout Roundtable commissioner beginning in November. Skip has been involved in Scouting for many years. Skip has also served as a past course director at Woodbadge . Please make him welcome.

Like us on Facebook



FACEBOOK: Sunset Trail District_CPC

The district has incorporated the popular social networking site of Facebook to better communicate with our volunteers and to share the message of scouting. We invite our leaders, Scouts, and Scouting Alumni to become our social networking friends. We will begin announcing upcoming events on these sites as well as district emails and the district website. Facebook continues to be a very popular site for volunteers and Scouts. Please like us on Facebook.

Roundtable Moves to a Quarterly Format

Each Quarter of the year, we will be offering a special Roundtable program featuring a training program, announcements on upcoming events, and refreshments. The Quarterly Roundtables are scheduled for September, November, February, and May. Plan on a special programs during these months. There will be no announcements, special break-outs or kick-offs during these quarterly Roundtables. These special programs will help improve your unit's program.

The District BBQ will continue to be offered in August along with the School Night Kick-off. We will continue to offer a one hour training during the off months. Each month, we will offer an hour of training and special break-outs for product sales, Life to Eagle Seminars, FOS Kick-offs, and special programs as needed. Please check the district calendar or the district website for dates and times. More details will be offered at the Program Kick-off in May.

2013 National Jamboree:

Referred to as "Jamboree", Scouts from all over the nation and world have the opportunity to attend. This is considered to be one of several unique experiences that the Boy Scouts of America offers. The first jamboree was scheduled to be held in 1935 in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting, but was delayed two years. The 1937 jamboree in the Nation's Capital attracted 25,000 Scouts, who camped around the Washington Monument and Tidal Basin. Since 1981, the jamboree has been located Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Future jamborees will be held at The Summit: Bechtel Family Na-

tional Scout Reserve in West Virginia.

The Cascade Pacific Council will be sending hundreds of scouts to the Jamboree during the summer of 2013. We need plenty of qualified adults to help lead our youth on this great experience. Youth and Adult Leader applications are now being accepted by the National Jamboree committee. All the details can be found on the council website.

Camping Blog

Ron Whitby and the district communication committee have been working hard on the district website. You may have noticed the changes. If you have not visited the website lately, please make a visit soon. The district website has basic information on everything Scouting including, Eagle and Merit Badge Advancement, Summer Camps, youth and adult recruiting, fundraising and unit budgets, adult and youth knots and awards, and much, much more.

Over the years, our Boy Scout leaders have asked about places to camp in Oregon. There are no many sources of information on this subject. Our district is responding to this need by offering a camping blog. A link to the blog is on our district website under resources. The blog is the place to swap camping adventures, list some of your best camping spots, and share the best day and backpack trips. What did you do last weekend? Please share it on the blog.

The BSA is Putting Scouting on the Map!

That's right! The BSA is putting Scouting on the map all across the nation! In time for fall join nights. The Boy Scouts of America will have its own joining Web page with information on Scouting, plus an actual Google map application that assists potential Scouts and their parents find packs, troops, and crews in their communities. Now it's your turn as a unit leader to activate your unit's pin and learn to manage any new inquiries or leads on potential new Scouts.

How does it work?

In a nutshell, unit leaders will be able to update their unit's Google "pin" – the bubble you see on Google maps – through MyScouting. Leaders can add their unit meeting time, location, phone number, unit Web-site address if they have one, as well as a contact name for the unit. It's easy!

TAGS Coming in January

TAGS or take a giant step forward is a Boy Scouting recruiting program on January 25th

at 7pm. 2011 will be the year no Webelos are left behind. We will be sending a postcard to every Webelos Scout eligible to join Boy Scouting. These Webelos and their parents will be invited to a special event when they can visit many troops from all over the district. The location will be determined later. Please save the date of January 25th at 7pm. Please Stay tuned!

Compass Points Bulletin is available by signing up at www.cpcbsa.org/email. These emails provide periodic information about council events & activities relevant to Scouting. Email addresses are not shared or distributed, so you can feel secure in signing up to get info.

Got a Training Schedule?

We have a new training schedule available to all our leaders. The next training is this weekend with Outdoor Skills Training at Camp Ireland. The next FULL TRAINING will be on January 14th at the Farmington Ward Building beginning at 9am.

Youth Protection Training will no longer be offered as a LIVE training. Please refer leaders to myscouting.org for Youth Protection Training.

For a listing of all the district training is available on the district website or at Roundtable in November, December, and January.

New District Commissioner Announced

We are pleased to announce the newest District Commissioner for Sunset Trail District, John Alberts. John will assume his duties on January 1st. John has served as Course Director at Woodbadge in 2010. John has been involved for many years in the Boy Scout and Venturing Programs with the Springville Ward, Cedar Mill Stake. Please make him welcome.

District Emails

District emails are the primary way we communicate in the district. Are you receiving district emails? If not, visit the district website <http://www.cpcbsa.org/sunsettrail/elist.php> to sign-up.

Winter Lodge Open for Registration

Winter Lodge dates are available on the council website. There are some wonderful

winter time activities found at our Winter Lodges. Some units use it as a great over-



nights with sliding. Some troops and crews use it as a base camp for skiing or snowboarding at Government

Camp. Whatever activity you choose, the lodges are warm and comfortable. Check out these and other camping opportunities at www.cpcbsa.org.

Journey to Excellence

Journey to Excellence forms are due before December 31st. Please make sure the form is submitted with your recharter. Questions should be directed to your unit commissioner.

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER BEGINS REGISTRATION FOR 2012

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) is the only national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1950, PTC has provided a unique environment for training volunteer and professional leaders, and a fun family program for every member of the family. There are many advanced classes for volunteers. Visit our website at www.PhilmontTrainingCenter.org for information. The Philmont Scout Ranch is not just for treks.

Life to Eagle Seminar

January 12th @ 7pm

Beaverton LDS Stake Center
4195 SW 99th Ave., Beaverton

The Life to Eagle Seminar is a resource for troop leaders, parents, and Scouts to understand the Eagle process. The requirements, boards of review, Scoutmaster conferences, and Eagle Projects will be discussed. We have found that parents and Scouts really appreciate knowing all the rules as well as the pitfalls early in the Eagle process, while they have time to comply and achieve success. Typically, these seminars are offered once each quarter and leaders, parents, and Star and Life Scouts are invited.

FOS 2012 Campaign

FOS

2011 was the best year in many years in the Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS). We sincerely thank our leaders, parents, and the many contributors of the FOS program. Our properties, program, materials, and staff are funded for another year due to your efforts. Thank you.

Now is the time to select a FOS Chairman. We will be asking for the name and contact information. We are beginning to plan for the 2012 Friends of Scouting program. Every pack, troop, and crew should begin of your unit chairman when you turn-in your recharter.

Every unit needs to have an FOS presentation in January or February. Start planning now and when you receive your packet, you'll hit the ground running. When you have your unit's FOS chair designated, please send that information on to Eric Hearn 503-225-5737 or ehearn@cpcbsa.org.

There will be some changes for the 2012 Friends of Scouting Campaign. We are planning to kickoff the Friends of Scouting on January 12th, Beaverton Stake Center, 7pm during Roundtable. All units will be asked to participate in 2012. Every unit will be contacted in the next three weeks for an FOS Chair and presentation date.

As in past years, the units chartered by the LDS Church will have a separate FOS Kickoff. The Beaverton West and Beaverton Stakes will kickoff on January 11th at the Beaverton Stake High Council Room. The Cedar Mill Stake will Kickoff on January 19th at 7pm in the Stake high Council Room. Letters to be sent to bishops will be mailed this week. Bishops will be asked to select and chair and participate in the scheduled kickoff meetings.



Most Cub Scouts celebrate Scouting Anniversary Week in February with a "birthday party" called the blue

and gold banquet. In nearly all packs, the blue and gold banquet is the highlight of the year. It brings families together for an evening of fun and cheer. It's often the pack meeting for February.

The purpose of the blue and gold banquet is to celebrate the pack's anniversary, thank pack leaders and other adults who have helped the pack, and inspire the leaders, Scouts, and parents. Packs often like to invite former members and other Scouting or community leaders to take part in their blue and gold banquet. These are great opportunities to invite your unit commissioner or district director to attend.

The banquet can be like a regular pack meeting, with songs, skits, stunts, and awards. Or it can be something different and a little more special. Your pack may decide to bring in an entertainer such as a magician or a storyteller. Or you could have a video or slide show of what the pack did over the past year. Be sure to include a Friends of Scouting presentation as part of the program.

Are you a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Unit?



A Journey to Excellence is a national recognition to recognize improvement in the areas of outdoor experiences or group activities, leader training, program planning,

advancement, and the recruitment of new members. Unit committee and leaders identify goals to improve their unit. These goals are evaluated at the end of the year. Youth and adult leaders can wear quality JTE patches on their uniform for achieving these goals. Please be sure to complete a JTE form and submit it with your Recharter.

LEADER TRAINING - JANUARY 14TH SAVE THE DATE

