



Gateway District e-Newsletter

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Info for All Scouters

E-Newsletter Subscriptions

Remember, that if any registered adult in your Pack, Troop or Crew would like to receive the monthly E-Newsletter, have them send an email to me at paul@bsacmc.org with E-Newsletter Subscription in the subject line. Have them include their first and last name, email address, unit number and position within the unit.

Roundtable

October's Roundtable will take place on the 9th. Please remember that we are in a new location this year. Roundtables will be held at Trinity Crossing in Princeton at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month. Directions can be found below by clicking on the Google Maps link.

[Google Maps link for Trinity Crossing](#)

Roundtables are a great way to stay up to date, meet others in your position and exchange ideas. Make sure you have at least one person to represent your unit.

We are also looking for Packs and Troops to do opening ceremonies for our Roundtables. If your unit would like to do the honors at one of our Roundtables this year, please let me or Judy Hanson know.

Popcorn Pick-up

If your unit has not yet signed up for a pick-up time slot, I will have the schedule at the next two roundtables. Pick up will be at MyCull Fixtures in Princeton. You can find a [map here](#) to direct you to MyCull Fixture's location.

If you have questions regarding details of the sale, please contact Wade Bastian at the Council office at wade@bsacmc.org or by phone at (320)251-3930 x106.

Open District Positions

The Gateway District is looking for volunteers to serve on the district committee. Listed below are the areas in which we are looking for help and a brief description of each position. If interested in one of these positions, please contact me and let me know where you are interested in serving.

- Tiger Prowl Event Chairperson
- Wolf Howl Event Chairperson
- Unit Commissioners
- Scouting For Food Chair
- Friends of Scouting Presenters
- Venturing Roundtable Commissioner

Scout Shop Coming to Roundtable in October

A representative from Scout Shop will be on hand with merchandise to sell at the October Roundtable. They will have books, uniforms and more on hand. If there is something specific you would like them to bring along, please give them a call at the numbers below. The Scout Shop can also take your faxed or phoned in orders and can ship your order to your front door via UPS.

Phone: (320)252-0143 or 1-877-252-0143

Fax: (320)259-8135

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is designed to be advanced leadership training for adult leaders taught in the living experience of a Boy Scout Troop employing the patrol method. The object is to demonstrate as practically as possible, the aims and methods of Scouting. Wood Badge is open to all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing adult leaders. Leaders must have completed basic training for their registered position before attending Wood Badge.

The Voyageurs Area Council, based in Duluth, is holding a Wood Badge course at Camp Wilderness near Park Rapids on February 23 – 28, 2009. If you would like more information on the course and registration forms, please visit this link: <http://www.vac-bsa.org/pubs/e/755.pdf>

Tiger Prowl Staff Needed (Play Games with 200 Brand New Scouts)

About eight more volunteer staff are needed to help staff activity stations and assist with check-in at Tiger Prowl on Saturday, November 15th. Adult staff, mature Boy Scouts and Venturers are welcome to come help give these boys a fun start to their Scouting experience. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact me at paul@bsacmc.org.

Cub Scouters

Tiger Prowl

Tiger Prowl will take place on Saturday, November 15th at the Foley High School. The program runs from 10am to 2:30pm. Check-in will begin at 9:30am. Registration forms will be available by the October Roundtable.

Webelos Activity Badge Days

This event at Parker Scout Reservation for Webelos is coming up on Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th. Registration info is available on the Council's website. www.bsacmc.org.

Cub Leader Training

The Gateway District training team will be offering three Cub Leader trainings for any leader new to their position. The trainings will be broken out by position to tailor the content to your needs.

Sessions will be held on...

October 2nd in Ogilvie at the Civic Center/Fire Hall at 6:30 pm

October 7th in Elk River at the United Methodist Church at 7pm

October 9th in Princeton at Roundtable at 7pm

Please share this information with your leaders who have not gone through training for their position yet. Let David Rolf, the district Cub Leader Training Chair, or I know who from you Pack plans to attend training and which location they plan to attend. David Rolf can be contacted at (763) 262 - 0134 or rolf@sherbtdel.net.

Membership Follow ups

Remind your Cub Scout families to invite someone new to your next Pack meeting. Scouting is more fun when a boy's friends are involved and Scouting can have a positive impact in the development of a boy as he grows into a man. Help build a stronger foundation in your community by inviting a family to take part in Cub Scouts.

I have templates available for Halloween themed flyers to promote your October Pack meeting. I will email the file to each Pack to use. Have your Scouts give them to their friends who are not yet involved in Scouts.

Boy Scouters

October Roundtable Topic

Not clear on the paperwork and steps required to get your Scouts from Life to Eagle? Worried that a Scout is close to his 18th birthday and need to know when a Board of Review has to take place? Not sure where to send a project for approval or an Eagle Rank application? A presentation outlining the Life to Eagle Scout process will be given by Mary Bacchus and Randy Arko at the October Roundtable.

Centennial Recruiter Award

Remember that your Boy Scouts can earn this patch for recruiting a friend to join your Troop. Just make a note on the submitted New Scout Application of who recruited him and a Centennial Recruiter Award patch will be mailed to your Scoutmaster.

Nature Program Opportunities

The Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve is looking to develop program for Boy Scout Troops at its facility near East Bethel, MN. The facility is not a camp, but camping or use of a dorm building which sleeps about 30 with kitchen is available. The center can help with several merit badges, including Environmental Science, Soil & Water Conservation, Bird Study, Fish & Wildlife Management, Insect Study, Forestry, Hiking, Gardening, Nature and Plant Science.

If your Troop is interested in finding out what Cedar Creek has to offer, contact Mary Spivey, the Community Education Coordinator at (763)434-5131 or visit www.cedarcreek.umn.edu for more information.

Venturing

New Venture Crew

Big Lake is organizing a new Venture Crew. If you know of a young man or woman at least age 14 but not yet 21 who would be interested in joining this program, please let me or Judy Hanson know.

Boy Scouts who are at least 14 may also join a Venture Crew while staying active in their Troop. It is a great way to keep older boys interested in Scouting. Venture Crews can focus on one activity or try several high adventure activities. Examples are, but not limited to shooting sports, climbing, kayaking,

There are also Venture Crews active in Elk River, Princeton and Foley.