



POLARIS STAR

Welcome to the Polaris Star, the monthly Roundtable minutes and Polaris newsletter. You will be able to find out what the Polaris district committee is doing as well as upcoming events in your area!

Annual District Business Meeting

The annual Polaris District business meeting was held on Wednesday, 2 December 2009, at West Valley Presbyterian Church. The meeting was called to order by Kathi Lucas at 8:00 PM. The meeting opened with introductions by our District Committee Chair, Kathi Lucas. Following introductions, Tracey Devereux presented a brief review of the events and accomplishments of 2009. Kathi Lucas recognized the service of the 2009 District Committee. Bob Wedig recognized the service of the unit commissioners in 2009.

Kathi Lucas presented the proposed slate for the 2010 Polaris District Committee. Kathi Lucas agreed to continue as District Committee Chair for another year. Nominated committee members-at-large were: David Ashby, Cathy Bobier, Kenneth Bower, Arthur Chih, Thomas A. (Tad) Davis, Mark Ellson, Mary Enright, Sally Erickson, Melissa Garnica, Wendy Glasser, C.S. Goh, Larry Grace, Debbie Jancis, Paul Jancis, Jonathan Leder, Jill Lin, Jean Long, Teresa Lorenzen, John Lucas, Jerry McMillan, Steve Nguyen, Don Pannel, Will Smith, Thomas Su, Steve Walters, Debbie Ward, Peter Wong, and Lillie Yee-Fong. There being a quorum present for the meeting, the slate was elected by acclamation. While the district does not elect the District Commissioner, Robert Wedig was recommended to the Executive Board to fill this post. Following the election, Eric Tarbox swore-in the 2010 Polaris District Committee.

Having conducted all business, the meeting was adjourned by the incoming 2010 District Committee Chairman, Kathi Lucas, at 8:56 PM.

Council Recognition Dinner

Please join us for the 2010 Annual Recognition Dinner: The dinner is 5 February 2010 at the Santa Clara Convention Center in the new Grand Ballroom. The dinner honors the Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver Class of 2009. The dinner also recognizes the service of the 2009 Council officers and inducts the 2010 Council officers.

Reservations will be online soon at www.scccbsa.org.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars with these district and council events:

Date	Event
January 23	University of Scouting & Pow Wow
February 5	Council Recognition Dinner
February 6	WeST Investigation Day
February 13	Polaris District Pinewood Derby
April 15-18	Northern California Jamboree

Eagle Recognition Sponsors

The annual Council Recognition Dinner is coming up on 5 February. Each year, we recognize the youth that have earned the rank of Eagle during the previous year. As honorees, we don't want to charge these youth for their meals. This is an opportunity for you to step in and help recognize those that have earned the highest rank in Boy Scouting. The council is seeking sponsors that would make a contribution to pay for a youth to attend the Council Dinner. For details of how to make a contribution, please contact Shannon Shaffer at shannon@scccbsa.org or call her at 408-280-5088 ext. #31.

Scouting for Food

Thanks to all of you that participated in the 2009 Scouting for Food Drive. Through your efforts, we collected a total of 18,405 pounds of food in the Polaris District. Particularly as the holiday season approaches, this is going to make a difference in many lives.

Thanks also to Chia-Chih Ho who organized this year's drive.

University of Scouting / Pow Wow Coming

On 23 January 2010, Santa Clara County Council is gathering at Santa Clara High School for the annual University of Scouting and Pow Wow. This once a year training opportunity offers a chance to choose from approximately 75 different classes on all aspects of Scouting.

This event is:

- A supplemental training opportunity
- A chance to recharge your creative batteries
- An idea and information bonanza
- A reunion of old Scouting friends and a meeting of new Scouting friends

For more information, contact training@scccbsa.org.

Council Recognition Dinner

Please join us for the 2010 Council Recognition Dinner: The dinner is 5 February 2010 at a location to be announced. The dinner honors the Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver Class of 2009.

The dinner also includes:

- Eagle Scout projects and displays
 - 2009 Heroism and Award of Merit Recipients
 - Thank the 2009 Council Officers
 - Induct the 2010 Council Officers
 - Special Guests and activities
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2009 Centennial Quality Unit Awards

Remember those objectives that you submitted at the beginning of the year. Well, it's time to pull them out and start evaluating how you've done in satisfying those objectives. Your unit commissioners are ready to help you in completing those evaluations. Meeting the criteria for the Centennial Quality Unit Plus award can save your unit quite a bit by making your 2010 cloth rank badges free.

Note from the Editor

Thank you for reading this issue of the Polaris Star. We hope that you have found it helpful and interesting. Please send items for inclusion in future issues of the Polaris Star to Mark Ellson at mfellson@comcast.net. The deadline for submissions for the January issue is 8 January. Earlier submissions are appreciated.

"Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader."

This Is Scouting

"This is Scouting", the replacement for New Leader Essentials, is now online at <http://olc.scouting.org>. Make sure that your e-learning profile includes your BSA ID number so that your completed courses can be matched with your leader registration.

Cub Position Specific Training

13 February – Council Service Center

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training

20 March – Camp Chesebrough

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training

23-24 April – Camp Chesebrough

Boy Scout SM/ASM Leader Specific Training

14, 21, 28 January – Council Service Center

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

6 & 12-13 March – Camp Chesebrough

Troop Committee Challenge

The Troop Committee Challenge is now available online @ <http://olc.scouting.org> (Please have your scout registration ID to log in. When completed, please notify Jerry McMillan so that he can verify your registration.)

Venturing Leader Specific

27 March – Council Service Center

Bearpaw

19-21 February – Emigrant Gap (Part 2)

High Adventure

9-10 January – Camp Chesebrough (Part 1)

6-7 March – Camp Chesebrough (Part 2)

Den Chief Training

6 March – Council Service Center

Woodbadge

2010 Course:

Orientation: 21 August

Weekend 1: 24-26 September

Weekend 2: 8-10 October

Reunion: 23 January

For additional information or to verify your "Trained" status, please contact Jerry McMillan.

December Cub Scout Roundtable

Now is the time for packs to be working on transitioning in new leaders. So, if you are moving up to Boy Scouts soon, please bring your replacement to Roundtable. This helps them make connections with our District's best resources – the leaders of neighboring Packs.

December RT Agenda: January's Theme: Power Up

Boys explore the science of energy through solar, electrical, and wind power. Learn how this energy is used in everyday life. They can explore different ways to conserve energy and protect the world in which we live. Work on the Science or Weather belt loop and pin. Boys can invite friends to join in the pinewood derby and discover the power behind those little cars. What types of things are powered up by the flip of a switch? A field trip to the local waterworks or power plant might be part of the den's monthly plan. Finish the month with a real power-packed pack meeting. The boys can power up by being physically fit and working on the Physical Fitness belt loop and pin.

December Roundtable Activities:

Opening Pillars of Cub Scouting - POWER UP!

Training Pow Wow

Ceremonies Blue and Gold

Fun Pinewood Derby

Games

Song Energy

Norm

Games

Cub Scout Wars - Paul

Power Play - Brian

Myth Busters Webelos Graduate in June

Pack Leader Breakouts

Cubmaster Breakout Ceremonies (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear)

Tiger-Bear Den Leaders Breakout

Candle Windmill

Cheshire Cat - Switch Plate

Potato Clock

Webelos Den Leaders Breakout

Arrow of Light

Graduation Plaque

Den Leaders Pinewood Derby Basics

Tad

District Executive/Chairman News and upcoming events

Cubmaster Minute

Please check your "Program Helps", Pow-Wow book and "Cub Scout How To" book for additional theme ideas. Roundtable would love to hear about theme related activities that our units are planning and would like to share!

January RT Agenda: February's Theme: Happy Birthday, BSA

The 100th anniversary of Scouting in America is the perfect time for the youngest Scouts to learn about the history of Scouting. Besides learning the story of Scouting, they also have the opportunity to learn more about the history of their family and their community. The Tiger cubs get to share how their families celebrate and help put together a big birthday bash for Scouting. They learn a new song to share at the big celebration, where most boys are awarded their Tiger Cub badge this month. Congratulations, and happy birthday, BSA!

December Boy Scout Roundtable

On 2 December, at the annual Polaris District Business meeting, it was reported that forty (40) Scouts in the Polaris District have earned Scouting's highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout, so far this year. Many more Scouts are working toward that goal. This month, the Boy Scout Roundtable helps them along their path to Eagle.

We fully discuss the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank.

Included are details about the application form, the letters of reference, merit badge requirements, and leadership roles. Of course, we discuss the Eagle Service Project. In addition, we discuss the procedural requirements, including the timeline for requirements completion.

All of this information is of great help if it is taken back to the Life Scouts in your Troop. But, to make it even easier to get the message to them, we are inviting Life Scouts and their parent to come and hear first-hand at this Roundtable meeting,. Please extend the invitation on our behalf.

So we'll see you at the December Boy Scout Roundtable and prepare to help those Eagles fly.

Next month, the Boy Scout Roundtable is 12 January. We are discussing the Webelos-to-Scout transition. As we start the new year, we are looking at ways we can turn Webelos into Scouts.

Venturing Roundtable Information

There is a separate **Venturing-specific roundtable** held each month. This Roundtable, focused on the needs of Venturing Crews, is a Council-wide event. The Venturing Roundtable is the first Tuesday of every month at the Council Service Center from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The next Roundtable is Tuesday, 5 January.

November Roundtable Recap

To be successful, Roundtable needs the participation of each of our units. We are asking that Cub leaders who are moving up to Boy Scouts please bring their pack's incoming leaders to the next Roundtable on 8 December.

We would like to thank the following units for their attendance at the October Roundtable:

UnitType [Participants]

Packs 408 [2], 411, 415 [3], 433 [2], 436 [2], 443, 444 [2], 450, 452, 457 [2], 476 [2], 499, 505, 581 [2]

23 leaders from 14 of 34 packs for 48% of our packs represented

Troops 400 [4], 407, 408 [2], 452 [3], 453, 454 [2], 457, 463, 466 [4], 468, 476 [2], 479, 485, 494 [6], 495 [5], 498, 508, 566, 581 [2], 606 [2], unknown [4]

46 leaders from 21 of 24 troops for 88% of our troops represented

Please join us in celebrating the following October First-Timers and Roundtable Anniversaries:

Name	Position	Unit
First Timers		
Lisa Wong	Assistant Den Leader	P408
Henry So	Den Leader	P444
Shizhao Li	Committee Chairman	P452
David Mather	Den Leader	P581
Wei-Lun Kao	Scoutmaster	T408
Duane Wong	Assistant Scoutmaster	T485
Radhakrishma Adiga	Assistant Scoutmaster	T495
25th RT Attended		
Bob Wedig	District Commissioner	DIST
Brian Davis	Den Leader	P457

Thank you to all of our FOS contributors for helping to make Roundtable possible! A small part of each FOS contribution is used to fund the crafts and activities presented at Roundtable such as the New Year's dragon kits that were made and given out at January's meeting.

Polaris Email Group

The Polaris District Email group is used to send this monthly Roundtable Reminder, our monthly newsletter "The Polaris Star" and between 3 and 7 special announcements a month. You can join the group if you would like to stay in the loop on all that is happening in the Polaris District. If you know a fellow Polaris Scouter who is not a member of the list, please invite them to join.

If you are not currently on the Polaris Yahoo Group mailing list and would like to receive the Star each month, please subscribe to our list by sending an email to the following address:

SCCC-Polaris-RD-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Polaris District Committee

Position	Name
District Chairman	Kathi Lucas
District Executive	Tracey Devereux
District Commissioner	Bob Wedig
Membership Chair	Steve Nguyen
Finance Chair	Debbie Jancis
Program Chair	Jonathan Leder
Activities Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Advancement Chair	Wendy Glasser
Camping Chair	Pauli Hsueh
Training Chair	Jerry McMillan
Cub Scout Training Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Boy Scout Training Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Venturing Training Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Public Relations Chair	Mark Ellson
OA Chapter Advisor	John Lucas
Boy Scout RT Commissioner	Larry Grace
Cub Scout RT Commissioner	Tad Davis
Venturing RT Commissioner	Ken Bower
Pinewood Derby Chair	Roger Burney
Scout-O-Rama Chair	Peter Wong
Scouting-for-Food Chair	Chia-Chih Ho
MB Counselor Training Chair	David Ashby
District Dinner Chair	Debbie Ward

All e-mail addresses can be found through the Council by contacting Tracey Devereux at 408-280-5088 ext 55.
