



POLARIS STAR

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

Start 'Em In The Spring, Fill 'Em In The Fall

Long-standing Cub packs will set up recruitment for Tiger Cubs, graduating kindergarten boys, and for dens that need either more members or adult leadership in the spring. By including leader recruitment in the plan, the pack allows new leaders a chance to take training and plan program before the school year. The new den or pack can work on the Summertime Pack Award with one activity a month to get a feel for being Den Leaders before using Program Helps to work through weekly meetings.

Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews will similarly recruit middle school youth and high school youth for members before summer camp and super activities. This recruiting is usually peer-to-peer rather than working through school classes.

If you need help or ideas to recruit your new leadership, your Unit Commissioner can help. For more information or materials please contact Dylan Hendrickson at Dylan@scccbsa.org or call him at 408-280-5088 ext. #41.

Scout-O-Rama - May 12, 2007

We are getting close to Scout-O-Rama, but there is still plenty of time to sign your unit up and prepare for a booth or take advantage of the fundraising opportunity. We have a few suggestions to make for your preparation efforts.

Information on your booth – Do you need water? Do you need power? 10x10 or 10x20? Has the unit provided a short description of the booth to the council yet? Most exceptions or proclivities can be planned for if the information is provided in advance.

It will probably be warm that day, so make sure that your boys have sun-screen, water and a shelter available at your area. A pop-up tent is great to help keep your people cool.

Scout-O-Rama can be an advancement opportunity, especially for the Cub scouts. Tigers can "Make Decorations" (elective 2), invite a new friend (elective 9), Visit a Ham Radio Station (Achievement 4)... and so on. Bears can talk to someone who was a Cub Scout a long time ago... and so forth. For units sponsoring a booth that will fulfill requirements, be sure to have forms that the boys can take back to their den leaders explaining what requirement they completed.

For more information on or to sign up for the event and ticket sales, please send email to Dylan@scccbsa.org or call at 408-280-5088 ext. #41.

2007 Polaris Training Goals

At the annual planning meeting, Polaris set a target of having 70% of all top unit leaders 'trained'. Top unit leaders are Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors. To be trained, you have to complete basic training for your position. (New Leader Essentials, Leader Specific, and Outdoor Leader Skills/Outdoor Webelos Leader.) For second level unit leaders (ASMs, Den Leaders, Assistant Advisors), we set the goal to have 50% for training. We will be touching base with you with regards to your training status.

"Every boy deserves a trained leader."

For additional information or to verify your "Trained" status please contact Bobby Toda at bobbytoda@yahoo.com.

Centennial Plus Award

In the final three years before Scouting's 100th Anniversary, in an effort to propel the Scouting movement forward the Quality Unit Award has been replaced by the Centennial Quality Unit Award. The Centennial Quality Unit Award is design to give each unit the flexibility to set their own goals and work towards improvement instead of trying to meet set standards created by the national organization. If you have not already set your goals please contact your unit commissioner immediately, and if you do not have a unit commissioner please contact Greg Buchanan.

Like the Quality Unit Award the Commissioners Challenge (for going above and beyond the Quality Unit Award) has been replaced by the Centennial Plus Award. Units who successfully complete all of the Centennial Plus requirements will receive all cloth advancement patches for FREE! (Including Cub Scout arrow points, Boy Scout merit badges, and Venturing bronze awards.)

The requirements for the award are posted on the council website; <http://www.scccbsa.org/files/CentennialPlusAwardv3.pdf>. One of which is participation in Scout-o-Rama and there is a limited amount of time to still get involved.

For additional information or materials please contact Greg Buchanan at greg@buchanan.com or call 408 253-0611.

Polaris Camp-o-See: May 19-20th

Yar! Every year Scouts from the Polaris District gather together at Camp-o-See to compete with each other, meet other Scouts within the district, and, most importantly, show their Scout Spirit.

So far this year over 275 Scouts have been impressed to crew the rowdy decks of the Pirate themed vessel "Camp-o-See" at Chesebrough. Registration is still open, and do not forget to pre-order your crews T-Shirts as they will not be available for sale at the event.

Additional information regarding the Camp-o-See can be accessed through the Polaris District section of the Council website, [scccbsa.org: http://www.scccbsa.org/html/districts/polaris.html](http://www.scccbsa.org/html/districts/polaris.html).

Cub Scout Camp

Pack Registration Day is right around the corner on April 28th. This is every Pack's first opportunity to register their youth for Cub Scout Camp. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until 12:00 a.m. We know that many packs like to get on line extra early so we will be running a Pancake Breakfast from 6:30 until 10:00 a.m. This will be a great opportunity to meet other Pack's camp coordinators and to learn about all the great events that are coming up for the Santa Clara County Council.

All registered Cub Scouts are invited to attend any of the day camp sessions being offered. The families of Cub Scouts are also invited to participate in our Family Camp program. The Cub Scout Camping Program is designed for Cub Scouts between the ages of 7 - 10. Unfortunately, our standard day camps are not staffed or designed to handle the needs of incoming Tiger Cubs. Tiger Cubs are invited to any of the Family Camps.

Packs that want to guarantee a spot at camp prior to the April 28th registration can do so by "Hosting" a camp station for a week or providing a volunteer for a camp director spot. We recommend that you register early to insure your first choice for camp. We had a waiting list for many of the camps last year! For more information on the camps, please send your email to Jonathan Leder at Jonathan@scccbsa.org or call at 408-280-5088 ext. #34.

Friends of Scouting

Delivering the Promise... One of the past themes used in BSA training, asked leaders if they are delivering the promise of an active, vibrant program to the youth members in their charge. The delivery system comes in many ways—time spent as leader, knowledge passed down as a mentor, resources gathered for

activities, funds secured to build infrastructure to help all units to succeed. Your Friends of Scouting gifts help to keep the Council Service Center, Camp Chesebrough, and Camp Hi-Sierra available for use. Your gifts also help to bring people and materials to help Polaris District units succeed in bringing Scouting to the communities of Saratoga, Cupertino and Sunnyvale. Help Polaris District reach its financial commitment to keep delivering the promise to the members in our programs.

At the end of March, we have received pledges for \$85,000 (49.9%) of our \$170,000 goal. Congratulations to P127, P415, P426, P444, P471, P581, T127, T407, T463, and T508 for going above and beyond their goals.

Please also remember that a lot of companies do matching gifts, so please contact your Human Resources department to potentially double your gift! For more information or materials please contact Debbie Jancis at debbie.jancis@sbcglobal or call her at 408 245-4745.

April Cub Scout Roundtable

April RT: May's theme is "Cubs and Bugs Galore".

This month explore creepy crawly critters and discover the giant world of insects. Take a walk or hike and see how many insects-- or their signs-you can spot. Learn the stages of an insect's life and how some insects change inside a cocoon or chrysalis. Make a model of an insect home or build an ant farm. How does an insect survive the winter? Learn to treat bug bites and stings. Visit a beekeeper and taste fresh honey. Talk to a farmer, county extension agent, or biology teacher about the harmful and helpful things that insects do.

[RAFT Bug Massager Project](#)

April Roundtable Activities: Skit/Entertainment

Enough Run-Ons to bug you

Game

Spider Badminton, Fast Food for Spiders, Silly Webs (Steve)

Pack Committee Breakout

Planning your Pack Planning Meeting - How to prepare and motivate your leaders for a successful year (Charlie)

Cubmasters Breakout

Paddle stick trick with bugs, Ladybug trick, spider and butterfly trick (Steve)

Den Leaders Breakout

Mexican Jumping Beans and Bug Crafts (Carissa)

Webelos Den Leaders Breakout

Nature Crafts butterfly catcher, styrofoam stethoscope, The worm turns fishing pole. Fishing Belt Loop. (Tad)

Cubmasters Ceremonies

Kits will be available for Magic or Scientific Ceremonies (Steve Carissa)

Cubmaster Minute/Closing Ceremony

"When You Wish Upon A Star" (Steve)

Theme Support

Boy's Life - "Dink and Duff" examine the "Cubs and Bugs Galore" theme in the April issue; Webelos edition has article on the Artist Activity Badge (April)

May RT Planning Meeting - April 18 at 7:30 PM

Anyone interested in being on our Staff is welcome to attend. We'll have directions and address available at Roundtable.

May RT Agenda: June's theme, Wheel Into Summer

Wheels help us have a "weeely good time." Our bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, and scooters are fun-provided we use them correctly. Learn about how bikes are used in other countries and in various types of competitions. How about having a pack "wheel fun party" where you can demonstrate your skills and learn safety rules while having lots of fun? Remember to wear the correct protective gear such as helmets and pads. Conduct a Cub Scout mobile race. Adult family members can be judges and help with a cookout or picnic. Don't forget to look into electives that could be completed during the meeting as well earning the Bicycling and Skating belt loops and pins. [RAFT Wheel Projects](#)

We're offering a new breakout in May; "Cub Scout 101 for New Parents". Bring your new parents to this session, and we'll go through the Cub Scout basics and work to get them excited and motivated about taking on a role in your Pack. Be sure to come and bring ALL your new Cub parents to this Roundtable! The session will not be repeated until sometime in the fall.

April Boy Scout Roundtable

Recruiting: Recruiting can keep the Troop moving forward. New Scouts are the lifeblood of the Program. Polaris District Executive Dylan Hendrickson will discuss recruiting techniques that have been successful and will entertain questions and ideas on how to keep our units "full" or growing. We will also discuss "recruiting" of parents, ie, how to get the parents to buy into the Scouting program and be supportive by taking on jobs in the unit. We'll be looking for difficulties and successes from our Roundtable participants.

Order of the Arrow: The Order of the Arrow (OA) will make a presentation on "What is the OA; why and how should your Scouts and Leaders get involved?" This will also be an opportunity for those last-minute questions about the Polaris Camporee-2007.

Upcoming Events

April 12th: Endowment Art Tour
April 21st: Council Water Rocket Derby (Registration Closed)
April 27th-29th: OA Conclave
April 28th: Cub Scout Camp Pack Registration Day
May 11th: OA Lodge Banquet
May 12th: Scout-O-Rama
May 19-20: Polaris District Camp-o-Ree

Upcoming Training

New Leader Essentials
May 5 - Council Service Center
July 7 - Council Service Center
Sept 6 - Council Service Center

Cub Position Specific Training
May 5 - Council Service Center
July 7 - Council Service Center
Sep 8 - Council Service Center

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training
April 20-21 @ Chesebrough

BALOO
May 19 - @ Los Gatos Scout Hut

Woodbadge
Spring 2007:
Orientation: March 24
Weekend One: April 20-22
Weekend Two: May 4-6
Final troop meeting: August 4
Fall 2007:
Orientation: August 18
Weekend One: September 27-29
Weekend Two: October 11-13
Final troop meeting: January 12, 2008

Polaris District Committee

Position	Name
District Chairman	Ed Chang
District Executive	Dylan Hendrickson
District Commissioner	Greg Buchanan
Membership Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Finance Chair	Debbie Jancis
Program Chair	Les Schreiber
Activities Chair	Yo-Wei Liu
Advancement Chair	David Ashby
Camping Chair	Roy Tsai
Training Chair	Bobby Toda
Cub Scout Training Chair	Sarah Rouse
Boy Scout Training Chair	<i>Bobby Toda</i>
Venturing Training Chair	Suzette Pangrle
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

All e-mail addresses can be found through the Council by contacting Dylan Hendrickson at 408-280-5088 ext 41.

March Roundtable Recap

To be successful, Roundtable needs the participation of each of our units. We would like to thank the following units for their attendance last two months:



FEBRUARY ROUNDTABLE ATTENDANCE

Unit Type [Participants]

Packs 476 [4], 415 [3], 457 [2], 406 [2], 535, 505, 462, 508, 450, 436, 411, 408, 452

20 Leaders from 13 of 32 Packs for 42% of our Packs represented

Troops 407 [3], 485 [3], 452 [3], 453 [2], 494 [2], 495 [2], 443, 581, 454, 463, 468, 476, 479, 498, 508, 535, 400

26 Leaders from 17 of 21 Troops for 81% of our Troops represented

MARCH ROUNDTABLE ATTENDANCE

Packs 415 [3], 457 [3], 476 [3], 452 [2], 549, 408, 411, 433, 462, 492, 504, 406, 505

20 Leaders from 13 of 30 Packs for 43% of our Packs represented

Troops 452 [4], 407 [3], 400 [3], 453 [2], 463 [2], 476 [2], 494 [2], 495 [2], 581, 454, 479, 485, 535

25 Leaders from 13 of 21 Troops for 62% of our Troops represented

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

First Timers

Marian Chiang FOS Chair P408

Jack Song T452

Brian Davis TDL P457

Lungwen Han ??? P452

Douglas Duncan PNT T463

10th Anniversaries

Norm Proffitt ACM P476

Harvey Tung ASM T453

Roger Burney ASM T452

Ann Anaya CC P476

Peter Chiu CM P452

25th RT Anniversary

Yo-Wei Liu ASM T453

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SCCC-Polaris-RD-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

At the March Cub Café Roundtable we paid homage to the Iron Chef. Commissioner Rebecca Feng introduced the current champion and Iron chef along with the challengers, then introduced the secret ingredient (fun) and dismissed each to their kitchens.



Chef Carissa worked with Tiger, Wolf and Bear leaders who created food totems. . Chef Tad took the Webelos leaders to a more advanced class including outdoor cooking in box ovens, charcoal and propane stoves. His dishes included breads, pizzas, stew and other items. Chef Steve cooked up Cubmaster ceremonies with food - a clock that runs on lemons, and Chefs Dylan and Charlie brought recipes that use lots of fun for Packs by planning summer camp activities and Scout-O-Rama participation building up to the Summertime Pack Award.

For dessert, our leaders tried their hands at finding safety pins buried in dishes of rice - a very low calorie dish, but very high in fun.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and also to all of our FOS donors. Your contributions help make Roundtable possible by subsidizing supplies. We hope to see everyone at next month's Cubs and Bugs Galore!

Polaris Email Group

Thank you for reading this issue of the Polaris Star. We hope that you have found it helpful and interesting. If you are not currently on the Polaris Yahoo Group mailing list and would like to receive