



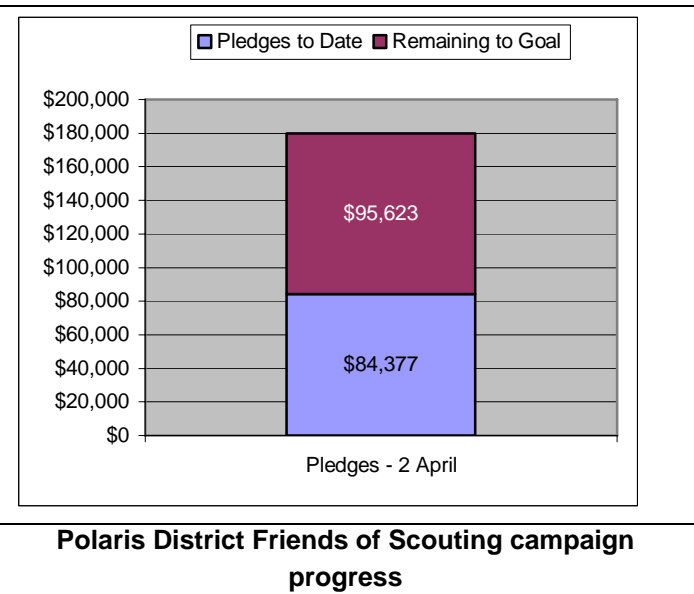
Welcome to the Polaris Star, the monthly Roundtable minutes and Polaris newsletter. You will be able to find out what the Polaris district committee is doing as well as upcoming events in your area!

## Friends of Scouting Kickoff

Thanks to everyone that is working to make the 2008 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign a success. By now, all units should have had their FOS kickoff. We're almost at the half-way point toward our objective for the year. Congratulations to P426, P462, P476, T400, T407, T463, T508, and T606 for already reaching goal!!! We just need to keep the pedal to the metal to finish out!

## Polaris District Camp-O-Ree

The Polaris District Camp-O-Ree invades Camp Chesebrough on April 12 and 13. This year's theme is "Superheroes". So, be prepared to show off your Scouting skills! Troops again compete for the coveted Silver Axe award for the highest cumulative scores from the events and the Bronze Hatchet to be awarded to the Troop best demonstrating the theme.



This year continues last year's drive to reduce the number of cars in camp. All Scouts must be unloaded at the Sempervirens Point parking lot (across the highway from the camp entrance) and hike down the road into camp. **Only 1 car per 20 registered Scouts is permitted to park at camp.** Set up your carpools and be ready to backpack in your gear!!

Registration is available on-site, so don't worry about getting to the Council Office. Just bring your checkbook and show up!

Due to on-going construction at Camp Chesebrough, space is at a premium. Be aware that vehicle access to camp is going to be very limited due to the lack of parking and the need to use parking areas for games.

For FOS questions, please contact the Polaris District Finance Chair, Debbie Jancis. Debbie can be reached by her email <debbie.jancis@sbcglobal.net> or by phone 408-245-4745.

Due to safety concerns related to the construction, some areas of camp are marked "Off Limits". Scouts caught in those areas will receive MAJOR penalty points for their Troop!

Questions can be addressed to your units Order of the Arrow representative, or Chapter Advisor John Lucas at jlucas73@yahoo.com.

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars with these upcoming district and council events:

Date	Event
April 12-13	Polaris District Camp-O-Ree
April 16	Spring Recruitment Training (7pm CSC)
April 24	Spring Recruitment Training (7pm CSC)
April 25-27	OA Conclave
May 9	OA Lodge Dinner
May 10	Scout-O-Rama
May 30 - June 1	OA Spring Ordeal

\* CSC- Council Service Center

## 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.

## Committee Chairman's Corner

I always feel very sad whenever I see news about school shootings, gang fights, etc. The latest one shocked me for a long time when I heard it on the news today: three third grade students plotted to hurt their teacher. What has happened to our children? But, when I look at our scouts, I feel so proud of them. They are the future of our country. I am glad that there are many great adult leaders who help these children, teach them, and guide them so that they'll become great citizens.

Spring is here. Traditionally, it is the time to recruit scouts. Our district has more scouts than last year in the same period. But, I would like to see every boy gets a chance to be involved in scouting. I encourage all our leaders to work with your boys to recruit their friends to join us. Go out in your neighborhood to talk to the boys and their parents. Invite them to your unit. As more boys join scout troops or packs, less crimes, such as those mentioned above, happen. Let's set a goal to recruit.

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## Cub Summer Camp Registration

As announced, Cub Summer camp registration is now open. We have something for everyone with 12 day camps, 3 twilight camps, 2 Webelo Resident Camps, and 1 Cub Adventure Resident Camp. Each camp has unique opportunities and programs. You can sign up for one or many - each is a special experience.

To get started on your online registration, go to the 2008 Cub Summer camp site at <http://www.scccbsa.org/cubcamp/>. Here, you can find all the information you need to get signed up.

Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews, this is important to you as well. We are looking for your best Boy Scouts and Venturers to be a part of our fantastic 2008 Cub Camp Staff. Whether they volunteer for 1 week or the whole summer, we have opportunities for everyone. The staff application can be found at [http://www.scccbsa.org/files/2008\\_program\\_camping\\_Cub\\_StaffApplication2008.pdf](http://www.scccbsa.org/files/2008_program_camping_Cub_StaffApplication2008.pdf). Please download, print, and distribute as needed.

Do you have questions or need additional information? The first place to check is the Cub Camp web site at <http://www.scccbsa.org/cubcamp/>. The FAQ page ([http://www.scccbsa.org/files/2008\\_program\\_camping\\_cubcamp\\_faq.pdf](http://www.scccbsa.org/files/2008_program_camping_cubcamp_faq.pdf)) answers many of your general camp questions. In addition, you can contact the Cub camp Committee via e-mail at [cubcamp@scccbsa.org](mailto:cubcamp@scccbsa.org) or by phone at 408-280-2154 x923.

Don't miss out on a great summer - sign up today.

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## April Boy Scout Roundtable

Over the past few months, the Polaris Roundtable has discussed three of the four important parts of the Scout advancement program. Requirements, Scoutmaster Conferences, and Boards of Review all lead up to the ultimate recognition of the Scout at a Court of Honor (COH). This month we present some ideas for the planning and execution of courts of honor for your troop. We also want to hear what your Troop does special in a COH so that we can learn too.

As you probably know, either from your own experience or from "rumor", our primary water safety (Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat) instructor, George Denise, had floated off to Phoenix, AZ last Roundtable. Our own District Executive, Dylan Hendrickson, stepped in with the Safe Swim Defense training. But, Safety Afloat was left to do just that, float. Now is the time to catch up as George Denise, fresh back from Phoenix, is prepared to teach us the rules for safe boating. Come get trained (or retrained) and be certified to assist your Troop with your canoeing, kayaking and/or boating program this summer.

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## 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](mailto:SCCC-Polaris-RD-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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## 2007 Centennial Plus Award Winners

Congratulations to the following Packs and Troops for qualifying for the Centennial Plus Award of 2007:

Pack	411	Pack	462
Pack	415	Troop	476
Troop	452	Troop	485
Troop	453	Troop	494
Troop	457	Troop	495

These Packs and Troops have earned free badges throughout 2008. We hope to see more Polaris District units earning their Centennial Plus award this year.

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## April 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.

### April RT Agenda: May's Theme, Leaf It To Cubs

Cub Scouts can learn to identify poison oak, poison ivy, and various trees by their leaf design. Boys will try leaf rubbing, leaf prints, making a leaf collage, preserving leaves with wax paper, or making a leaf collection from fallen leaves. Activities could include racing leaf boats at a den or pack meeting, a tree planting, or your local Arbor Day activities. A den could adopt a tree or plant one, and research how trees help us in our daily lives. Trips can be to a lumberyard, nature center, forest preserve, or local park. Boys could earn the Collecting belt loop and pin.

Character Connection: Perseverance

[Sanborn Natural Science Museum](#)

[Gilroy Gardens \(formerly Bonfante Gardens\)](#)

### April Roundtable Activities:

**Pre-Opening** Leaf Rubbing/Building a Leaf Press

**Opening**

**Knot of the Month** Sheet Bend

**Round Robin Breakouts**

Leaf Pounding - Paul

Fly Fishing Game - Tad

Neckerchiefs (Leaf Bleach) - Carissa

Neckerchief slide (cross section of branch) - Matt

Starlight

**20 Minute Campfire**

Skit - Mosquito - Carissa/Steve

Song - Greasy Grimy Gofer Guts - Paul

**District Executive's Minute** (Dylan)

Friends of Scouting

Spring Recruitment

Scout-O-Rama Update

**Closing Ceremony**

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!

### May RT Agenda: June's Theme, Go For The Gold

As the athletes of the world strive to do their personal best in international competition, Cub Scouts have the opportunity to "go for the gold" by doing their best in feats of skill and prowess. This month, Cub Scouts learn about exercise and sports and put that knowledge to use playing Ultimate or another sport not played before. They are reminded that it is important to do your best. But, it is also important to be a good sport no matter the outcome of the game. This is a great time to work on the Cub Scout Sports belt

loops and pins in baseball, golf, or flag football.

Character Connection: Honesty

[Pat Tillman .42 mile kids race FREE! May 3 \(4.2 mile race \\$25\)](#)

[Mini-Muddy Buddy Race June 8](#)

**June RT Agenda: Annual Cook Out/Pig Out and July's Theme, H2Ohhh!!**

[Raging Waters Group Rates](#)

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## Scout-o-Rama

Imagine thousands of Scouts from all over Santa Clara County coming together to show off the best of what Scouting has to offer. Picture steam coming off a fresh-made Dutch oven cobbler, or your hair whipping around as you shoot down a zip line, or the cheers as your pinewood derby car comes in first at our council race. All this is possible at the 2008 Scout-O-Rama on May 10<sup>th</sup> at History Park in Kelly Park. Your unit can sign up today to do a great booth and show off your unit's favorite activity.

We've put together a coupon book for this year's fundraiser with companies of all sorts: companies that make your mouth water for great food like Chevy's, Mountain Mike's Pizza, and Cold Stone Creamery; companies that are synonymous with excitement like The Jungle, The Tech, and Golfand; and companies that get you ready for your next great adventure like Mel Cottons, Big 5 Sporting Goods, and the Scout Shop.

Coupon books cost only \$10, include 52 coupons, and every book sold earns the Scout unit \$3. Not only that, but for every 6 coupon books sold, the selling Scout earns a \$10 gift card to a local retail location. If a Scout sold a coupon book to a family friend, a couple of neighbors, a couple of their parent's co-workers and one to their family, they'd earn \$25 in cash and prizes. And every Scout who sells gets a Scout-O-Rama patch!

Sign your unit up for the best Scouting event of the year. Go to [www.scccbsa.org/sor](http://www.scccbsa.org/sor) and sign up for both ticket sales and a booth. During district roundtable, your unit can sign out coupon books for sale. Please contact Polaris Scout-o-Rama Chair Peter Wong at 408-733-5728 or [peter.wong@lmco.com](mailto:peter.wong@lmco.com) for further information.

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## Spring Recruitment

Whether you are in the Cub Scouts or the Boy Scouts, someone was once kind enough to introduce the wonderful world of scouting to your son. Because of that, we are asking **every** unit in Polaris to begin considering their Spring Recruitment plans.

For more information on upcoming trainings or recruitment resources please contact the Polaris District Executive, Dylan Hendrickson, at [Dylan@SCCCBSA.org](mailto:Dylan@SCCCBSA.org) or 408-280-4088 ext. 41

# "Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader."

## New Leader Essentials

15 Apr – Council Service Center  
3 May – Council Service Center

## Cub Position Specific Training

3 May – Council Service Center

## Outdoor Webelo Leader (OWL) Training

25-26 April – Camp Chesebrough

## Boy Scout SM/ASM Leader Specific Training

19 Apr – Council Service Center

## Outdoor Leader Skills

30 May -1 Jun – 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 send an email to [skurasaki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skurasaki@sbcglobal.net) so he can verify your registration.)

## Venturing Leader Specific

27 Sep – Council Service Center

## High Adventure

4-5 Oct – Sports Basement, Sunnyvale (classroom)  
1-2 Nov – Camp Chesebrough (overnight)

## Den Chief Training

25 Oct – Council Service Center

## Woodbadge

Fall 2008:  
Orientation: August 16  
Weekend One: September 19-21  
Weekend Two: October 3-5

For additional information or to verify your “Trained” status, please contact Seth Kurasaki at [skurasaki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skurasaki@sbcglobal.net).

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## March 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 April 8th.

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

### UnitType [Participants]

**Packs** 406, 408 [2], 411, 415 [2], 444, 452 [2], 457 [3], 476 [3], 480 [2], 508, 581, 606 [2]

21 leaders from 12 of 30 packs for 40% of our packs represented

**Troops** 400, 407, 408, 452 [5], 453 [2], 454 [2], 457, 463, 468, 476, 479, 485 [2], 494 [2], 495 [2], 498 [2], 508, 535, 566, 581

24 leaders from 19 of 23 troops for 83% of our troops represented

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

Name	Position	Unit
<b>First Timers</b>		
Becker Sze	Committee Chairman	P606
Ken Ho	Den Leader	P411
Sam Gu	Parent	P408
Yih-Ming Liao	Assistant Scout Master	T452
Peter Wong	Scout Master	T452
<b>25th RT Attended</b>		
Scott Davidson	Cub Master	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.

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## Commissioner’s Corner

This month I want to talk about unit evaluations. The Unit Commissioner Worksheet is used to review your unit and determine its health. This form can also be used to help motivate and guide discussions with your unit leader. This form can be found in your Commissioner Fieldbook or on the web at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34125.pdf> (Pack) or <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34126.pdf> (Troop). To help motivate you to fill out this form and discuss it with your unit leader, I’ll make you a deal. If you fill out a Unit Commissioner Worksheet for your unit and discuss it with your unit leader, I will give you the official Polaris unit commissioner neckerchief to help complete your commissioner uniform. This neckerchief is part of our official uniform so you really do want to have one. So get out there, visit your units and perform those unit evaluations.

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# Polaris District Committee

Position	Name
District Chairman	Ed Chang
District Executive	Dylan Hendrickson
District Commissioner	Bob Wedig
Membership Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Finance Chair	Debbie Jancis
Program Chair	Bobby Toda
Activities Chair	<i>Vacant</i>
Advancement Chair	Wendy Glasser
Camping Chair	Roy Tsai
Training Chair	Seth Kurasaki
Cub Scout Training Chair	Steve Walters
Boy Scout Training Chair	Jerry McMillan
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	Garrick Chang
MB Counselor Training Chair	David Ashby

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

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## 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](mailto:mfellson@comcast.net). The deadline for submissions for the May issue is May. Earlier submissions are appreciated.

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