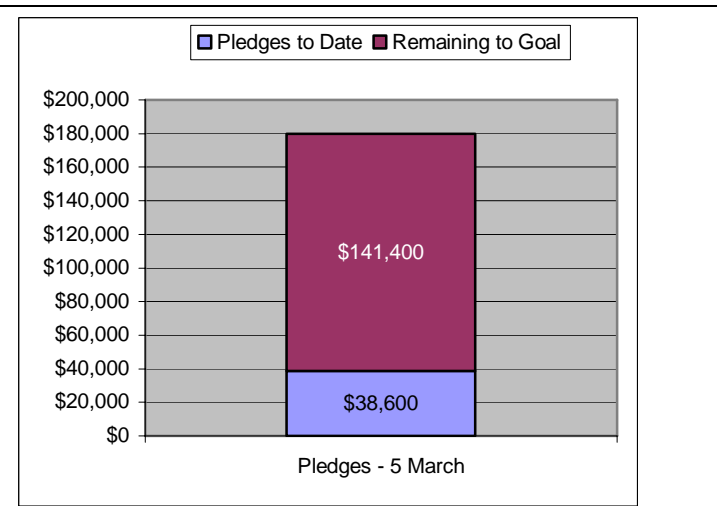




Welcome to the Polaris Star, the monthly Roundtable minutes and Polaris newsletter. You will be able to find out what the Polaris district committee is doing as well as upcoming events in your area!

Friends of Scouting Kickoff

Our 2008 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign is already off to a great start. Pledges have already been submitted totaling more than \$38,600 with more in the queue. Success in the FOS campaign is a key source of funding to the council's programs.



Polaris District Friends of Scouting campaign progress

If you have not already scheduled the kickoff for your unit's FOS campaign, please contact the Polaris District Finance Chair, Debbie Jancis, to schedule a presentation. Debbie can be reached by her email <debbie.jancis@sbcglobal.net> or by phone 408-245-4745.

Congratulations to District Pinewood Derby Participants

Congratulations to all 72 of the Polaris District Pinewood Derby participants. The race, held on 23 February, was fun for all that participated. Special thanks to Cupertino Square Shopping Center for hosting the event and to the Polaris District Pinewood Derby Chair, Roger Burney, for organizing the event. Results:

1. Cayman L.- P444 2.62 seconds
2. Matthew M.- P406 2.65 seconds
3. Anthony F.- P406 2.68 seconds

Polaris District Camp-O-Ree

The Polaris District Camp-o-ree will invade Camp Chesebrough on April 12 and 13. This year's theme is "Superheroes", so pack your superpowers to show your Scouting skills! Troops will again compete for the coveted Silver Axe award for the highest cumulative scores from the events and the Bronze Hatchet will be awarded to the Troop best demonstrating the theme.

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

The registration packet will be available at Roundtable, the Scout Service Center, or the District website. Don't forget to pre-register! With the construction at Camp Chesebrough, space is at a premium. If your Troop or Crew pre-registers you also pay lower fees, are guaranteed this year's patches, and receive bonus points at Camp-o-ree. Be aware that vehicle access to the camp is going to be very limited due to the lack of parking.

Questions can be addressed to Chief Kevin Wang at kwang408bsa@yahoo.com, or Chapter Advisor John Lucas at jlucas73@yahoo.com.

March Boy Scout Roundtable

With warmer days approaching, fun in the water beckons. But, how do we keep ourselves and the Scouts in our charge safe in and on the water? This month's Roundtable addresses both the "Safe Swim Defense" and the "Safety Afloat" programs. Join us to learn more about how to stay safe while we're having fun around water.

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.

February 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.

March RT Agenda: April's Theme, Abracadabra

Boys discover secrets of the magician's art as they demonstrate magical illusions and learn new tricks with cards, coins and other everyday objects. Visit a magic shop or have a magician come to your den or pack meeting to teach the boys a few tricks of the trade. Prepare to watch in wonder at the pack meeting as your Cub Scouts entertain their audience with skits, stunts, and sparklers that they have practiced at den meetings. The Cubmaster uses the magic of ceremonies to pull awards from his hat at the mystifying pack meeting magic show.

Character Connection: Citizenship

Victoria's Dance, Theatrical supplies (magic supplies too)

March Roundtable Activities:

Opening Magic Flag (Steve)

Abracadabra!

- Knot Magic
- Thumb Tip
- Mind Reading
- Ping Pong Balls
- Match Boxes
- Big Card Trick
- Lighted Thumb Tip
- Rope Bag
- You are the Magician
- Black Magic
- Linking Ropes

Cubmasters Breakout

 (Steve)

Ceremony Magic - Some Tricks Revealed

Den Leaders Breakout

Magic Crafts (Carissa)

Webelos Breakout

 (Matt)

Special Badges - Conservation, Outdoor Activity, Emergency Preparedness and more

District/Council Breakout

 (Dylan)

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!

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 \(formerly Bonfante Gardens\)](#)

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

[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](#)

Committee Chairman's Corner

Time flies. It seems that we just changed our clock to standard time. Already, we have to change it again to daylight savings time. Spring is just a couple of weeks away. We are into March of 2008 already. Our district is doing very well. The FOS Campaign has reached 20% of our goal. We have 57 more scouts than the same period last year. We have lots of fun programs scheduled for our scouts. These are all because of you, the volunteers and scout parents. However, we need more volunteers to help us to make our district even better.

The district needs chairpersons for membership and activities. Cub Scout Summer Day Camp this year is the responsibility of each district in the council. Polaris District is sponsoring three week-long day camp sessions. The district urgently needs a camp director and program director for each week.

This year's theme from the National Office is "The year of volunteers". We cannot provide good programs to our scouts without volunteer help. Please volunteer and make an impact. Let's give our scouts the best they can get.

2007 Quality District Award

Thanks to all who contributed to Polaris District earning the 2007 Centennial Quality District award. This reflects your commitment to serving the youth in our communities.

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 Webelos 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. 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) answers many of your general camp questions. In addition, you can contact the Cub camp Committee via e-mail at cubcamp@scccbsa.org or by phone at 408-280-2154 x923.

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

New Centennial Award

The Quality Unit award has been updated and is now the Centennial award. This is national recognition that your unit plans and conducts a safe and fun Scouting year. Requirements include leader training, advancement, and activities. Every unit should be able to earn this award, and be entitled to wear the Quality Unit patch on their uniforms. Being a Quality Unit is a great recruiting tool for your unit! [Centennial Award Application forms \(large file, so long download\)](#) for Packs, Troops and Crews are available on the SCCC Web Site in the "Quality" section.

In addition to the centennial award, units who earn the centennial plus award are entitled to receive free cloth advancement patches. [Centennial Plus Application forms](#)

If your unit hasn't already returned the commitment form, there is still time. Contact your unit commissioner and submit your commitment now.

"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

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 BobbyToda@yahoo.com 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 Bobby Toda at bobbytoda@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars with these upcoming district and council events:

Date	Event
March 15-16	CASA Camp-O-Ree
April 12-13	Polaris District Camp-O-Ree
April 25-27	OA Conclave
May 9	OA Lodge Dinner
May 10	Scout-O-Rama

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 10th 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 Golfland; 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 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 for further information.

February 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 March 11th.

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

UnitType [Participants]

Packs 406 [2], 408, 415 [4], 433, 444 [2], 452, 457 [3], 462, 476 [2], 480 [2], 505

20 leaders from 11 of 30 packs for 37% of our packs represented

Troops 400, 407 [2], 452 [3], 453 [3], 454 [2], 457, 463, 466, 468, 476, 479, 485 [2], 494 [2], 495, 498 [2], 508, 535, 566, 581

28 leaders from 19 of 23 troops for 74% of our troops represented



Serenading at the February Cub Roundtable

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

Name	Position	Unit
First Timers		
Jenny Lu		T453
Cathy Wang	Assistant Den Leader	P415
Jason Asuncion	Den Leader	P480
Milton Jiang		T485
Peter Poon	Assistant Scout Master	T452
10th RT Attended		
Maria Guerra	Assistant Scout Master	T566
Matt Murphy	Pack Committee	P476

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	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
Scot-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.

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 April issue is April 4. Earlier submissions are appreciated.
