

NORTHERN SKY DISTRICT #5

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November 2018

1 Roundtable
5 Youth Protection Training Classroom Session
8 Eagle Board of Reviews
15 Commissioner Meeting
15 OA Chapter Meeting
17 Merit Badge University
17 Cub Scout Leader Training
19 Charter Turn In Party
21 Charter Paperwork Due to Council

ROUNDTABLE!

Join us on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Center for Scouting for our monthly training sessions! Learn best practices tips on the trade of being a scouting leader! Connect with other leaders from different units and share ideas the lead to better, stronger scouting! Roundtables begin at 7pm with announcements, and then break shortly after for specific cub scout and boy scout leader sessions.

SURVIVE FLIGHT 646 AT FALL CAMPOREE

Troops: Mark your calendars for this year's fall camporee! September 28th - 30th @ Clausen Springs Recreation Area near Kathryn, ND. Scouts will be given an opportunity to show off their scout craft, leadership, creativity, engineering, and problem solving skills. In teams, scouts will be given scenario-based challenges to overcome with limited resources. Early bird price is \$15 per scout and \$20 for late registration. Adult fee is \$5. For Questions, contact Brett or Kevin at 701-293-5011. Register online at <http://www.nlcbsa.org/NorthernSky/Calendar/>

FALL RECRUITING

As school gear up again for the year, we find ourselves in our favorite time of year: asking our friends and communities to join us in scouting! Our Cub Scout packs do a GREAT job of welcoming new scouts to their ranks. If your Troop is interested in promoting and scheduling a join night for new scouts, contact Brett or Kevin at 701-293-5011.

THE KERNEL HAS POPPED!

Popcorn time is next up on the block! Without Popcorn, we cannot do the great things we love to do (Like Camp Wilderness, troop/pack outings, or high adventure trips).

- Remember the sage advice: on average, an hour of door-to-door sales brings in \$125 in sales! Hitting the streets and knocking on doors for a few hours can put you in the high prize area quicker than any other way!
- Don't forget that selling popcorn teaches a value to our young scouts: *Earn your way.*

FALL DAY CAMP

Join us on the fun this fall for Cub Scout Day Camps! These types of events are why your kids want to join cub scouts! The theme for this year's event is "*Galactic Trek*," where cub scouts will have an opportunity to shoot BB guns, rockets, slingshots, and build scoutcrafts! Early Bird prices for scouts are \$35, and Late Registration Prices are \$40. Find the cutoff dates on the website for each location's camp.

Please Note: There are two options for fall day camp.

- Saturday, October 6th @ Trollwood Park – Fargo, ND
- Saturday, October 13th @ Dunton Locks County Park – Detroit Lakes, MN

Sign up at <http://www.nlcbsa.org/NorthernSky/Calendar/>

DO A "GOOD TURN" DAILY

A Scout doing his "Good Turn" is what helped bring the Scouting Movement from England to America. Scouts – never underestimate the power of your good deeds! Leaders – Let's make sure they are happening! Schedule your Civic Service Projects now. Needs some ideas?! Ask your chartered organization what they need help with (Also a great way to build relationships!), go to your school and do a clean up there, maybe there is an area where you community needs to some

– volunteer your Pack or Troop to pitch in! Units, make sure you are logging in each Community Service Project you are doing! Need help or direction, contact Kevin or Brett at 701-293-5011.

PUTTING THE “OUTING” IN SCOUTING!

Why to Boys Join Scouts?! For Adventure! So, make sure your Pack or Troop is scheduling regular outings! What could that be?! For Boy Scouts, camp or visit our Local and National High Adventure Bases. Don't forget a great Camp Out goes a long ways in keeping our Boys interested in Scouting. In the Cub Scout world, outings can be tough during the winter considering the tolerance of some of our younger scouts. Be sure to hop on the adventures right away in September and October with day hikes, and begin planning for over-night camp outs in the spring. Even though winter can be a bit chilly, schedule in a warm campfire that everyone can enjoy!

SUMMER TIME PACK AWARD

Now that summer has come to a close, don't forget to submit your forms to earn the summertime pack award! Packs that participated in 3 pack activities in the summer are eligible to earn this award! If you have questions or think your pack qualifies, contact Brett or Kevin at 701-296-5011.

New Youth Protection – Needed by Oct. 1st!

Hopefully by now you have heard that the Youth Protection Training has been updated. And with the that update, the National Council is mandating ever Adult Leader Registered with the Boy Scouts of America needs to re-take their Youth Protection Training.

You can take this training at www.my.scouting.org – you will need to create a profile, if you have not done so yet. Then, You will need to click on the Youth Protection Training link and watch the video and turn in the certificate. If you're not a techy person, check our listed calendar and attend a classroom training session. *If you do not get the training done, your membership with the BSA will lapse and you will not be able to volunteer with the BSA.* If you need help getting the training done – please contact Kevin or Brett.