

D 4 LAKES DISTRICT NEWS FOR WINTER 2018-19 DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

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DECEMBER

- 4 District Committee meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 4 OA Chapter meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 4 Roundtable, Calvary Lutheran Church (7:30 pm)
- 11 FOAM (Fun OA Meeting), Location TBA (6:30 pm)
- 17 Commissioner meeting, via GTM (8:00 pm)
- 18 Unit Charters turn in Party (Dairy Queen South, Alexandria 4-7 pm)
- 18 OA Ceremony/Regalia meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 19 Unit Charters Due to the Council

JANUARY

- 1 District Committee meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 1 OA Chapter meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 1 Roundtable, Calvary Lutheran Church (7:30 pm)
- 8 FOAM (Fun OA Meeting), Location TBA (6:30 pm)
- 15 Commissioner meeting, via GTM (8:00 pm)
- 19 Klondike Derby with Oxcart Trails
- 22 OA Ceremony/Regalia meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)

FEBRUARY

- 2 Cub Scout Winter Adventure Day (Runestone Park)
- 5 District Annual meeting & Committee meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 5 OA Chapter meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 5 Roundtable, Calvary Lutheran Church (7:30 pm)
- 12 FOAM (Fun OA Meeting), Location TBA (6:30 pm)
- 19 Commissioner meeting, via GTM (8:00 pm)
- 26 OA Ceremony/Regalia meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)

BOY SCOUT KLONDIKE DERBY

Join us as we test your skills at Moccasin Valley near Fergus Falls, MN at our annual Klondike Derby with Oxcart Trails! Make sure your Klondike Sleds are ready to GO! We will be doing

activities. Pack your own lunch and dinner or other snacks you might want to enjoy! Event details will be online by the time you read this. Registration will begin at 8:00am. The event runs from 9am until about 3pm.

CUB SCOUT WINTER ADVENTURE DAY

On Saturday, February 2nd all Cub Scouts and any Youth in grades K-5 are invited out to Cub Scout Winter Adventure Day at Kensington Runestone Park. This event is put on by the Order of the Arrow members in our District and promises to be a lot of fun. Please bring a sled and helmet for the awesome sledding hill, as well as plenty of warm clothes and dress in layers! Fun games will be played along with other activities. Registration starts at 8:30am and the event runs from 9am-3pm.

LAKES DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

This will be held on Tuesday February 5th at 6:30 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. The District slate of officers and members-at-large will be voted on. Voting members are the registered District Members-at-large and any registered Chartered Organization Representatives.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2019

It is that time of year again: time for your Pack, Troop or Crew to set your Family Friends of Scouting Date. We would like to do this at a Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet or a Troop's Court of Honor. The presentation will take no longer than 10 minutes. Friends of Scouting gives each family the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Northern Lights Council to help support all the great programs we provide to your units. These include Camps (Summer and Fall Day Camps, Resident Camp for both Cub and Boy Scouts), Trainings, Scholarships for families that cannot afford scouting, and it keeps the costs of all activities and events low, so all can afford our great programs. Please email District Executive Michael Schatz your Date, Time and Location so we can get your presentation scheduled.

SPRING RECRUITMENTS FOR ALL SCOUTING UNITS

We do most of our recruiting in the Fall for our Programs, but we can recruit in the Spring. Now is the time to start thinking about Spring Recruitment. For Packs we can focus on any grades that you are short on members. I want your Pack, if you have an active summer program being planned (at least one activity a month), to participate in Spring Recruitment. Troops we can focus on 5th-8th graders in your community and show them the fun they can have at Summer Camp. Crews can focus on 8th-10th graders. The spring is a great time to do this and get them involved before the end of the school year and into our great summer adventures!

WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION

We learned of a great idea that has worked for many Troops to have a significant amount of Webelos Cross-over into their Troops. Work with your Cub Scout Packs to have the Webelos

Den Meetings at your Troop meetings. This is for 4th and 5th graders. You can incorporate them into the opening and then they start their meeting. This will show them that they have some much to look forward to as Boy Scouts after Cub Scouts. The Webelos would still do Cub Scout Pack meetings and events, but this would be another way to keep more boys from dropping out. Give it a try and let me know if you are going to be trying it to see if it ends up working. 98% of all Boy Scouts were Cub Scouts so work with your Cub Scout Pack in your area! Have Den Chiefs help out and earn leadership for rank advancement. More boys will cross-over the more involved the Troop is with the Pack.

RECHARTERING

Each year, scouting units (Packs, Troops, and Crews) are required to renew their charters with the Northern Lights Council. The charter is the official agreement between the council and your local chartered organization to provide a program under the auspices of the BSA. The process of renewing a unit's charter reinforces this agreement year-to-year and provides an opportunity to update registration records and qualify for Journey to Excellence recognition. Questions feel free to ask District Commissioner Mike Denke.

DO YOU WANT YOUR UNIT FEATURED?

Do you have something news worthy happening in your pack, troop, or crew? The Lakes District would like to encourage all units to share specific items of interest with the district. This can be related to unit activities, outings, or just good ideas. This information will allow us to spread good program ideas to other units throughout our district. If you have photos of your Scouts doing something fun, please e-mail them to Michael:(michael.schatz@scouting.org) and you might find them on our Website or our Facebook page!