

NORTHERN SKY DISTRICT #5

Serving youth in Becker, Cass, Clay, Mahnomen, Norman, and Traill counties in North Dakota and Minnesota.

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DECEMBER 2018

6 Roundtable

13 Eagle Board of Reviews

20 OA Chapter Meeting

20 Commissioner Meeting

24-25 Offices Closed (Holiday)

31 Report to the Governor Nominations Due

JANUARY 2019

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4 Scouter of the Year Nominations Due

10 Eagle Board of Reviews

17 Commissioner Meeting

17 OA Chapter Meeting

19 Klondike Derby

FEBRUARY 2019

7 Roundtable

14 Eagle Board of Reviews

21 Commissioner Meeting

21 OA Chapter Meeting

24 District Recognition Dinner

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.

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEWS

If your scout is looking to set up their Eagle Scout Board of Reviews or has questions about the Eagle Scout process, please email northernskyeagleboards@gmail.com.

REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR

Every year our council organizes an incredible opportunity to meet the Governor of North Dakota and share all the good things going on in scouting! If you are interested in submitting an application for a scout, please visit the Center for Scouting or email Brett or Kevin to receive a form.

SCOUTER OF THE YEAR / DISTRICT DINNER

Are there leaders in your unit worthy recognition? EVERY pack and troop have a great number of leaders deserving of “scouter of the year” awards. If you are interested in nominating your fellow leaders, please pick up a nomination form at the Center for Scouting, or email Brett. Following your nominations, please put February 24th on your calendar for the district recognition dinner. There is absolutely no way scouting could function without the quality leaders serving each pack and troop. This is the district’s time to thank you for all you do in addition to announcing and awarding scouter of the year awards.

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! If we’re not serving our communities, why are we scouts? Need 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 your community needs to some – volunteer your Pack or Troop to pitch in! Make sure you are also 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 are youth joining scouts?! For Adventure! Make sure your Pack or Troop is scheduling regular outings! What could that be?! For Boy Scouts, visit a weekend event at Camp Wildnerss this winter. Ask your SPL to investigate National High Adventure Bases. Don’t forget that great outings go a long way in keeping our Boys interested in Scouting. If your pack or troop is having retention issues, your unit is likely not scheduling enough outing. Further, our volunteer district team does an incredible job of creating opportunities for you to bridge the gap. Sign up for day camps, camporees, and scout night with the Fargo Force!

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

At this point, you’re a little behind the ball – but – we can still help you get there before year end! The National Council is mandating every 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 emblem, watch the video, and turn in the certificate to the Center for Scouting. *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.

SPRING CAMPOREE

Get April 26th-28th on your calendar for our annual Spring Camporee! As we are in the final stages of planning, tune in to future announcements via email and roundtable for our program! Is your troop having issues bringing younger scouts in? Call up a nearby pack and invite the webelos den to join you for the outing. The best part of the Spring Camporee: all you need to do is show up!