

# LAKES DISTRICT #4

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## **MARCH**

- 5 District 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)
- 7 District Recognition Banquet, Lakeside Ballroom (6:30 pm)
- 12 FOAM (Fun OA Meeting), Location TBA (6:30 pm)
- 16 Scouting for Food begins
- 23 Scouting for Food ends
- 26 OA Ceremony/Regalia meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 28 Commissioner meeting, via GTM (8:00 pm)

## **APRIL**

- 2 District Committee meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 2 OA Chapter meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 2 Roundtable, Calvary Lutheran Church (7:30 pm)
- 9 FOAM (Fun OA Meeting), Location TBA (6:30 pm)
- 23 OA Ceremony/Regalia meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 25 Commissioner meeting, via GTM (8:00 pm)

## **MAY**

- 3-5 Spring Camporee with OA Call Out , Runestone Park
- 7 District Committee meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 7 OA Chapter meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 7 Roundtable, Calvary Lutheran Church (7:30 pm)
- 14 FOAM (Fun OA Meeting), Location TBA (6:30 pm)
- 28 OA Ceremony/Regalia meeting, Calvary Lutheran Church (6:30 pm)
- 30 Commissioner meeting, via GTM (8:00 pm)

## **DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET**

On March 7 at the Corral Saloon and Eatery in Nelson, come and help us celebrate all of your hard work as volunteers in the Lakes District. Cost is \$25 if you sign up by February 28th. Many awards will be presented including Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of the year. We will also award the District Award of Merit and the Carl Johnson Award. We will recognize our top salesman for popcorn and present the 2018 Eagle Scout Class. All parents, leaders and 2018 Eagle Scouts are urged to sign up to attend.

## **BOY SCOUT SPRING CAMPOREE**

Spring Camporee is right around the corner! May 3-5, 2019 at Kensington Runestone Park. The Order of the Arrow has planned another great event and will be capped off with the OA Call-out Ceremony, which they have been working on all year. Please plan on your troop attending this event even if it's just for Saturday, May 6th. Cost is only \$10 per person or \$15 at the event to attend. This will include a cool camp Patch!

## **PASSPORT to ADVENTURE DAY CAMP**

On Saturday, June 8 Day Camp returns with a Great Adventure. The theme is Passport to Adventure! Be prepared for an exciting event as we experience what it's like to be a Global Traveler! Events will include BB Guns, Archery, and more Travel! Cost is only \$45 to attend and includes all the program events, a snack, a T-shirt and a patch. You must register online early to guarantee a t-shirt.

## **JACK LINKS BEEF STICK & BEEF JERKY SALE**

The spring beef stick sale is approaching! This Sale is intended to give your scouts the ability to fund their own summer camp or day camp programs. Let them have the chance to earn their way. Please let Michael know if your scouts want to get in on the action still or needs more product. You have until the May Roundtable to sell! We are aiming for the March and April Roundtable to be the distribution of product. Let Michael Schatz know if you have any questions. 320-429-8840.

## **SPRING RECRUITMENTS FOR ALL SCOUTING UNITS**

We do most of our recruiting in the Fall for our Programs, but starting now we need to start working on our plans for Spring Recruiting! I want your Pack, if you have an active summer program being planned (at least one activity per month), to participate in this in the month of April! For Boy Scouts, we can focus on 5th thru 8th graders in your community. Crews can focus on 8th graders. The spring is a great time to do this as we can get new Scouts involved before the end of the School year and into our great summer adventures! Please let Michael Schatz know about your Spring Recruitment plans!

## **PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2019-2020—STARTS IN APRIL!**

### **ALL CALENDARS ARE DUE BY JUNE 4TH!**

Come to the April Roundtable to pick up 2019-2020 calendars and other program information. Right after the Roundtable is the time for your Pack, Troop, or Crew to get started with program planning for your unit! First step is to set a date to meet with your leaders and parents prior to school's end so that this planning of the calendar and budget can take place earlier than last year. Our goal is that every Pack and Troop has their FULL Year calendars planned and turned in at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Roundtable (social/potluck)! This is important to get this planned out before the summer, so you don't have to worry about it over the summer.

The first roundtable of the fall is on August 6th is the Fall Recruitment Kickoff! We need every leader from every Pack to be present, so they can get the latest on our plan to reach out to every boy that is old enough to join Cub Scouts. Please let Michael Schatz know if you have any questions.

### **WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION**

Now is the time to follow up with those Packs in your area to contact the Webelos Scouts and invite them to check out your Troop. Scoutmasters or better yet have your SPL do the calling, as young boys love to be recognized by older peers. Let's not leave this one to chance and miss the opportunity to have new boys in the Troop. If possible have a den chief in the Webelos program. Don't forget to bring those parents along with them. They are your future leaders. Invite them to your winter camp and any other events that you have scheduled that you think would help them decide to join Boy Scouts and your Troop! Make sure you turn in your new Boy Scout applications to Michael Schatz right away when you receive them so they can register for camp.

### **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](mailto:michael.schatz@scouting.org)) for them to be featured on our Website or for our Facebook page!