

## **NORTHERN SKY DISTRICT #5**

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

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### **MARCH 2019**

7 Roundtable (Life to Eagle Presentation)

14 Eagle Boards of Review

21 Order of the Arrow Chapter 5 Meeting

21 Commissioner Meeting

16/23 Scouting for Food

### **APRIL 2019**

4 Roundtable (Program Planning Seminar)

11 Eagle Boards of Review

14 District Pinewood Derby (El Zagal, Fargo)

18 Order of the Arrow Chapter 5 Meeting

18 Commissioner Meeting

26-28 Boy Scout Spring Camporee (Fargo Air Museum)

### **MAY 2019**

2 Roundtable

9 Eagle Board of Reviews

16 Order of the Arrow Chapter 5 Meeting

16 Commissioner Meeting

31 Pack Calendars Due

### **JUNE 2019**

1 Cub Scout Day Camp (Casselton)

13 Eagle Board of Reviews

21 Commissioner Meeting

### **Northern Sky District Achieves Gold level JTE!**

After a landmark year in 2017, success was continued in 2018 for the Northern Sky District as we ended the year with a Gold level ranking in Journey to Excellence, leading the council again! Thank you – to all our great volunteers! The District cannot earn this award without everyone doing their part!

Some high-points were: 114% Cub Scout Camping – due to a great growth in Day camps and consistent attendance at resident camps. We also led with high marks in membership – 8.2%, and percentage of trained leaders – 68%! At the unit level, the gold ranking is reserved only the top 10% of districts across the Nation (where more than half of the packs and troops in the

Northern Sky District qualified).

### **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

Sign up your unit for Scouting for Food! Service is a fundamental pillar of scouting and again in 2019 we have an opportunity to do some real good for our communities! Throughout the year there are many families that worry about how they are going to make ends meet and keep food on their table. “Do a good turn daily” is a slogan we instill into each one of our youth that participates in Scouting. Service also teaches scouts how they can make a difference in the lives of others. The Northern Lights Council’s annual Scouting for Food drive is one way in which we can make a large impact on a very serious problem occurring in each one of our local communities.

Every year the Northern Lights Council collects nearly 100,000 lbs. of food for local food pantries during our annual Scouting for Food drive. We want you to participate too! Contact Brett or Kevin at 701-293-5011 for information on how to get involved. Also – Don’t forget to have someone from your unit attend roundtable, where you can sign up on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Scouting!

### **DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY**

The District Pinewood Derby is an annual event held for cub scouts to compete for the district trophy! This year, the top scout in each den is invited to race in addition to the top the scouts overall in the pack’s race. Cost is \$8 per scout, and the race will be held at 4pm on April 14<sup>th</sup> at El Zagal Shrine in North Fargo. Rules and registration can be found at [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org). For more information, contact Brett at 701-293-5011.

### **SPRING CAMPOREE**

Mark your calendars – all troops are invited! The annual Spring Camporee is taking place at the Fargo Air Museum from April 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. This year will feature another STEM project, with the Robotics Merit Badge taking place as a part of the program. Information and registration can be found at [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org). Remember – camporees exist to help lighten the load for troop leaders. Sign up your scouts today!

### **PROGRAM PLANNING SEMINAR**

Does your pack or troop have a tough time getting things planned? Are there new members or members on the committee that need training or assistance? Attend the annual program planning seminar at the April Roundtable (**April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 at the Center for Scouting**)! Several sessions will take place and you will have the option to pick and choose what you want to learn more about. This is a great way to engage more parents – ask them to attend and visit two sessions – they just might help out! Bring new leaders in – they’ll get a better sense of the big picture and all of the things that take place in planning including budgeting, calendar development, activity ideas, succession planning, camping...and so much more.

### **SPRING JERKY SALE**

After a long comment period, we’ve made some significant changes to our spring sale to make life easier for you! The product will be one box with a variety of jerky products. This is a great opportunity for new scouts to build up funds for uniforms, camp, and other expenses. This

is also great if your unit may be in need of a fundraiser or missed the boat on popcorn sales. For more information or how to sign up, contact Brett or Kevin at 701-293-5011.

For a full Sales guide, check the Northern Lights Council website: [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org)

### **PUTTING THE “OUTING” IN SCOUTING**

The snow might still be on the ground – but that doesn’t mean you can’t plan for your summer camping trips!

For Boy Scouts – the dates for the Spring Camporee is set! So mark your calendars for April: 26-28 at the Fargo Air Museum. This year again, we will have a STEM theme! Registration can be found at [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org).

Is your pack/troop signed up for resident camp at Camp Wilderness? Sign up before the good campsites are all taken! For more information or assistance, contact Shelby at 701-293-5011.

For Cub scouts – We have all our Day camp Dates set! June 1<sup>st</sup>, Casselton ND. Don’t forget about Scout Day with the Fargo RedHawks in August. Stay tuned for the date! Plan to spend the night on the field after the game - it counts as a camping night!

### **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

Are your scouts looking for the next thing in their scouting path? Order of the Arrow is a great way to get more involved in scouting and community service. Further, greater leadership opportunities exist, creating more opportunities for growth and travel! For more information, contact Seth Murray at [sethery.murray@gmail.com](mailto:sethery.murray@gmail.com)

### **NORTHERN SKY DISTRICT IS ON FACEBOOK**

Get updates faster! The Northern Sky District is on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/NorthernSkyDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/NorthernSkyDistrict). Send your information to us on things that your Troop is doing in the community to let everyone know how much fun your boys are having in Scouting. We will also work to keep current on district events, reminders, pictures and more!