Northern Roundtable UPDATE

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NEW ROUNDTABLE LOCATION STARTING IN APRIL – GERMANTOWN YMCA - 5722 Greene St – 7:30PM

1. Rechartering – Now Past Due!!

The Rechartering Deadline for Northern District is February 28th, so we are now PAST DUE if you have not handed in your recharter paperwork. Please get that into John Bickel ASAP!

2. Journey to Excellence – New Standard of Excellence

In the past, the Boy Scouts of America had a National Award that every unit could achieve called the Quality Unit award that marked units that had a good program. There is a new standard of success called the Journey to Excellence. Attached to the email are the Scorecards for the Journey to Excellence for Packs, Troops, Crews and District. Every Unit should strive to AT LEAST reach the Bronze level this first year!! As Alvin Mitchell pointed out at last month's roundtable, some units may already be reaching a silver or gold level!!

3. Training Update

If you have adults in your unit in need of training, contact Franny Rigler at franny.rig@verizon.net

4. Friends of Scouting

Thank you to everyone that has given to our 2011 Friends of Scouting campaign. Our goal as a district for this year is to raise $15,000 and so far we are at 27% of our goal. If you have not given to Friends of Scouting yet this year please consider giving, and if you are a Unit Leader, please be sure to schedule a presentation if you have not yet done so! Thank you again to everyone that contributes to the movement that changes the lives of young people in our community.

5. Northern District Dinner – TICKETS ARE SELLING-OUT FAST!!

This year the Northern District has decided to take the District Dinner and take it up a few notches! We will be having a dinner/dance at the Holiday Inn in Fort Washington on Saturday, May 21. The reception will start at 6:30Pm and will include a reception, dinner, and dancing. This will be a great event to be able to spend time with leaders from the district in a more relaxed and adult friendly location! All leaders will be receiving a special recognition, so don't miss out! Don't forget – NO UNIFORMS! This will be a formal occasion, so dress to impress! Contact Rodney Keitt at (267) 603-0873 for more information or tickets!

6. Northern District Awards

Every Year Northern District has a few awards that units or individuals can be nominated for. They are awarded at the District Dinner each year. Here is a list of the awards and their qualifications:

~ **Red Hot Pack or Troop Award** – This is for any unit that has a great program and recruits new youth – *Nominations due at April Roundtable*

~ **Polaris Award** – This is for a Unit to give to One (1) outstanding leader within the unit – *Nominations due at April Roundtable*

~ **Smokey** – This is given to the unit that has the best attendance at ALL district functions throughout the year – *NOT a Nominated Award*

~ **District Award of Merit** – This award is to recognize any leaders that have served on the District Level at an exemplary degree. *Nominations are due at the April Roundtable*

For Cub Scouts –

1. Cub Scout Sumer Camping Opportunities

This summer we have a lot of GREAT Camping Opportunities for your Cub Scouts! You can decide to participate in just one of these opportunities, or all three!!

Cub Day camp – We are still solidifying the date, but we are looking at the week immediately after the Philadelphia Schools get out, which would be June 27- July 1. This is a great opportunity for all cubs because they can attend by themselves, as a den, or as a pack! We are looking for staff still, but are excited to be able to hold day camp again. The location will most likely be the Scout House in Roxborough.
** We need 25 Cubs and 10 volunteer staff signed-up by April 30th for day camp to be a reality!! Sign-up your Scouts NOW!!

Cub Weekends at Cub World – This will be a weekend very similar to last years' set-up at Cub World, but all food will be included this year. Scouts will have the opportunity to stay in one of the themed buildings and participate in fun programs during the day

Cub Adventures at Camp Hart – This will be a week-long or half-week adventure for the scouts at Camp Hart. Food will be provided, and the Scouts will have the opportunity to earn several achievements.

2. Northern District Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby will take place on Saturday, April 30th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church on Cathedral Rd in Roxborough. The race will begin at 11Am. Cars should be brought to the APRIL district committee meeting (Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill – Tuesday, April 19 7:30Pm) to be impounded. If you have questions, contact Stephanie Miklosey at islandmaze@aol.com

3. Cub Scout Fall Fest at Musser

This year the Musser Activities Committee will be putting on a Fall Fest for all Cub Scouts on Saturday, October 22nd. This will be a great, non-scary event for Cubs to get to enjoy fall games at camp!

For Boy Scouts -

1. Merit Badge Counselors

Currently, the Northern District Merit Badge counselor list is not up to date. Bill Elliott, a member of the District Committee, has agreed to contact all Troops so we can get an up to date picture of who are merit badge counselors in the district. Please help Bill as he is trying to help the Scouts!!

For Venturers -

1. Venturing Officers Association and Leaders Roundtable

Venturing on the council level is starting to organize through monthly meetings for youth and adults to discuss program ideas and help strengthen our crews and to have fun. These meetings take place every first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 PM at the Valley Forge Council Office. Come out to have fun and meet new people! The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1.

UPCOMING DATES IN 2011

April 2011

12 Commissioners Meeting 6:30 Germantown YMCA
District Roundtable 7:30; OA Chapter Meeting: OA Pinewood Derby Night!
19 Committee Meeting 7:00 PCCH
28 Eagle Boards of Review
30 Pinewood Derby – IHM – 11:00Am

May 2011

10 Commissioners Meeting 6:30 Germantown YMCA
District Roundtable 7:30; OA Chapter Meeting: New Members Night
17 Committee Meeting 7:00 PCCH
21 District Dinner – Holiday Inn in Ft. Washington
26 Eagle Boards of Review

June 2011

14 Year-End Picnic 7:00; Roxborough Scout House
16 Eagle Boards of Review
27 – July 1 District Cub Day Camp; Roxborough Scout House

Contact Information for Northern District

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The "Northern 500" Pinewood Derby

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Cathedral Rd, Roxborough

11:00AM – Race Begins

$5 per Car : Cars can be brought to Roundtable to be impounded

For more info, contact Stephanie Miklosey

(267) 240-9112 or islandmaze@aol.com

IT'S OUTTA THIS WORLD!

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP 2011

FUN! FUN! FUN!

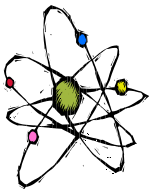
WHEN: June 27th through July 1st (9am – 4pm)

Early/late drop off hour available (for additional fee)

(siblings welcome for additional fee)

WHERE: Scout House

726 Wigard Avenue



ROCKET Building! Games, Space & Science Projects,

Pins, belt loops, Hiking, Water battles, are just a few events!!!

Don't delay! Register NOW!

For More Information call

Wayne Saunders – 267-401-7004

or

Mardy Tomlin-Corbin – 215-390-6042.

1st Annual 2011 Philadelphia Area

Cuboree

Arrival: Friday, May 13, 2011 @ 6 PM
Departure: Sunday, May 15, 2011 @ 11 AM

Camp HART

5505 Upper Ridge Road, Pennsburg, PA 18076

(Initial Co-Sponsors: Packs 16, 98, 133, & 147)

Scouts $25 by April 20, 2011, $35 after / Parents & Leaders $15 till 4/20, $25 after

* **Campfire** * **Tents** * Hiking *

Fishing * **CAMP SONGS** *

FLASHLIGHTS * Nature * *Scout Skits*

* **Archery** * **BB Guns** * **Outdoor**

Games * Smores * Cub Meals *