




# District Newsletter




April - May, 2018

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“A boy on joining wants to begin Scouting right away.” – Baden Powell

Mayflower Church is at Diamond Lake Road and 35W in South Minneapolis

**Bring a Scouter (including yourself) to Roundtable OR a Youth to the OA meeting on April 12, either who has not attended a meeting this year, for a chance to win a valuable gift!**



**NEW - Philmont Family Adventure!** Bring your family to Philmont Training Center and skip the classes. Hike, shoot, ride, and climb together. Youth 14-21 can even Trek. Full and half-week sessions available. June 24-30 and July 1-7. Sign up quickly because space is limited. <http://www.philmontscout ranch.org/> Contact Tom Baltutis [tfbaltutis@gmail.com](mailto:tfbaltutis@gmail.com) for details.

**Be the best Leader you can be.** Come to the University of Scouting. Saturday, April 21, 2018 Lakeville South High School, 8 AM to 4 PM. <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/2018-spring-university-of-scouting-2> Attention Unit Membership Chairs: *Special Session for recruiting new youth into Scouting and School Night for Scouting.*



**Baloo Training** for Cub Leaders, May 19. - All Dens and Packs planning an outdoor event including overnight camping **MUST** have a Baloo-Trained Adult. Training is in two parts: Online and Practical. *Take Online training first on your own*, and then attend the Practical session at Rum River Camp. <https://scoutingevent.com/250-BALOOTraining2018>

**SCOUTMASTERS** - Please turn in your Webelos to Scout Transition form to Tom B at [tfbaltutis@gmail.com](mailto:tfbaltutis@gmail.com) or call him at 612-251-9719. Registration is essential for new Scouts to receive advancement and merit badges.



Cub Packs should make **summer camp reservations** now to get the best dates. You have multiple programs to choose from at <http://camp.northernstarbsa.org/cub-summer-programs>. Cubs that go to summer camp are more likely to stay in Scouting and advance to Boy Scouts.

Your First Call for Help

District Chair - Scott Stone – 612-298-8656 [sstone55423@hotmail.com](mailto:sstone55423@hotmail.com)

District Commissioner – Anne Varberg - 612-812-8582 – [annevarbergmpls@gmail.com](mailto:annevarbergmpls@gmail.com)

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**Order of the Arrow Elections.** Your Troop should be holding elections this spring to select new OA candidates. Contact Will Peterson, OA Chapter Advisor at [pete2442@umn.edu](mailto:pete2442@umn.edu) or 612-803-6198.



“Unlock a New World” is the theme for the 24th **World Jamboree** which is being held at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in WV from July 22 to August 2, 2019. Scouts 14+. <https://wsj2019.us/apply/>. Space is limited so sign up soon.

**Boy Scouts** who recruit a friend to join BSA can receive a free knife. (with parent’s permission, of course). Details at the April Roundtable!



Not a picture of the actual knife.

## April

**District Meeting**, Thursday, April 5, 7 PM – Mayflower Church. **All Committee Members and Chartered Organization Representatives should attend to elect candidates for District positions.** Commissioners meeting, too.

**Roundtable on April 12.** Don’t miss dinner, come eat at 6:30 Food and Fellowship - Roundtable starts at 7:00.

- Training Breakout at 6:45: Den Leader and Cubmaster Training
- Special Fireside Chat with Council Representatives: This is your opportunity to raise questions and concerns with our BSA hierarchy.
- Boy Scout Breakout: Older youth involvement. Another good topic to bring youth.
- Cub Scout Breakout: Pack Meeting Ideas, Youth Protection Guidance, Family Camping
- OA Chapter Meeting – Scoutmasters, bring a new attendee and/or your Troop OA rep and you can win a gift!

**District Pinewood Derby** – Saturday, April 14 – Wood Lake Lutheran Church, 7525 Oliver Avenue S, Richfield – 9 AM Weigh-in, \$5/entry. All Scouts and Siblings are welcome. Bring a friend! <https://scoutingevent.com/250-ml2018pwd> Questions? Contact Scott Stone at 612-298-8656 or [sstone55423@hotmail.com](mailto:sstone55423@hotmail.com)

**Scouting for Food** - Get flyers at the April Roundtable or contact John Twisk ([pack339mn@aol.com](mailto:pack339mn@aol.com) or at 612-819-8779). Distribute them the week of April 23. Pick up food donations on Saturday, April 28 and deliver them to St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 1203 5<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Minneapolis, 55415. Alternate drop off: VEAP, 9600 Aldrich Ave S, Bloomington, 55420 (rear of building)



## May

**District Meeting** for all Committee Members and Commissioners. Thursday, May 3, 7 PM – Mayflower Church.



**CAN YOU SURVIVE?** **Spring Camporee with Dan Patch District – May 4-8**, Stearns Scout Camp, \$15/person. Be prepared to be deployed on a three-day Temporary Change of Station (TCS) challenge. <https://scoutingevent.com/250-dpmlspringcamporee> Be Prepared!

**Roundtable on May 10.** Don’t miss dinner, come eat at 6:30 Food and Fellowship - Roundtable starts at 7:00.

- Cub Scout Breakout: School Night for Scouting Changes, Plan for Summer Activities
- Boy Scout Breakout: Guide to Safe Scouting
- OA Chapter Meeting

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