



Gab Scout Roundtable

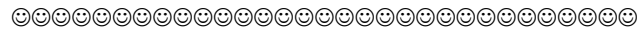
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CONGRATULATIONS

Four Scouters were selected from the ranks of Volunteers to be recognized for their outstanding service to youth in the River Trails District. These Scouters received the District Award of Merit at the District Dinner on January 26. The following are the recipients:

- Dave Rolfing**
- Shelby Callahan**
- Carl Rice**
- Kathryn J. Strayhorn**

Congratulations to these dedicated Scouters.



CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

March 9, 2002 will be the next training opportunity for Cub Scout Leaders. The training will be held at the Windsor High School Cafeteria.

Many new Tiger Leaders have received their "Tiger" training, but as they go on to Wolf dens or into Pack leadership, their training needs to be upgraded. Leader Specific courses are now being offered as a part of the new National Boy Scout syllabus for Cub Scout Leaders.

As a Tiger leader, if you are going to register next year as a committee member, Asst. Cubmaster or Wolf or Bear den leader, strongly consider attending this training.

Cub Scout Basic Leader Training is broken up into 5 basic groups for training purposes. They are:

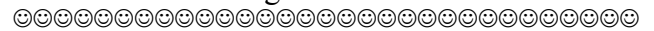
- 1) Tiger Cub Den Leader
- 2) Cub Scout Den Leader
- 3) Webelos Den Leader
- 4) Cubmaster/Asst. Cubmaster
- 5) Pack Committee

Each of these groups must attend "New Leader Essentials" before the "Leader Specific" sessions begin.

So, as you can see, as you advance with your boy, each leader needs to attend the next level of training.

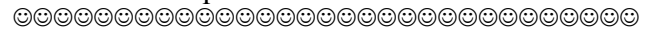
The Basic Leader Training registration will begin at 8:00am and end at about 2:00pm. There is a fee of \$12.00 that will include the Leader Book, reference handouts and a binder.

In order for each Leader in the Pack to know what is expected of them, let each leader know of this training date!



SCOUTING BIRTHDAY

If your unit participates in the Anniversary month, look in the February edition of the *Duffle Bag* on Page 6 for a coupon to fill out and return to the Activities Department of the Greater St. Louis Area Council for recognition. The article that starts on Page 1 of the *Duffle Bag* outlines the requirements.



DAY CAMP

With Day Camp just around the corner, everyone needs to be thinking about the time they will spend with their boys. Day Camp directors will need to know just whom they can count on to be helpers and leaders at the four day camps in River Trails District.

The camps and dates this year are:

Beaumont - June 17 thru 21
Pam Davis, Director
 (636) 677-1883

Arnold - June 24 thru 28
Carol McClintock, Director
 (636) 282-9297

Hillsboro - July 8 thru 12
Melanie Pippin, Director
 (636) 337-0196

Crystal City - July 15 thru 19
Renee Grobe, Director
 (636) 931-7677

Give these directors a call and let them know what days you will be able to attend and help with the program.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

Recharter is March 2, 2002. You can't be a **Quality Unit** if you don't turn your charter in on time.

Bring your charter to Windsor Grade School Cafeteria from 9:00am to 12:00noon and there will be representatives from the Commissioners staff to help you.



LEADER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

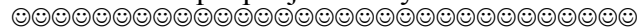
As everyone knows, Cub Scouts of all ages can participate in camping activities. This leaves us with a problem of having some parents who have never been camping using the Scouting methods.

"Webelos Leader Overnight" was the course that helped Webelos Leaders prepare for the Webelos camping experience. This has been replaced by a new course called "Leader Outdoor Experience".

This new training course is for leaders of all Cub Scout Dens. Leaders will learn how to plan and carry out outdoor activities, basic camping skills, and explore resources available to them.

The course is a requirement for the Webelos Leader training award.

The date is May 10 - 11, 2002. More information will be coming out at roundtable and at the Council website at www.stlbsa.org. Plan now for that weekend and be prepared to have fun and meet new people just like you.



CUB SCOUT CAMP PROGRAMS

There are many camping opportunities for Cub Scouts. For the Webelos, Webelos Mini-Camp and Webelos Camp are for the older Cub Scouts.

Cub World (Camp Grizzly) is for weekend family camping. It can be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday or any combination of these. Camp Grizzly is for family type camping and requires not less than 2 registered leaders for each Unit camping.

Mom and me, Dad and lad are two more opportunities for Cub Scouts and their parents. For more information, call Liz Woodland, Camping Clerk at (314) 361-0600.

Take advantage of these Council sponsored camping facilities.

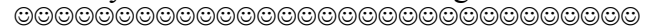
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

When the Friends of Scouting Trailblazer makes the presentation at your Unit's function, be sure to give them all the help you can. Much of our Scout facilities in the St. Louis Area Council properties and the progressive programs we offer depend on the generosity of individuals in your units.

In reading the "Duffle Bag", Scouting makes a large difference in a boys self esteem and will teach them moral values that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Many of the facilities we use and enjoy, Cub World for example, are partially or fully funded by the Friends of Scouting effort.

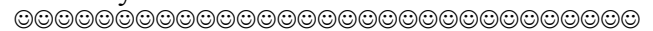
Lets all work together to make this a banner year for Friends of Scouting.



DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY

Are you ready for some fun? There will be an "ADULT?" race for the frustrated fathers. When you help your son build his, you can give some thought to his advice on how to build your own. (If you need help on building your own, ask your son for help.)

The event will be on March 16, 2002. There will be a sign up sheet with all the rules and entry fee information. Look for it!



BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING



WEBELOS LEADERS

For the Webelos Leader who want to learn more about the Boy Scout program, the dates for the Boy Scout Leader Training is: Tuesday, April 9 and April 16 at the Fox High School Media Center. A one-day session will be Saturday April 20, to be held at the Beaumont Scout Reservation. Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 is the outdoor portion of the training.

Webelos retention in Scouting depends a lot on communications between the Scoutmaster and the Webelos Leader. This would be the perfect time to help cement those bonds between the Troop and the Pack. It will also give you a head start on the coming year by learning the troop and patrol methods.

For more information, call Marty Portell at (636) 282-0218 or George Garver at (636) 475-3601.