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CALENDAR

November

- 3 Eagle Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 9 District Committee meeting (D-LDS)
- 10 Eagle Orientation/Packet (D-LDS)
- 17 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- 17 Roundtable meeting (SR-LDS)

December

- 1 Eagle Project Review Board (D-LDS)
- 8 Eagle Orientation/Packet (D-LDS)
- 14 District Committee meeting (D-LDS)
- 15 Eagle Board of Review (D-LDS)
- NO Roundtable meeting

Save the Date

- L.E.A.D. at DVC – Jan. 21
- Camporee at Los Mochos – Jun. 1-3
- Cub Day Camp at Little Hills – Jun. 25-29

NEXT ROUNDTABLE

Our next Roundtable meeting will be a week earlier due to Thanksgiving week, and will be held on Thursday November 17th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the San Ramon LDS Church, 5025 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. **Please note the new 7:00 starting time.** RT topics include: Blue & Gold planning (Cubs) and winter camping (Scouts). Merit Badge Counselor training will also be offered.

The OA Apanuc will meet at the same time and location. Hope to see you there!

DIST./COUNCIL CALENDAR

Just go to our website at www.bsa-meridian.org/Calendar.pdf to download.

ADULT TRAINING

Beginning with this fall's rechartering - all TOP ADULT leaders (Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Crew Advisor, and Team Coaches) need to be TRAINED.

Training opportunities from our training chair:
1. Merit Badge Counselor Training – Nov. RT

Please see the training page of Smoke Signals or training website (www.3districttraining.org/). Contact Ray Chan, ray4scouting@gmail.com.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food, Scouting's annual food drive which provides food for the local food banks, will be the week between Nov. 12 and Nov 19. As in the past, each Cub pack will be responsible for an area near where they meet, and they will share the area with one or more Boy Scout troops. This is a great opportunity for a pack and troop to work together and get to know each other better. We will also be collecting glasses for Lion's in Sight. For assistance contact your Unit Commissioner or Al Nichols, 997-6470, albert.nichols@comcast.net.

POPCORN

Have you bought or sold popcorn this year???? Popcorn is the main fundraiser that our scouting organization performs each year. Popcorn sales not only benefit our local packs and troops, but it also raises a significant amount of money for our local council. Please plan to participate because every little bit helps!!!

Remaining Key Popcorn Dates:

- Oct. 31 – Take Orders/prizes due
- Oct. 31 – Unsold Show & Sell returns
- Nov. 18 – Take Order distribution

Contact Julie Graham, H: 556-9419;
Julie@GrahamsGetaways.com.

TOUR PLAN

Hopefully you were able to attend the RT meeting in September and learn the latest information about Tour Plans. If not, go to our council's website to see what was covered about the new tour plan specific to our council. http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/sites/default/files/Council%20Program/Smoke%20Signals/OCTOBER_2011REDUCED.pdf (see pages 10-11)

For more information as well as some great hyperlinks go to our district website:

<http://www.bsa-meridian.org/>

(listed at the bottom of the page under "New Tour Plan Links:")

NEW EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT WORKBOOK

from: Advancement News (the official e-letter of the Boy Scouts of America National Advancement Team)

The fillable PDF document will be available shortly at

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/resources.aspx>. Like the Guide to Advancement, it has been completely rewritten. The new workbook supports the revised wording in Eagle Scout requirement 5, which calls for a project proposal to be approved by the council or district, rather than "the project plan."

Scouts have a choice to use either the new workbook or the one it is replacing. If they have already had their Eagle Scout service project approved by the council or district under the current wording of requirement 5, using the current workbook, they should continue with the same workbook. If their project has not yet been approved by the council or district, they may elect to use the new wording and the new workbook. For Scouts who choose to use the new workbook, those approving Eagle Scout service projects must evaluate projects accordingly, using the procedures outlined in the Guide to Advancement, and judging candidates' project proposals.

Editor's note: a nonfillable version of the new workbook here:

http://www.troop439.net/512-927_Eagle_Scout_Service_Project_Workbook.pdf

Our district will be switching over to the new format starting in 2012. An informational meeting for Eagle Advisors and Scoutmasters is tentatively scheduled for the February 2012 Roundtable meeting.

CAN YOU HELP???

The camporee staff is looking for people to help in a variety of tasks before and during the event (June 1-3). Contact Dave Newton.

Cub Day Camp staff is also looking for assistance before and during camp (June 25-29). Contact Tim Welty.