



Pomperaug District
Connecticut Yankee Council
Boy Scouts of America
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Subject: District Roundtable Program Changes and Updates

From: Seth Strohecker, Pomperaug District Commissioner

The district roundtable staff, district committee members and unit leaders from the district met to discuss how to improve roundtable to make it more enjoyable for participants, more valuable to the units and to increase attendance. After almost three hours of discussion we came up with ideas to help improve roundtable in the coming year. Many of the changes this year are modifications to the changes made last year, but others are brand new.

First, we will be improving our greeting squad program. We will be expanding the number of people and rotating them monthly to ensure we are adequately staffed. We will also be changing our name button program. We found last year that we could not get through the button making process fast enough to provide everyone a button, so we will switch to a temporary nametag, and provide the opportunity to order a permanent nametag if desired.

Last year we started a roundtable attendance incentive program where attending 50% attendance of all the roundtables earn a Pomperaug District patch and 100% a Pomperaug District nametag. The feedback we received that this incentive program was not communicated well enough, so for this year instead of the commissioner staff tracking progress, we will develop an individual tracking sheet you can track their progress individually and will be available at every roundtable.

We also will try to make the announcement section more efficient as well. Instead of having flyers for every event for leaders to pick up, we will go more green by reducing our paper count to a single sheet that will list all of the important announcements with links available to more information. We will also supplement this with a presentation of the flyers as well.

Now that the pavilion is now open, we will be using it as our meeting place on nights the weather allows. On nights the weather does not allow us to be outside, we will move our opening session back into the gym. We heard feedback that having the opening in the smaller room didn't allow for as much socialization and networking as the gym. We will also be adding 15 minutes onto the end of our break out sessions as an open forum to allow time for you to bring your questions and concerns to the group for additional feedback.

Also, due to lack of interest in our Child Care program we will be scaling it back for the upcoming year. We still be offering childcare, but it will only be available as a pre-arranged service. We will not be offering childcare without making a on an reservation on an event form.

Finally, we planned out all sessions for the coming year to give you time to arrange your schedule to be able to attend a topic you are interested in. The topics and descriptions can be found on the subsequent pages. we will again be offering basic leader training session at roundtable to allow for leaders to more easily meeting their training requirements.



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Roundtable Schedule

Month	General Session	Cub Scout Breakout	Boy Scout Breakout	Basic Training
September	Scoutbook & Scoutbook Lite	Webelos to Scout Transition & Lions & Tigers Oh My!	Recruitment & Open Houses	Merit Badge Councilor
October	Rechartering & Training	Cub Scouts 101 & 201	Scouts BSA	Den Leader
November	-	Family Scouting Check In	High Adventure	Troop Committee
December	-	Derbies	Service	-
January	-	Blue & Gold Banquets	Funding your Unit	Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmaster
February	Social Media	Succession Planning	Advancement	Pack Committee
March	-	Outdoor Adventures	PLCs (bring your SPLs)	Charter Org Rep
April	-	Recruitment	Where to Go Camping	Hazardous Weather
May	-	Out & About & Summer Programs	Behavior Management	Safe Swim Defense
June	District Kickoff & Picnic			



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Round Table Session Details

General Sessions

Scoutbook & Scoutbook Lite — Internet advancement has been the way to log your unit's advancement for years now, but this year internet advancement will go away and be replaced with Scoutbook Lite. This modern tool is more user friendly and gives units a preview of the full Scoutbook application. Scoutbook is a full unit management application that helps track membership, advancement, communications, calendars and more. This session will give you the basics you need to work with both applications.

Rechartering & Training — The end of the year is also recharter season. Rechartering is the annual process units need to complete in order to stay registered as unit with the BSA, pay annual membership fees and update the unit's membership. This session will walk you through the entire recharter process. As part of the recharter process all adults need to complete basic training in order to stay registered. We will also discuss the required training in order to maintain membership and opportunities for supplemental training to help hone your skills.

Social Media — Social media has become the best way for you to stay in touch with your membership and to recruit new members. This session will go over the rules to follow with all of your social media accounts and best practices to get the most out of social media accounts.

Cub Scout Breakout Sessions

Webelos to Scout Transition — Your scouts have been with your unit for many years and now its time to send them on to Scouts BSA. This session will teach you strategies to help your scouts in their transition.

Lions & Tigers Oh My! — Lions and Tigers are the first steps on a scouts journey and the process of getting acclimated to the scouting program can be overwhelming. This session will give leaders for the youngest dens the tools they need to make their dens a success.

Cub Scouts 101 & 201 — For those new to the cub scout program the Cub Scouts 101 session will give you the basic information needed to deliver a quality program to your scouts. For the more seasoned leader, our 201 session will provide more advanced information needed to take your den and pack to the next level.

Family Scouting Check In — This fall marks the beginning the full adoption of family scouting in the cub scout program. With a few months now past since the start of the program, now is great time for a check in on the new program. This session will feature a roundtable discussion on what is working with the new program, what is not working and the best things your unit has learned over the last few months to make your family scouting program run even better.

Derbies — The Pinewood Derby is a Cub Scouts favorite event, but that is not the only kind of derby cub scouts have to offer. Space derbies, rain gutter regattas, and many other opportunities exist for your unit. This session will give you new ideas for your pinewood derby as how your unit can offer new types of derby competitions to your program.



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Blue & Gold Banquets — Blue and Gold banquets are one of the highlights of the Cub Scout year. This session will give you the tools needed to plan and execute a memorable Blue and Gold Banquet for your Pack.

Succession Planning — The first and most important duty of a leader is to find and train your replacement. This session will help you identify successors and develop a plan for transition.

Outdoor Adventures — Youth join Scouting to get outdoors. Learn ways to incorporate outdoor activities into your Pack all year round.

Recruitment — The key to a thriving pack is the ability to recruit new youth. This session will give you the tips you need to increase the number of youth you recruit into your pack.

Out & About & Summer Programs — Creating a quality cub scout program does need to be a one person job. This session will give ideas of places you can take your scouts to help assist you in delivering the cub scout program both during the scouting year and over the summer season.

Boy Scout Breakout Sessions

Recruitment & Open Houses — The primary way we recruit new youth into our troop is from crossing over Arrow of Light Scouts, but this is just one of several ways your unit should be recruiting new youth. This session will give you ideas on new ways recruit youth and how to offer a quality open house program to aid in signing up new scouts.

Scouts BSA — It may seem like the addition of girl troops is still a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. This session will go over what you need to do to prepare for adding a sister troop with your charter organization or to add a stand alone girl troop.

High Adventure — High adventure trips are often the highlight of a scout's time in the BSA. Learn how to plan a high adventure trip with your unit whether it be at a BSA high adventure base or a trip of your own design.

Service — Service projects is a backbone of scouting, but doing the same service projects year after year can make your program stale. This session gives new ideas for service projects for your unit.

Funding your Unit — Popcorn sales are a great way to fund your unit, but there are many ways to fund your units treasury. This session will give new ideas to keep your unit in the green.

Advancement — The goal of every unit is to advance their youth all the way to Eagle. This session will provide you strategies on how to increase the advancement rate in your unit.

PLCs (bring your SPLs) — The patrol leaders council is a great place for your youth to develop their leadership skills. This session will provide ideas on how to make your PLCs more effective. Bring your SPL along for this session so he can bring ideas back to your unit as well.

Where to Go Camping — You don't need to travel far to have a great adventure. Learn about local opportunities to have unique adventure that will make your youth come back for more.

Behavior Management — We all have scouts that are not always on their best behavior. This session will offer helpful techniques on ways to help keep your scouts on their best behavior.