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March

- 2 Key 3 mtg
- 9 District Committee Meeting; Christ United Methodist Church 7 pm
- 11 Boy Scout/ Cub Scout Roundtable/District Commissioner's Meeting; LDS Church at 2700 Roundrock, Plano 7:30 pm.

April

- 6 Key 3 mtg
- 8 Boy Scout/ Cub Scout Roundtable/District Commissioner's Meeting; LDS Church at 2700 Roundrock, Plano 7:30 pm.
- 13 District Committee Meeting; Christ United Methodist Church 7 pm

May

- 1 Training (IOLS, BALOO, OWL, and Oak Leaf)
- 4 Key 3 mtg
- 11 District Committee Meeting; Christ United Methodist Church 7 pm
- 13 Boy Scout/ Cub Scout Roundtable/District Commissioner's Meeting; LDS Church at 2700 Roundrock, Plano 7:30 pm.

Spring Training

The new baseball season is just around the corner and so is our Leadership training. Have you taken on a new leadership role for the coming year? Are you currently trained for your present position? No matter what position you hold we have a training that is specific to your scouting job! Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) on May 1st at Camp Wisdom will teach you how to plan and carry out a Cub Scout campout – it will also teach you the BSA guidelines for doing so.

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training for new Webelos Leaders on May 1st-3rd at Camp Wisdom will give you the necessary skills to take a group of Webelos Scouts camping, as well as, give you program ideas for your den. For any of the trainings above contact Brant Lippincott at 972-424-6736 or brant@lippincott.us.

Oak Leaf is a leader training course for your Boy Scout troop's junior leaders. At Oak Leaf your scouts will be challenged to become active leaders in your troop and will also be given an depth look into how a troop should operate and what they can do to improve their own program. Oak Leaf will be held on May 1st-3rd. For any questions contact Kathy Chesley at 972-424-0979 or kathy019@comcast.net.

So you're going camping with your troop and you want to know what you are doing . . . well Introduction to Outdoor leader Skills is just what you need! This is the completion of the Scoutmastership fundamentals, and a great course that will give opportunities to experience what scouts experience. Training will take place May 1st-3rd at Camp James Ray. Contact Chris Burns for more information at 972-596-1328 or burns.chris@verizon.net.

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Daycamp

Join us June 7 through June 10 for Great Plains District Summer Day Camp at Bob Woodruff Park. June 11 will be our rain date. The theme of camp this year is "A-Camping We Will Go!" All Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts are encouraged to come out and enjoy four days of nature, woodworking, sports and games as well as perennial favorites, BBs and archery.

As in past years, there are two sessions: morning (8:30am-12:30pm) and evening (4:30pm-8:30pm). Scouts attending camp will be working on achievements and electives for the rank they will be in the fall. Current Kindergarteners are encouraged to register as Tigers and come learn all about Scouts! Early registration is \$65 for Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts if registered by March 28th ; a savings of \$20 from the regular registration cost of \$85 after March 28th . Tiger Scouts pay only \$45 through May. Registration includes the required camp shirt and hat.

Volunteers are what make our Day Camp a success, and this year will be no exception. Parents and Scouters are encouraged to come to camp with their sons and join in the fun. Packs must send one adult for every five Scouts who come to camp per rank, per session. If you've not been to camp with your son yet, make this the year you come. Opportunities exist for Walking Den Leaders, Station Staff or Lil' Scout Buddies Staff. To make it easier to volunteer, childcare is provided for younger siblings age 3 (and potty-trained) to 9 each day adult volunteers are in camp.

For more information, contact your Pack Coordinator, visit the district website at www.greatplainsbsa.org and click on Camping.

Friends of Scouting

A big thank you goes to the over 120 Great Plains packs, troops and crews that have participated in our 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign. Please continue to encourage those around you to support the young people in our community through a pledge to Circle Ten Council. Pledge requests may be called in or e-mailed to Jerome Greener (jgreener@bsaemail.org), (214) 902-6758. Check with your human resource department to find out if they have a matching gift program and the necessary paperwork that you need to fill out. There are thousands of dollars each year that is not given to the program of the BSA through employers and best of all it is FREE!

District Dinner

This year's district dinner will be a tough one to beat! More than 130 young men in the Great Plains district were awarded with their Eagle Scout award on January 8th, 2010. Also, 6 adult volunteers were awarded the District Award of Merit by the council on account of their persevering efforts in providing noteworthy service to youth and that service provided far exceeded the expectation of duty. Some notable awards were: **Al Lee Service Award:** Tim Buckley
Ed Valentine Community Service Award: Crew 25, Pack 220
Dick Shaw Eagle Scout Award: Andrew Craven, Troop 288; Matthew Yenny, Troop 380, Erik Eppig, Troop 999; and Alec Corona, Troop 1000
District Award of Merit: Wayne Allred, Earl Baker, Marilyn Joyce, Tammy Allen, Sallie Diamond, and John Stone. Big congratulations and thanks goes out to all award recipients, as well as Paul Nolte and the Advancement committee for putting together the entire evening!

