

# Railsplitter District

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## Congratulations

Welcome to all the new leaders who have recently agreed to take on the Scouting Challenge. As you know, the Boy Scouts of America is the best youth organization in the entire world. Working with youth may very well be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. But the great benefits of the program are not achieved without commitment, hard work, and dedication. The Scouters of Railsplitter District want you to know that you are not alone. In addition to the other adults in your pack, troop, team, or crew, there is a network of district and council level volunteers ready to help you. Join us on the first Thursday of each month at the district Roundtable meeting at St. Patrick's Catholic Church where you will find program ideas, tips from other leaders, Scouting fellowship, and more.

## District Meetings

**September 12th & October 10th**  
**Soy Capital Bank - corner of Eldorado and Main**  
**7:00pm**

All Railsplitter Scouters are welcome to attend and assist us in better preparing a program for all of our youth. Agenda items include activities, advancements, finance, training, membership, Roundtables, and service to all units. Progress of the district and information relating to programs and training will also be presented at these meetings.

## Commissioner's Meetings

Under the direction of District Commissioner, Tena Matas, Commissioner meetings will be held on September 27th and October 25th. These meetings are held at the Prairie Avenue Christian Church at 7:00pm. All Commissioners should plan to attend so the units have support and friendly service to help the youth that we serve.

## District Roundtable

**September 7th & October 5th**  
**7:00pm**  
**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

Need ideas about what to do with the Scouts at weekly meetings? The Roundtable is the solution to your problems. The Roundtable staff will give you ideas on things to do next month; theme related programs, games, crafts, preparation for pack meetings or the next troop campout. All leaders, especially new ones, should attend to see how helpful Roundtables are in planning den, pack, and troop meetings.



## Commissioner's Report

Who is that uniformed volunteer Scouter with silver tabs on each shoulder? You may not realize it now, but this Scouter is going to be your best friend in Scouting - the Unit Commissioner.

Do you ever wonder about what the next step will be? Where do I find new leaders? More boys? Where do I get trained to do the job I accepted? The Unit Commissioner assigned to work with your unit will help you find the answers to these and other questions.

The Commissioner is your friend and cares about making your unit and your leaders succeed in giving the boys the best Scouting program possible. The commissioner is your representative with the outside world of Scouting. While you are occupied with working with the boys, the Commissioner, by visiting your unit, will guide you in the ideals, principles, and policies of the Scouting movement. The Commissioner can be your doctor, the outsider who counts the trees in the woods and spots fungus starting to grow. The Commissioner will guide you in safe and healthy practices, and when necessary, bring the proper specialists to help your unit succeed.

Our Commissioner staff consists of dedicated and experienced Scouters who have been trained and usually have experience as a unit leader. The Commissioner can help solve your problems as a counselor. Their experience and resources can be a great asset. The Commissioner is also the unit, district, and council sounding board. If problems come up or things do not work out to your satisfaction, the Commissioner will relay your message to the District Commissioner staff and professional executives. We are here to support and assist you and to help your unit succeed.

If you are unsure of who your Unit Commissioner is, please contact District Commissioner Tena Matas at 217-468-2441. Also, if you are interested in serving as a Unit Commissioner, let Tena know. She is always looking for new members to serve on the Railsplitter District Commissioner's staff.

## District Calendar

### September

- 7 - Roundtable
- 11 - Popcorn Kickoff Meeting
- 12 - District Meeting
- 22 - 24 - Cuboree
- 25 - Popcorn Sales Begin
- 27 - Commissioner's Meeting
- 29 - All applications are due

### October

- 5 - Roundtable
- 7 - Cub Scout Rookie Camp
- 10 - District Meeting
- 23 - Popcorn Orders Due
- 25 - Commissioner's Meeting