

# Railsplitter District

Serving Macon and Piatt Counties

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## Roundtable

Need ideas about what to do with the Scouts at the weekly meetings? Roundtable is the solution to all of your problems.

Our district's upcoming Roundtables will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 2nd and Thursday, November 7th at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

We give you ideas this month for things to do next month like theme related programs, games, crafts, preparation for pack meetings, or for the next troop campout. All leaders, especially new ones, should attend to see how helpful Roundtables are in planning den, pack, and troop meeting programs.

Remember, each unit needs to have at least one representative at Roundtable each month to pick up all communications from the Council. No more mailings will be sent out from the council starting January 1st, 2007. All of this information will be distributed at the Roundtable meetings each month.

## Membership

Unit leaders are reminded to turn in all new registration applications to the Council Service Center on or before December 1st. Remember, for the insurance to be activated, the youth and leaders must be entered into ScoutNet. Cub Scouts need to be registered before they are eligible for their Bobcat rank. Boy Scouts have to be registered before they are eligible for the Scout badge or the Tenderfoot rank. Follow up with each boy or adult who is not yet signed up. Each day of delay makes it all that much harder to confirm.

## November District Meeting

The district meeting for November will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, at Soy Capital Bank on the corner of Eldorado and Main streets in Decatur. All Railsplitter district Scouters are welcome to attend and assist in serving the District's youth.

## District Calendar

### November

- 2 - Roundtable
- 4 - Popcorn Distribution
- 14 - District Meeting
- 23 - Thanksgiving - Service Center Closed
- 24 - Service Center Closed
- 29 - Commissioner Meeting

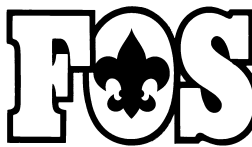
### December

- 1 - Re-Charter Due
- 1 - Popcorn Money Due
- 7 - Roundtable
- 25 - Christmas - Service Center Closed
- 26 - Service Center Closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve

## Membership Inventory

During the month of December, your unit commissioner will be asking the membership chairman to cross check your roster with the Council Service Center's roster. Following the fall recruitment, we want to make sure that all youth are properly registered so they are covered by insurance, can receive timely advancements, and their tenure is correct.

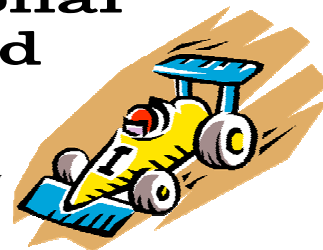
## Friends of Scouting



Friends of Scouting is our council's way of financing the budget after United Way allocations and popcorn sales.

Each unit is asked to let us tell the finance story to your parents at a January, February, or March pack meeting or troop court of honor. Scout families see the most direct impact of Scouting and receive the most benefits. Please notify District Director Nelda Foster of your desired date for a ten minute FOS presentation.

## Invitational Pinewood Derby



Pack 81 is sponsoring a Mid-State Pinewood Derby Challenge on November 25th at the Hickory Point Mall, Center Stage. This

race is open to both Cub and Boy Scouts. Registration will begin at 10:30am with racing to begin at 11:00am. The Scouts will race first and then the races are open to anyone. The entry fee is \$1.00 per Scout or \$2.00 for individuals. Family registration costs \$5.00 per family if the Scout races in the open class. Trophies will be awarded. **THIS IS NOT A COUNCIL OR DISTRICT ACTIVITY. ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO RICK DOTY @ 848-1782. THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER WILL NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT.**

The Railsplitter District Mall Show and Pinewood Derby Race will be held in February at Hickory Point mall. If you would like to help with the mall show in February please contact Nelda Foster or District Chairman John Fischer. Units will be encouraged to have a display at the mall show that demonstrates some Scouting Skills.

**Railsplitter Annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th, 2007.**