

# Railsplitter District

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## District Director

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## Roundtable

**April 2nd**

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church - 7:00pm**

Roundtables will be held on April 2nd at St. Patrick's Church starting at 7:00pm. This is a time when valuable information is made available to your unit. Each Pack, Troop, and Crew is highly encouraged to attend these meetings so they can prepare the best program for their units. Don't miss out on this opportunity, mark your calendar now and we will see you there.

## District Committee Meeting

**April 14th**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

The next Railsplitter District Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at St. John's Lutheran Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm and all Scouters from the district are encouraged to attend. Come join this important meeting and help make 2009 a great year for the Railsplitter District.

## Friends of Scouting Presentations

The District is aiming for 100% unit participation in the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. This would give each family in our district the opportunity to support the Scouting program in a special way. Each unit is asked to let us know when in January, February, or March we can come give the Friends of Scouting story to their unit. Blue and Gold Banquets, Troop Courts of Honor, or Crew meetings are great times to invite the district to give this important information. To set your date now please call Jonathan at 429-2326. Thank you for your support.

## District Director's Corner

The district has seen a lot of exciting changes over the last couple of months. Sid Palmer has taken the District Chairman position and Pam Roberts has taken over as District Commissioner. In addition to these two we have added other new faces to the many key positions within our district. These volunteers are helping to ensure a quality program for all the units in our district. We would also like to come up with a slogan for our district to lead us as we look to the future in Railsplitter District. If you would like to make a suggestion, please email Jonathan Crocker at john.crocker@scouting.org or call him at the Council Service Center. 2009 looks to be a good year for the Railsplitter District and the Lincoln Trails Council, so come join the fun.

## Online Training

As a district, we will be declaring an open season on all untrained leaders in the packs, troops, and crews. This will help you achieve Centennial Quality Unit status. Your help is needed. If you have, or are a pack, troop, or crew trainer, we need you to take inventory of your leaders. We need to know that they have their initial training done for their jobs. We need to try to do this ASAP and report it back to your District Training Chair. This helps insure better leadership for your unit and leads to a better overall program. You can find out more about the levels of training at the sites listed below or you can also complete some training online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). Here you can create an account and complete all kinds of training courses.

## Annual Business Meeting

**Tuesday, April 8th**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

The annual business meeting is scheduled for April 14th. The election of district members, a district chairman, and nomination of the district commissioner will be made at this meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for the district committee, please call Jonathan Crocker at 217-429-2326.

## Railsplitter District Calendar

### March

5 Roundtable  
10 District Recognition Dinner  
13 Boy Scout Camp Payments Due  
28 Decatur Lincoln Pilgrimage

### April

2 Roundtable  
10 Good Friday - Service Center Closed  
14 District Meeting  
19 Council Recognition Dinner