

GOLDEN WEST

CALENDAR

April

10	Roundtable
11-13	Camporee
15	Commissioner Meeting
16	District Committee Meeting
17	O.A. Chapter Meeting

May

8	Roundtable
13	Commissioner Meeting
14	District Committee
15	O.A. Chapter Meeting

June

12	Roundtable
17	Commissioner Meeting
18	District Committee Meeting
18	Together We Plan
19	O.A. Chapter Meeting

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

Merit badges are a key concept in Scouting. They allow a Scout to try new things and perchance to find a new skill that he might use later in life. In the next month, letters will be sent to all Merit Badge Counselors asking if they wish to continue serving the Scouts of Golden West District. This is your chance to see if your information is current. We do this in an effort to provide an accurate list to the boys. Your timely response is important. If you are not a counselor already, it's not too late to pick up an application from the district website to become one today.

Please make sure your merit badge pamphlets are the newest available. Several merit badges have been updated in previous years. Remember if a boy has started a merit badge and is now finishing with you as a counselor, he has the opportunity to complete the badge with the old requirements if he desires.

We are headed back into adult training season. I encourage you to add more trained adult leaders to your units. Please advise your adults of all training events and encourage them to attend. We state that every boy deserves a trained adult leader. Is your unit up to the task?

Joseph Potthast

Mark Blomquist

DISTRICT DINNER

We had a very successful **District Dinner**. 55 people attended. We gave out 4 **Spark Plug Awards** to: Vera Jackson, Susie Hancock, Sherryl Gonzalez, and Cheryl Montgomery. The recipients of the **District Award of Merit** went to Sue Blomquist and John O'Rourke. Our **Pinewood Derby** winners are: Gus Krider, 1st Place; Donovan Dooley, 2nd Place; and Drako Bengel, 3rd Place. Good job! I would like to thank Greg and Daphne Ferguson, Mark and Sue Blomquist, Dick Albert, Roy Bengal, Zachary and Trevor Ferguson, Drako Bengel, Donovan Dooley, Simon Albert, Nathan Montgomery, Mr. Gib Cardona, Michael Wilson, and Mark Alson for doing so much to make our **District Dinner** a success.

Bob Collins, Senior District Executive

SPRING ROUNDUP

Can you believe it's time for us to start thinking about spring recruitment again? Over the next two months, Bob and I will be contacting every unit to find out what your recruitment needs are for this year. The council will be printing flyers for you, and I believe it makes a better impact on a new parent if the flyer has personalized information about the unit on it, such as what your unit will be doing for the next 4 meetings. This information can be printed on the back of your flyers, so please think about this when we come calling. If you have a date in mind for your recruitment, please email me with the follow information: two contact names and numbers, day and time of your meetings, and how many flyers you think you will need. Please feel free to contact me by email at pbarton@bsamail.org

Yours in Scouting,
Patricia Barton
Golden West Membership Chair