

## Columbia River District

Serving the communities of Kennewick and Finley

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### Calendar Dates

*All Roundtables and District staff meetings will be held at Council Service Center unless otherwise noted.*

October	
4	Boy Scout & Venturing Roundtables/Varsity Huddle - 7:30pm
11	Cub Scout Roundtable - 7:00pm
16	District Commissioner's Mtg. - 6:30pm
16	District Committee Mtg. - 7:30pm
19-20	Webelos Woods - All Day @ Horn Rapids Park, W. Richland
23	Popcorn Sale Ends
November	
1	Boy Scout & Venturing Roundtables/Varsity Huddle - 7:30pm
3	Popcorn Take Order Pick Up
3	LDS Scouters President Dahlquist meeting 8:30am LDS Gage building
8	Cub Scout Roundtable - 7:00pm
16	Popcorn Money Due
20	District Commissioner's Mtg. - 6:30pm
20	District Committee Mtg. - 7:30pm
29	Unit Recharter Turn-In Night 6:30pm @ Council Office, Kennewick

## Merit Badge Counselors Needed!



A vital part of the BSA's advancement plan, the merit badge program, is one of Scouting's basic character-building tools. Through participation in the program, a Scout acquires the kind of self-confidence that comes only from overcoming obstacles to achieve a goal. Instruction is offered in everything from animal science and public speaking to swimming and communications, providing a young man with invaluable career, physical, and interpersonal skills. The Columbia River District is working hard to recruit more adult men and women, who can volunteer a few hours a month, to serve as merit badge counselors. For example, a dentist could volunteer to serve as a counselor for the Dentistry merit badge. Pamphlets and guidebooks about each merit badge exist to help guide counselors as you instruct each Scout. If you have a desire to serve our youth and instruct any of the current merit badges, please contact Pat Bouslaugh at 585-6415 or Andrea Watson at 735-7306 or [awatson@bsamail.org](mailto:awatson@bsamail.org). A list of current merit badges can be found at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org). You can download a merit badge counselor application form from [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org).

## Webelos Woods 2007

Join us for our annual Webelos Woods, on October 19-20<sup>th</sup> at Horn Rapids Parks! Webelos Woods, is a district overnight camping experience for Webelos dens. This camporee-style event, is



intended for Webelos Scouts, with events and activities planned for their ability level, according to age-appropriate guidelines for Cub Scouts. All Webelos should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. In all cases, a responsible adult will be designated for each youth participant. BSA Youth Protection standards will apply regarding sleeping and bathroom arrangements.

Check-in will begin at 6pm, Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, and the event will conclude at 3:30pm Saturday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 per Scout, adults are free. Webelos will have the chance to work on several activity badges, participate in the campfire program, and enjoy the great outdoors.

Registration materials can be downloaded off our district webpage now at [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org). Don't miss out—it's going to be a "hauntingly" good time...

## Annual Unit Rechartering—Starts October 15<sup>th</sup>

As the wind gets colder and the fall festivities begin, the time for charter renewal has come around once again! In October, all units will receive their recharter packets from their Unit Commissioner.

Completed and signed charter renewals should be turned in no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, earlier is even better! If your packet is gathering dust on your desk or under the VCR, it just takes longer to find it once you work up the courage to wade through the paperwork! Dig in right away and it is sure to be much less intimidating. Internet Rechartering has turned this, once dreaded and laborious task, into an enjoyable and fun experience! Also, take advantage of our Internet Rechartering training available online at [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org).

### Winter Camp Training

**When:** Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 4pm  
**Where:** Scout Service Center, Kennewick

**Cost:** \$5 per person. Adults who have already taken the course are free.

Take advantage of this once a year training opportunity and attend the annual Winter Camp Training Seminar on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Scouts and Scouters who attend will learn the *best methods* in winter camping. Sign up by calling the Council Service Center at 1-800-821-4939.

Please contact Frank Graf at 509-375-1573 or Andrea Watson at 509-735-7306 if you have any questions.