



THE PATHFINDER GAZETTE

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RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAMS - FEBRUARY 7TH



Our February Round Table program will be an educational session on the different Religious Emblems Programs available to our Scouts. Various Scouters will provide present-

tations on. . . .An important distinction is that religious groups, not the Boy Scouts of America, created the religious emblem programs.

Did you know there are 35 (yes, thirty five) religious programs with their own individual religious emblems? We will discuss the majority of religious emblem programs in the GSLAC.

When is the last time one of your Scouts received a religious award?

If one of your Scouts is interested in achieving a religious emblem, don't miss the February Round Table at Willow Brook Elementary School.

A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.



To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.


TROOP ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2011

Troop 11	Attended
Troop 17	
Troop 21	Attended
Troop 31	
Troop 39	
Troop 48	Attended
Troop 49	
Troop 256	
Troop 283	Attended
Troop 284	Attended
Troop 285	Attended
Troop 288	Attended
Troop 344	Attended
Troop 348	
Troop 362	
Troop 414	
Troop 493	
Troop 502	
Troop 512	
Troop 516	
Troop 525	Attended
Troop 531	
Troop 643	Attended
Troop 664	
Troop 765	Attended
Troop 766	
Troop 769	
Troop 954	Attended

NATIONAL TRAINING MANDATE - ADULT LEADERS!

This isn't a District objective; it's a NATIONAL MANDATE. All adult leaders must be trained in their [specific positions in order to register on the charter in 2011](#). We are shooting for a goal to have all direct-contact leaders fully trained by 2011. A direct-contact leader is any adult, 21 years or older, who comes into direct contact with the Scouts in your troop. Please make it a high priority to get training done by the adults in your units this year. Fully trained includes three key training requirements, two of which you can do online; This is Scouting (Online) (formerly New Leader Essentials), Youth Protection Training (Online), and Boy Scout Leader Training (SM/ASM or Troop Committee Training). Also, Cub Scout Leader Training is now available online. The next Boy Scout Leader Training for SM/ASM starts April 2011. To meet the National mandate, we anticipate a very large class.

For more information and pre-register, please contact Dennis Gallagher, Pathfinder Training Chairman, at drgallagher73@hotmail.com.

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CONGRATULATIONS! 2010 PATHFINDER DISTRICT AWARDS



On January 19th, Pathfinder held its annual district dinner and award's banquet. Congratulations to the following Scouters and volunteers who were recognized for outstanding service and for putting our Scouts first:

District Award of Merit: Sandra Hezel Troop 643

Spark Plug of the Year	Kathi Alexander	Troop 48
Scoutmaster / Asst Scoutmaster of the Year	William Lambros	Troop 525
Troop Scouter of the Year	Heather Henderson	Troop 48
Unit Commissioner of the Year	Linda Kao	
Scout Family of the Year	The Schutte Family	Troop and Pack 643
Scoutmaster's Key Award	Michael Brown Larry Henderson	Troop 283 Troop 48
Venturing Leaders Training Award	Derrick Coley	
Boy Scout Leader Training Award	Michael Brown	Troop 283
Cub Scout Den Leader Award	Amy Munroe	

WOOD BADGE BEADING CEREMONY

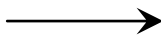
Our own Pathfinder District Director, Mr. William Humphrey, a member of Wood Badge Course C37-09 will be beaded on February 7, 2011 at Pathfinder Round Table. When asked about the importance of Wood Badge and the importance of the course to Boy Scouts, William said, "In Wood Badge you create lifelong friendships. You learn that feedback is a gift and you receive high quality leadership training." We are all looking forward to seeing William beaded on the 7th.

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course, designed by Lord Baden-Powell, to provide a practical means of teaching Scouters the skills and methods of Scouting. The first course was held in 1919 and during his military service, Lord Baden-Powell collected a large string of beads from an African chieftain. These beads were handed out to the participants in the first course. Wood Badge is considered by many to be the pinnacle experience of their Scouting careers.

The next Wood Badge Course will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation in May 2010. For more information, dates, and contact - read the GSLAC [Wood Badge Application](#).




WHAT QUALIFIES AS TRAINED? WHICH TRAINING DO I TAKE?



All adult leaders must be Youth Protection Trained to recharter in Dec. 2010. All Cub Masters, Scout Masters, Venturing Adviser's and Varsity Coaches must have their Leader Specific Training completed in order to recharter in Dec. 2010. All adult leaders must be current youth Protection Trained and Leader Specific Trained to recharter in Dec. 2011. This will include all contact leaders, i.e. Den leaders, Webelos Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members and Charter Organization Reps. . We now have an excellent chart for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venture training requirements.

[Click here to see the chart.](#)

TRAINING EVENTS

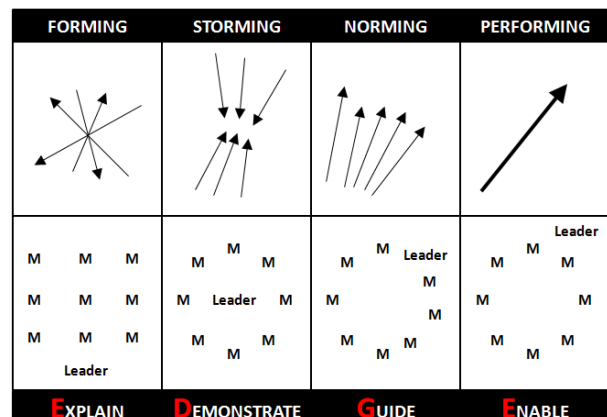
EVENT	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	QUESTIONS
 Pathfinder Round Table	2/7/11	7:00 pm	Willow Brook Elementary	Bob Adams rmadams52@yahoo.com
 Pathfinder OA Chapter Fellowship Banquet	2/8/11	7:00 pm	Clayton High School Commons	Fran Geisel (314) 291-8175 gonescouting@att.net
 Eagle Board of Review	2/10/11	7:00pm	Olivette Community Center	David Felt (314) 434-5165 ddfelt@swbell.net
 Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training	2/12/11	8:30am to Noon	MacArthur Service Center	Bill Hamilton whami9@aol.com
 Eagle Board of Review	2/28/11	7:00 pm	Olivette Community Center	David Felt (314) 434-5165 ddfelt@swbell.net
 Pathfinder Round Table	3/7/11	7:00 pm	Willow Brook Elementary	Bob Adams rmadams52@yahoo.com
 Eagle Board of Review	3/10/11	7:00 pm	Olivette Community Center	David Felt (314) 434-5165 ddfelt@swbell.net
 OA Spring Conclave	4/8/11 4/10/11	All Day		Fran Geisel (314) 291-8175 gonescouting@att.net
 Boy Scout Basic Leader Training	4/12, 4/26 5/3, 5/10	PM	TBD	Dennis Gallagher drgallagher73@hotmail.com
 Spring Camporee	5/13/11 5/15/11	All Day		Rick Valli (314) 298-0184 vallirick@yahoo.com
 Wood Badge - Spring Council Event	5/20-5/22 6/3-6/5	-	Beaumont Scout Reservation	Wood Badge Application

FEBRUARY PATHFINDER TRAINING SERIES - THE EDGE METHOD

For many Scouts, a new requirement for Tenderfoot and Life was added to the Boy Scout Handbook in January 2010. It is also a core instructional component for all Wood Badge Courses. It is called "The Leading EDGE™ / The Teaching EDGE™." It is also known simply as the EDGE training method.

EDGE stands for Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable. This is another key activity that supports the Patrol Method and is a technique that supports a Scout lead troop.

At the February Round Table, attendees will be provided with the Pathfinder Training Series. Please ensure it is provided to your Senior Patrol Leaders so that they are reminded to use it as part of their leadership and direction of the Troop.



Stages of Team Development

[PATHFINDER GAZETTE ONLINE ON PATHFINDER DISTRICT WEBSITE](#)

PARENTS - A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR SON'S SCOUTING EVENTS!

ROUND TABLE ATTENDANCE

We still don't have each Troop represented but we're getting closer. The Pathfinder Round Table Staff would like to congratulate each of the Troops in the Pathfinder District for strong attendance in November. We understand that between Monday Troop meetings and school sports, it can be difficult to make Round Table.

Round Table is designed to help Scouters like you improve the Scouting experience and to help provide your Scouts with activities that support our goal of a "boy-lead" troop. Please make sure your Troop sends someone to Round Table.

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ROUND TABLE MISSION

The mission of the Boy Scout Roundtable is to provide quality resources, knowledge, and skills to unit leaders to enable and motivate them to deliver an outstanding program to their Scout troops. Roundtables focus on program highlights for upcoming months, not on the current month.

For the Greater Saint Louis Area Council, the Pathfinder District holds one Roundtable every month, normally the Monday of the first full week.

