Polaris District serves northern Milwaukee County, including the cities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay, and the northwest corner of Milwaukee.

DISTRICT DATES

OCTOBER 2012
4 Roundtable: Parkway Elementary., 5910 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy., 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2012
1 Roundtable: Parkway Elementary., 5910 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy., 6:00 p.m.
8 District Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
8 District Commissioner Meeting, 7 p.m. 6800 N. Port Washington Rd.

DECEMBER 2012
6 Roundtable: Parkway Elementary., 5910 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy., 6:00 p.m.

Polaris In-Town Day Camp

The second annual Polaris Cub Scout camp at Kletzsch Park will be talked about for generations. Everyday, we did a flag raising and lowering to start and end the day. We played a lot of games that taught teambuilding, sportsmanship and an appreciation of the outdoors.

On **Monday**, we got to know each other. We created den flags, den cheers, and den names. We did a scavenger hunt as we hiked through the park and saw all kinds of new plants and animals. In the afternoon, we went to the fire station and police station. When we got back to our site, we watched a flag retirement ceremony. We listened to the story of Fort McHenry while Boy Scouts ceremoniously retired the flag.

On **Tuesday**, we bussed down to Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta in Burlington. We went swimming, learned wilderness survival in the giant fort, learned about nature (poisonous plants and animals) and learned how to shoot a bow and arrow and bb gun.

On **Wednesday**, we did Cub Scout Olympic events. In the morning we did javelin toss (noodle), fencing on wobbly platform (noodle), shot put (exercise ball), hurdles (noodles), tug of war, and a stretcher race. Right after lunch we searched the area with our bug suckers finding rolly pollies, moths, and ants. In the afternoon, we did another activity rotation including badminton, soccer, human foosball, kickball, ultimate Frisbee and launching water rockets.

On **Thursday**, it rained off and on, but we still had fun. We sang songs, did team building games and drank hot chocolate while we watched a movie. We made our sails for our rain gutter regatta boats for Friday's race. Ed Brandon, the Scout Executive (CEO) for the Three Harbors Council stopped by and gave everyone the choice of listening to him talk about Scouting or throw water balloons at him. Ed got a little wet. We also made thank you letters for the police and fire departments.

On **Friday**, we raced cubmobiles, our rain gutter regatta boats and played more games. A player from the Milwaukee Wave stopped by after lunch. And then we had our award ceremony where we got our patch from camp and belt loops.

The boys received the following belt loops at camp: hiking, kickball, badminton, Archery, BB Guns, ultimate Frisbee (4th and 5th graders) and soccer (2nd and 3rd graders).

This week could not have been so special without the dedication of all the volunteers and parents who helped out. Also, the boys always seem to amaze the staff with their creativity and enthusiasm.

Polaris Hero

A hero walks among us, as many do unnoticed and unrecognized. While everyone goes on with their daily lives, another Scout has used his skills and confidence to help another. In late August, Eric Kesler was at a pool party in an apartment complex. It was a sunny day and everyone was having fun. Eric heard a commotion at the end of the pool and saw a 5 year-old floating upside down in the pool. People around the child did not know what to do. Eric immediately went to the aid of the child and started CPR. After five minutes of administering CPR, Eric was able to resuscitate the child. Pool water and food came pouring out of the child and relief came out of everyone else at the party. Eventually the ambulance arrived and carried the child off to the hospital. After the incident, Eric's friend told me he was calm and serious throughout the whole experience.

Eric was part of Pack 197, Troop 7 and Crew 194 in the Polaris District. He was a volunteer at Camp Ammon and cheerful staff member at IMR. At the beginning of August, he appropriately was the health officer for the Polaris Cub Scout Camp at Kletzsch Park. Part of his duties at camp was to hold asthma inhalers, epipens, and medicine for Scouts and be ready to burst into

action if necessary. There was never an incident at camp, but it is reassuring to know that such a qualified member of Scouting was holding that post.

Eric's mother is on the Polaris District Committee. She had always told stories about how Eric would always help those in need. She told a story about how he told her to pull over and help someone who was having car trouble. When she asked her son why he thought they should help Eric replied, "Because that is what you should do. That's what you do if you are a Scout." Unfortunately Eric won't be able to read this because he is currently at boot camp training to become a US marine. It's good to know someone that cool and collected is protecting our country. And while Eric may not be able to read this article, our thoughts and prayers go out to his parents who raised him, his leaders who taught him and his friends who miss him.

Scouts in Action

2012 Polaris Fall Camporee included knot-tying, catapult and wilderness survival and everyone survived!

Roundtable

Parents, leaders, and anyone in the district who is looking to share ideas about Scouting is invited to the monthly roundtables. They take place the first Thursday of every month. Below is a schedule of topics that will be discussed in addition to all of the valuable knowledge passed among leaders.

2012-2013 Roundtable Schedule

Month	Training 6:30 p.m.	Presenter 7 p.m.	Cub Scout 7:15-8 p.m.	Boy Scout 7:15-8 p.m.
September	CS/Webelos Leaders Advancement	Boundary Waters Crew 194	Tiger Recuitment & Proper Flag Ceremony	Boundary Waters
October	Special Needs Training	Roundtable discussion	Special Needs	Summer Camp Issues & Special Needs
November	Fundraisers	Troop QM's	Keeping Webelos interested to cross over to Boy Scouts	Managing equipment
December	Journey to Excellence	Roundtable discussion	Advancement & different ways to hold the ceremony	Handling Difficult Situations (Youth and Adults)
January	Rechartering	Canoe Trips Bob Farrell	Different activities packs do & game night & games that each pack brings	Creating a Canoe Program
February	Service projects in the community	Aircraft Carrier Troop 194	Blue & Gold & Cross Over Ceremonies	Patriot Point
March	CS/BS to Summer Camp	Roundtable discussion	Cubmobile information - Scouting the Zoo cubmobile race	Older/Younger Scout relations & Keeping older Scouts engaged
April	District Cub Scout Olympacs	Advancement committee	District Cub Scout Olympacs	Advancement & Keeping Scouts on path to Eagle
May	Water rocket clinic		Service Projects & Fund Raisers for the next year	Cooking demonstrations (Dutch oven/Box oven...)

Polaris District Leadership Team

District Chair: Steve Faller, (414) 378-2828; **District Commissioner:** Kathy Myszewski, (414) 355-2783; **Camp Promotions Chair:** Daniel MacKenzie, (608) 772-0314; **Finance Chair:** Tim Somers, (414) 765-5379; **FOS Chair:** VACANT; **District Membership Chair/ Recognition Dinner Chair:** Christina Rivera, (414) 202-5690; **Training Chair:** VACANT; **Program Chair:** Doug Reed II, (414) 651-4741; **Communications & Public Relations Chair:** VACANT; **Cub Scout Training Chair:** Angie Wegman, (414) 353-5192; **Boy Scout Training Chair:** Frank O'Dwyer, (414) 351-6892 ; **Advancement/Eagle Award Chair:** Brad Bailey, (414) 962-5544; **Cub Scout Advancement Chair:** Mark Niehaus, (414) 350-7328; **Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner:** Cathy Friel-Dombeck, (414) 807-7765; **Scouting for Food Chair:** Scott Selby, (414) 332-3326; **Pinewood Derby Chair:** Jim Tremblay, (414) 699-1034; **Winter Event:** Vicky Doering, (414) 616-0561; **Merit Badge Dean:** Lee Hartz, (414) 354-6137; **District Director:** Josh Sova, (414) 443-2865 - Josh.Sova@Scouting.org. If you wish to submit pictures, articles or Scouting stories on the Polaris District's web page, please submit to Josh Sova.

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