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Do Not Miss Jamboree on the Air/Internet on October 21!



After a hot summer, there are hints of fall in the air. That means it is almost time to be a part of the largest Scouting event in the world—JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air) and JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet). JOTA/JOTI will run at the Museum all day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21. Plan on participating regardless of whether you attend alone, with a group, or with a unit.

JOTA is a radio event. Using ham radios around the world, nation, and in our community, participants can connect to their fellow Scouts. To make it happen Tim Arimond will bring ham radio station KØBSA (Kay-zero-BSA) to the Museum and connect to the permanent antenna on the Museum’s roof. Voila, the

Museum will turn into a radio station. JOTA is a BIG, BIG, BIG event. Typically, more than one million kids from over 150 nations participate in JOTA. Using JOTA and station KØBSA, kids who come to the Museum on October 21 can travel internationally without a plane ticket or a passport. There will also be interesting radio-related displays to look at in addition to all of the other exhibits in the Museum’s gallery.

In addition to JOTA/JOTI, the Museum will offer a session of Radio Merit Badge on Saturday, October 21 just like all the Museum’s merit badge offerings, preregistration is required and the cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Scouts registering for the merit badge should bring a bag lunch and a merit badge “blue” card signed by their Scoutmaster, which indicates that they are cleared to take the class. Radio Merit Badge will run from 10:00 a.m. until about 2:00 a.m.

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Time to Warm Up for the Big Race that is “Derby Night at the Museum”

Everyone! START YOUR ENGINES! On Saturday, November 4, it will once again be time for “Derby Night at the Museum.” The North Star Museum’s annual “FUNraiser” begins at 6:00 p.m. If you have never attended before, you have missed out. Derby Night at the Museum is a fun opportunity to play like a kid, get in a bit of competition by entering a car into the race, and having a chance to

WIN. Your car will race on the Museum’s state-of-the-art Pinewood Derby track. Remember, this is an event for adults.

You can register for the event through the Museum’s website at nssm.org. The pre-registration fee of \$50 per person includes a beverage coupon for wine, *(Continued on Page 2)*

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As for JOTA/JOTI, there is no charge. Scouts of all ages and any gender may participate. Visitors can just show up but if you have a group of five or more, we would appreciate it if you could pre-register so we can plan accordingly. Once registration opens, you will be able to register through the Museum's website at www.NSSM.org. Once on the website, go to Programs and Events, then Jamboree on the Air, and sign up for a session. See you "on the air" at radio station KØBSA on October 21!



In addition to the opportunity to go on the air, Jamboree on the Air includes some great radio-oriented exhibits.

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beer, or soft drinks, a glass with the Museum logo on it, appetizers, dessert and one car entry. Pre-registration is best because the cost is \$55 at the door. Spectators without their own car to race will pay only \$40 admission.

As in past years, there will be a silent auction. You can bid on array of items ranging from fine food and wine, household items, crafts, tickets, and gift cards. We also expect to offer one or more raffle opportunities that will allow both you and the Museum to WIN. There might even be a few surprises. All proceeds benefit the Museum.

We are looking for items that can be added to the silent auction. It would be delightful if you are able to participate. If you

have an item to donate, please call Carissa at 651-748-2880.

If you do not have a derby car, there is plenty of time to build one. Kits are available on Amazon, the North Star Museum or at your local Scout shop. In addition, the Museum is offering a Derby Car Workshop on September 21. For details, see the promotional article in this issue of *Museum News*. Creativity counts, as there will be recognition for the "best looking" car on the track. Or dress for the occasion and perhaps you will WIN the annual Best Derby Hat contest. On November 4, come to the ultimate "FUNraiser" that is "Derby Night at the Museum" and WIN! WIN! WIN!



Starter Dean Thompson gets ready to begin a heat at Derby Night 2022.

JULIETTE GORDON LOW PARTY
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JULIETTE GLOW PARTY

TO ALL GIRL SCOUT DAISIES, BROWNIES, AND JUNIORS. Get ready to shine bright! Join us at the Museum on October 27, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to celebrate Juliette Low's birthday with a spectacular Glow Party! Dive into a luminous world of fun and games under the enchanting glow of black lights. Learn about Girl Scouts U.S.A. founder Juliette Gordon Low and why she shines!

Illuminate the night with your brightest smiles and let's light up the evening in honor of Juliette. Don't miss out on the glow-tastic festivities! The cost is only \$15 per person and the price of admission includes a birthday treat. Registration is easy and will be posted on the nssm.org website soon if it is

not already there by the time you read this article. In the alternative, call Carissa Meyer at the Museum at 651-748-2880 or email her at Carissa.meyer@nssm.org. Get ready to GLOW!



Juliette Gordon Low.



Tribute in Memory of
Scott Degel

- **Robert Pettitt**

**Know of anyone
interested in joining?**

Contact:

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The Museum Announces a New Membership Program

You are a loyal and stalwart supporter of the Museum. Do you know whether you are a “member”? You are not alone. It makes a difference because Museum members have voting rights and other benefits. For some years, the policies and guidelines for determining Museum membership and the levels of membership were less than clear. Now, following the work of a Membership Taskforce headed up by Board member Joe Glenski, the Museum Board has adopted a new membership program that we hope simplifies everything. Read on!

The new definition of Museum member could not be simpler. Anyone who gives the Museum \$50 or more in a calendar year is a member and will be recognized as such. Done. Everyone knows where they stand.

There are two types of members. An Annual Member is a person who gives \$50 or more through one or more discrete gifts per year. A Sustaining Member is a person who gives \$50 or more each year through an authorized written commitment to have the Museum pull contributions on a defined periodic basis (monthly, quarterly, etc.) In the latter category, a significant number of people currently give monthly gifts that are authorized through their credit card. If you use a charge card, there is a \$10 minimum contribution per use. What could be easier? Thank you for your support.

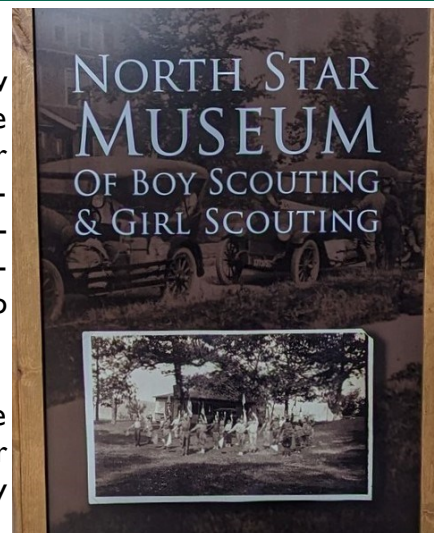
With the help of the Membership Task Force, the Board also adopted new and simpler membership levels. The new membership levels are as follows:

- \$50 – Individual Membership
- \$65 – Household Membership
- \$120 to \$999 – History Keeper Membership
- \$1,000 or more – History Champion Membership

Continuing with the theme of simplicity, the Board also took some additional steps. There is no longer a Senior membership level. Instead, there is a Senior discount that allows anyone age 65 or over to get a \$5 discount to reach any of the membership levels. Thus, for a Senior, the Individual Membership is \$45 or more in a calendar year. In addition, the \$5 extra charge for members who are Skunks was eliminated. Anyone who qualifies as a Skunk is a Skunk as long as they are a member.



We hope to use the new and simpler system to forge better relationships with you—our members. Look for future announcements regarding the benefits at each membership level and expect to be thanked when you renew your membership each year. Thank you for supporting the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. We truly appreciate you.



Thank You for Supporting the Museum's Super Merit Badge Weeks Program in 2023—But More is on the Way

As you read this issue of the *Museum News*, the 2023 summer of Super Merit Badge Weeks just concluded. During June, July, and August, we offered eighteen merit badge classes. Nine different merit badges were offered. A total of 126 Scouts signed up and attended our classes. The Museum extends a hardy thank you to the Scouts who supported the Museum by attending and the dedicated counselors and adult volunteers who made these sessions possible.

But wait! The year is not yet over.

The Museum plans to offer additional merit badge workshops through the end of the year. We already have a session of Radio Merit Badge scheduled on October 21 during Jamboree on the Air. See the article in this issue of the *Museum News*. We may also add merit badges during MEA on October 19 and October 20.

As for the last two months of the year, we typically offer merit badges over Thanksgiving weekend and during the last week of the year. Stay tuned to the Museum website (nssm.org) and

the October issue of the *Museum News* for the announcement of additional classes and class times. If your unit wants to book a class on a date of your choosing with one of our counselors, just email John Guthmann at jguthmann@msn.com. Be prepared to advance through one of the North Star Museum's merit badge workshops.



Counselor John Guthmann (with the globe) is shown leading a Citizenship in the World Merit Badge Workshop on August 19.

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Join Us at the Museum's Derby Car Build

Derby Night at the Museum is coming up on November 4. Is your car ready? Are you concerned that you do not know how to make a car and you break out in hives thinking about building yours? Do not worry. We have the answer for you! On **Thursday, September 21, 2023**, get your engines tuned for a night of creativity and camaraderie! Join us at the Museum to craft your very own Pinewood Derby car using an official kit, which we will supply as part of the \$20.00 registration fee.

Design, carve, paint, and put your personal touch on your customized car. We'll also help you weigh your creation

to meet the official specifications for a Pinewood Derby race. Don't stop with your own car. Want to bring your kids? You would only need to pay a Museum admission for each if you only are building a single car.

Enjoy an evening filled with fun, laughter, and the spirit of friendly competition. On September 21, come to the Museum for the Derby Car Build. By the end of the evening, you'll have a race-ready car and cherished family memories. The cost is only \$20 per car. You can register for the event at <https://nssm.regfox.com/2023-pinewood-derby-build> We can't wait to see you there!

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