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Last Call to Sign Up for "Derby Night at the Museum"

The leaves are turning beautiful shades of red, yellow, and orange, and frosty nights have arrived. That means "Derby Night at the Museum" on November 4 is almost here. The North Star Museum's annual "FUNraiser" begins at 6:00 p.m. Derby Night at the Museum is a great opportunity to get your competitive juices flowing, have fun, and support the Museum to boot. At this adult event, you can bring a Pinewood Derby car, race it on the Museum's state-of-the-art Pinewood Derby track and WIN!

To participate, just register for the event through the Museum's website at nssm.org. The direct link is <https://nssm.regfox.com/2023-derby-night-at-the-museum>. The pre-registration fee of \$50 per person includes a beverage coupon for wine, 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 who simply wish to watch the fun (and perhaps bid on (Continued on Page 2)

Jamboree on the Air/Internet is Only Days Away

When you open your October 2023 Museum News, the largest Scouting event in the world will be only days away. 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. You can participate alone, with a group, or with a unit.

During JOTA, the Museum turns into a radio station with worldwide reach thanks to the magic of Ham Radio Operator Tim Arimond. For one day, the Museum becomes the home of ham radio station KØBSA (Kay-zero-BSA) More than one million kids from over 150 nations usually participate in JOTA. Through 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.

As for JOTA/JOTI, **there is no charge.** Scouts of all ages and any gender may participate in JOTA/JOTI and participating Scouts may enter at no charge. However, if you have a group of five or more, we would appreciate it if you could pre-register. To do so, use the Museum's website at nssm.org or use this link: <https://nssm.regfox.com/2023-jota>. See you "on the air" at radio station KØBSA on October 21!



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silent auction items) need pay only \$40 for admission.

In addition to the race, the silent auction also supports the Museum. As in past years, 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.

We are still looking for items that can be added to the silent auction. If you have an item to donate, please call Carissa at 651-748-2880 or drop the item off at the Museum.

There is still time for you to build a derby car. You can purchase a kit on Amazon, at the North Star Museum, or at your local Scout shop. Don't forget

that we recognize the “best looking” car on the track; so be at your creative best when you build a new car or dress up an old one. Speaking of dressing, if your duds include a fancy hat, you might WIN the annual Best

Derby Hat contest. So, on November 4, come to the ultimate “FUNraiser” that is “Derby Night at the Museum” and WIN! WIN! WIN!



This beautiful print will be up for auction a Derby Night on November 4. Save up your pennies to bid because this would look great on your wall!

GIRL SCOUT DAISIES, BROWNIES, & JUNIORS: Get Ready to Shine Bright!

If you are a Girl Scout Daisy, Brownie, or Junior, this party is for you. C'mon out to the Museum on Friday October 27, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We are celebrating Juliette Gordon Low's birthday with a spectacular Glow Party!

At the Glow Party, you can 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. Register as an individual or as a troop online at <https://nssm.regfox.com/2023-igl>. See you at the Glow Party!



Juliette Gordon Low.

Museum Participates in North St. Paul Community Events



North St. Paul runs a Friday night History Cruzers program during the summer. We hope to use the weekly event to build support for the Museum in future years.

In September, the Museum participated in two North St. Paul events to gain better community visibility. Every Friday during the summer, North St. Paul sponsors a History Cruze Car Show. At the September 8 Cruze Show, the Museum was open and visitors could look inside the Museum without charge.

On September 14, North St. Paul kicked off fall with its Fall Roundup Parade down 7th Avenue. The Fall Round Up Parade is a long-standing event that celebrates North St. Paul with what the event website describes as “a fun, family-friendly parade.” The parade lived up to its billing and the Museum was there!



At the North St. Paul Fall Roundup Parade on September 14, Kristie Wanstrom (wearing a green Museum shirt) handed out candy along the curb in front of the Museum while her son Weston pulled a wagon in the parade with the Museum logo and a box full of Derby Night at the Museum brochures

Thanks to Museum volunteer Kristie Wanstrom, Museum visitors had a unique experience. Kristie created a Trivia game using Girl Scout and Boy Scout history. People answering questions correctly were rewarded with a piece of candy. She engaged 125 people in just over two hours. In addition, about 40 people entered our doors and received a free guided tour of the Museum. Many thanks to these individuals: Renee Thompson and Bonna Scherer, our tour guides; Judy Hunter who acted as dog sitter for people who did not know what to do with their dogs while in the Museum; Dean Thompson and Kurt Leichtle who also helped during the event.

During the parade, Kristie and her son continued to promote the Museum. Kristie's son pulled a wagon containing candy and Derby Night at the Museum promotional brochures. With this effort, we hope to see an uptick in community participation in Museum activities.

**Know of anyone interested in joining?
Contact:
Carissa Meyer at
651-748-2880 or
carissa.meyer@nssm.org**

Escape Room Open for Business in November - Sign Up Now!

The Museum’s legendary Escape Room will be open for business – one week and two weekends only in November. Talk to anyone who has experienced the Museum’s Escape Room. It is a great mental challenge and team-building experience.

Because of all of the other activities going on at the Museum, the Escape Room cannot be made available all of the time. Your last chance to get in on the Escape Room excitement will be the

weekends of November 11-12 and 18-19 and the week days of November 15-17. Groups can register for a week day evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. or 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday. The cost is \$15 for both youth and adults. To register, call Carissa Meyer at the Museum at 651-748-2880 or email her at Carissa.meyer@nssm.org. You will not want to miss this opportunity.



Scouts enjoying the legendary Escape Room.

Scenes From the Derby Night Car Build Event



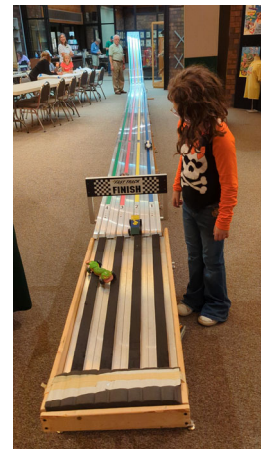
On September 21, the Museum held a successful Derby Night car build event. If the event attendance is any indication, we should have more cars and more interesting cars at Derby Night on November 4. The session might also have an influence on the cars we see at local Cub Scout races. At the left, Kurt Leichtle teaches a session on how to make a fast Pinewood Derby Car.



Is building a Pinewood Derby car an art or a science? The answer might depend on the outcome of the race. Above some serious work is being done at the Derby Build event.



Tom Welna is pictured above putting out car building supplies at the Derby Build event on September 21.



Why build them if you can't race them? Above, Kurt Leichtle runs the race as adult and youth car builders look on.

Make Sure Every Cub Scout You Know Attends the Museum's Cub Scout Blacklight Adventure

On Thursday evening, December 14, 2023, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Cub Scouts will have the rare opportunity to step into a world of neon brilliance with the Cub Scout Blacklight Adventure. They can test their abilities with challenging games of skill under the mesmerizing glow of blacklights. Cubs will also dive deep into our rich Scouting heritage as we spotlight the illustrious founders of the Scouting program in the U.S.

So, on December 14, get ready for a luminous evening filled with challenges and history. Illuminate your Scout spirit. The event runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Museum. The cost is \$15 per Cub Scout and \$6 for each leader/supervising adult. Join the adventure by signing up on the Museum's website. Cub Scouts will not want to miss the glow of the lights.



Before frost and snow end the season, come out to the Museum to take one last look at this year's version of our pollinator garden. It is the bees knees. How many bees can you count in this photo?

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Get Ready to Hop

Each holiday season, the city of North St. Paul gets hopping with the annual Holiday Hop. This year is no different. The City of North St. Paul will be hopping on Saturday, December 2, as local businesses open their doors to the public. That day, the Museum will be hopping along with everyone else.

To experience the Holiday Hop at the Museum, drop in between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You will find crafts, a boutique, hot cocoa – and maybe a surprise or two. At the Boutique, you will be able to shop for personal items or holiday gifts made by local Girl Scouts. The Boutique proceeds help fund trips and

events for the girls in the participating troop.



**Santa visited the Boutique
at the Museum during the
2022 Holiday Hop.**

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