



# NORTH STAR MUSEUM

## OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

### *Museum News*

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### **Derby Night at the Museum - A Win for You and a Win for the Museum**

After the tremendous success of last year's **Derby Night at the Museum** "FUNraiser", we are doing it again in bigger, better, and "funner" style in 2018. This year's version of Derby Night at the Museum is on Saturday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. We are working hard to make sure that Derby Night at the Museum continues to be the ultimate "win, win, win" experience. In fact, there are even more ways to win this year. Tell your friends so they are not left out. Like last year, tickets can be purchased conveniently online at

<https://tinyurl.com/DerbyNight2018>. The cost is \$25 for an individual. At the door, the cost is \$30 so it is best to pre-register. Keep in mind that this event is NOT just for former Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts—everyone is welcome! (Just a reminder that this is an event for adults ages 21 and older.)

Our Derby Night at the Museum committee's first improvement was to build more fun into the FUNraiser. You will not need to worry about dinner. Chef Shawn's food tent will be on hand selling



**Attendees had a great time at the inaugural Derby Night at the Museum in 2017. Here, there is plenty of action around the dessert and silent auction tables.**

chicken and pulled pork barbeque sandwiches. Soft drinks and dessert come with your ticket. However, beer and wine are also available for purchase this year.

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### **Juliette's Victorian Birthday Party Takes the Cake**

On Friday, October 26, from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., make sure your Girl Scouts do not miss our party celebrating the birthday of Juliette (Daisy) Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts in the United States. This is not just any birthday party—it is a party that will take you back to the Victorian era of Juliette Low's birth.

At Juliette's Victorian Birthday party, you will explore Victorian era activities and customs, such as table etiquette, popular songs of the era, and the popular children's past time of Toy Theatres. As part of the celebration, make a card for "Daisy" Low, learn about her life, and, of course, enjoy tasty birthday cake and cupcakes.

Space is limited for this event so girls should sign up as soon as possible. Bring your family, friends, and Troop. All ages are welcome. The cost is only \$10 per person. Registration is easy. Just call or email Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or [dfoss@nssm.org](mailto:dfoss@nssm.org). You can also register on line at <https://tinyurl.com/JuliettesVictorianBirthday>.

## Derby Night (continued from page 1)

been addressed, let's start talking about your ways to win. Of course, like last year, you have the opportunity to fulfill your childhood dreams of winning a Pinewood Derby! Whether you make a new car or spiff up the car you raced as a youth, you can come to the event and race in a regulation Pinewood Derby on the Museum's state-of-the-art track.

New this year is the team competition. Individuals and businesses may sponsor a four-car team to compete in a team event with team prizes. Sponsors receive varying levels of benefit and recognition depending on their level of sponsorship. The sponsorship levels are Winners Circle (\$5,000+), Lead Car (\$2,500+), Engine Block (\$1,000+), and Slingshot (\$500+). Maybe your employer will sponsor a team?

If you are unable to create a "regulation" car but you still

want to race, consider the open competition. Race a "funny-car" of your own design or purchase without the need to meet the size or weight criteria of an official race. Just make sure it fits on the track and doesn't fall over or fall apart before the starting gate goes up.

Since this is the Museum's social event of the season, you will want to attend in your best "derby duds." If you do, go all the way by bringing a hat to enter into our second annual Derby Hat contest. You could win without racing in your stylish derby hat.

Of course, you do not have to race at all. Come as a spectator and cheer for whatever car or cars you wish. There will be a chance to review them before the race. Enjoy Derby Night fun and fellowship.

Whether you come as a racer or spectator, the fund-raising

part of Derby Night is also part of the fun. Bid on your favorite things and take home something fabulous at the Derby Night Silent Auction. For \$5 per ticket or four tickets for \$20, take part in the wall of wine/wall of beer raffle. Win the raffle and take home a supply of wine or beer. A second raffle opportunity is the heads and tails raffle. Buy a \$20 chance to win half of the cash pot (the other half benefits the Museum).

On Derby Night at the Museum, a win for you is also a win for the Museum. All event proceeds from admissions, the team racing competition, wine and beer sales, the silent auction, and the raffles benefit Museum programs. That is why Derby Night at the Museum is the ultimate "FUNraiser". Get on track to win by buying your ticket and inviting your friends today. See you on November 17 for Derby Night at the Museum!

## Holiday Hop Alert

We have good news and bad news. The bad news is that summer is over, fall is here, and we are already half freezing to death. The good news is that we will soon bring in the holiday season of fun, food, family, and fellowship. Even better news, the changing of seasons means the Museum will again be participating in the North St. Paul Holiday Hop.

This year, the Holiday Hop is on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Businesses up and down Seventh Avenue invite people to stroll the street for a holiday preview. The Museum will participate by serving hot cocoa, and by inviting guests to make a craft. The craft could even become a holiday gift. Girl Scout Northern Lights Service Unit will be passing out marshmallows along the street to bring to the Museum

for their cocoa. Other Girl Scout troops will have boutique items for sale to raise money for troop projects. Cub Scouts will be on hand selling hot dogs, chips, and pop. In years past, Santa and Mrs. Claus even made a visit to the Museum. You never know what this year will bring. Get your holidays off to a good start by coming to the Museum for the 2018 Holiday Hop on December 1.

## Green Hat Society Came and Enjoyed

On September 8, 2018, twenty-seven members of the Green Hat Society Girl Scout volunteers toured the Museum. As reported in the August *Museum News*, the Green Hat Society is a Girl Scout alumnae group for women aged fifty and over that started in 2004.

The ladies came from all over the United States to attend the Tri-Annual Green Hat Society Encampment at Camp Lakamaga. After their Museum tour, the ladies invaded the Museum's gift shop. By all accounts, the group had a great time at the Museum and we made some new friends.



### New Members

- *James Sharpsteen*
- *Brandon Kotula*



**Twenty-seven members of the Green Hat Society are pictured at the Museum with Docent Bonna Scherer on September 8.**

**Know of anyone  
interested in joining?**

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## SEEKING: Merit Badge Workshop Manager

The Museum's Merit Badge Workshop program is one of the Museum's most popular programs. Over the last ten years, some 3,000 merit badges were earned. Recently, units have started contacting the Museum to reserve entire workshops for their youth. This is in addition to the more typical individual-based registration for workshops.

To help manage the current program and its growth, the Museum is recruiting a Merit Badge Workshop Manager to coordinate the Museum's Merit Badge Workshop program. During the ten years the program has operated, the Museum has experimented with ways to promote, publicize, and accept registrations. Right now, we publicize workshops through e-mail blasts to Museum members and a list of parents who wish to receive information about our workshops. We publicize the availability of the workshop schedule on both Facebook and the Museum website. We presently take registration and payment through a website called Eventbrite (eventbrite.com).

A Museum volunteer currently sets up workshops with volunteer merit badge counselors. Once our volunteer finalizes the schedule and enrollment numbers with the counselor, we hope to turn the information over to our new Merit Badge Workshop Manager to complete needed set up to run each workshop.

We anticipate that the Merit Badge Workshop Manager's duties will include:

- Working with each merit badge counselor to complete or update an "information sheet" for the workshop. The sheet includes the date, place, and time of the workshop, pricing information, the counselor's prerequisites for the workshop, and anything else that each Scout needs to know in order to "Be Prepared." Each counselor sets their own prerequisites so the information sheets are individualized.
- Once the information sheets are completed or updated, a matrix showing the workshops is made for posting on the Museum's website. Examples exist, and each matrix resembles a previous matrix. The matrix is sent to another volunteer who serves as webmaster for the Museum website.
- To support registration, individual workshop ticketing pages are created on the Eventbrite website. Training will be required in order for the Merit Badge Workshop Manager to be given a password and permission to create these pages.
- With the completion of this background work, we begin publicizing our workshops. Only Museum staff has access to the bulk mail feature of our e-mail program, but our Manager may draft messages and pass along important information that will be required (like the individual urls for each workshop page) to further publicize the workshops.
- As registrations come in, the Merit Badge Workshop Manager responds by sending the applicant a copy of the information sheet. Registrations are monitored as they come in on Eventbrite because many sessions sell out.
- The Merit Badge Workshop Manager also fields any questions from parents about our workshops. From our experience, parents might ask:
  - \* Is there still room in the workshop? (Check the Eventbrite page.)
  - \* My child is not yet 13 (or 15 or 16). Can he get into this workshop anyway? (No. We honor the counselor's preferences on the age and maturity level of Scouts that he/she wishes to work with.)
  - \* Does he have to do this [some sort of requirement] before the workshop? (No, but unless this is done, he may not be able to finish the badge by the end of the workshop.)

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- \* My child cannot attend the workshop. Can I get a refund? (Depends. We have policy guidance for you, as the Merit Badge Workshop Manager, to follow.)
- On the day before the workshop is scheduled to run, the Merit Badge Workshop Manager will print out the list of attendees and forward it to the Museum with any notes on participants that we need to know on site that day.

The time commitment for the Merit Badge Workshop Manager is sporadic. For one week during each of the months of June, July, and August, and often during the week between Christmas and New Year's, the Museum runs what we call "Super Merit Badge Weeks", during which, as many as 14 individual workshops might be scheduled. These weeks are the busiest. Throughout the year, however, workshops are generally scheduled for Saturdays, and there may be a few as one in a month. When working with an experienced counselor who has done workshops for us before, pre-work is minimal. It usually takes a little bit more time for a first-time counselor to be able to articulate his/her needs for the information sheet. Once the information sheet is done, updates take little or no time for a repeat counselor.

For the Merit Badge Workshop Manager, we are seeking an individual with the following skills:

- Patience.
- Attention to detail.
- A working knowledge of how the Scouts BSA merit badge program is supposed to work.
- A significant comfort level with online work, especially working with the Eventbrite site.
- The ability to respond in a timely fashion to registrations come in, allowing us to give the registrants as much chance as possible to be prepared.

Our new Merit Badge Workshop Manager volunteer role presents a great opportunity for a person who both supports the Museum's educational mission and seeks to provide the maximum access for youth to find quality merit badge counselors so they may advance through the various Scouting ranks. It is very rewarding work. If you are interested in becoming the Museum's first Merit Badge Workshop Manager, just call John Guthmann at 651-276-2133.

## Last Call for JOTA

As you read this issue of the *Museum News*, there is no more than a week to go before the 2018 JOTA—Jamboree on the Air. You now know your schedule and you know that you have time to come out to the Museum, with or without some boys or girls to accompany you, on October 20 starting at 10:00 a.m.

When you come to the Museum for JOTA, you will see and experience Tim Arimond's ham radio

station KØBSA (Kay-zero-BSA). JOTA is the largest Scouting event in the world. JOTA involves over 150 countries and typically over one million Scouts. It uses modern communication technology to offer kids the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries from the comfort of a chair. Preregistration is not required. Just drop in. JOTA is free and open to the public. There is no museum admission fee that day. See you on October 20!



## Bring Your Webelos to the Museum

Every Webelos leader is always on the lookout for opportunities to engage their den while helping the boys advance towards the Webelos rank. Well, look no farther. On November 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., bring your Webelos den to “Webelos at the Museum” for a day of fun, adventure, and a solid start on a numerous Webelos requirements. The five required Webelos adventures are varied and interesting but the variety can present challenges. On November 24, Museum volunteers will offer round robin stations covering the following adventures:

### A. Cast Iron Chef

1. We will cover the basics of fire types, appropriate construction, and safety. However, the boys will not each build and light a fire.
4. We will use the Museum’s new camping exhibit to talk about different cooking tools.

### B. Building a Better World

1. History of the flag and proper usage.
  2. What is citizenship?
  3. Discuss the “rule of law.”
- 10A. Learn about Scouting in other parts of the world.  
10B. Talk about creating and setting up an exhibit about World Friendship Fund.

### C. Camper

5. Learn to tie a bowline and when to use it.
7. Learn about the outdoor code and Leave No Trace.

### D. Scouting Adventure

5. Square Knot and whipping and fusing rope ends.

### E. Looking Back, Looking Forward

1. The History of Boy Scouting.
3. Creating a time capsule. Will demonstrate using media to time travel.

Because of our station set up, you and your Webelos get to pick the adventures you want to participate in. Although it is not likely that your den can get to each station, our staff will do its best to make sure you get your highest choices.

Webelos at the Museum presents an excellent opportunity for you as a leader to benefit from expertise and resources you do not have. Your Webelos den will have a good time, experience the wonders of the North Star Museum, and advance toward the Webelos rank. It is a WIN, WIN, WIN for you and your boys.

Space is limited for Webelos at the Museum so registration is required. The cost is \$10 per Webelo, which includes admission to the Museum. To register, just go online to the Eventbrite website at: <https://tinyurl.com/Webelos11-24-18>.

Also, don’t forget, Jamboree on the Air at the Museum is on October 20. If your Webelos den attends, they meet a requirement in Building a Better World. Admission to the JOTA is free.

## Girls to “Take Action” at the Museum

The Museum has benefited from many service projects by both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts over the years. Girls seeking to earn their Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards must complete a Take Action project. The higher the award, the more challenging the project requirements. All Take Action projects must be sustainable, measurable, and address the root cause of a problem.

In the near future, Girl Scout Cadettes Angela and Rachel Ernst will be doing their Silver

Award Take Action project at the Museum. Their project consists of re-doing the landscaping around the Museum. They will be adding some new features, possibly a fire ring that burns wood for a real campfire. The girls' project requires a minimum of fifty hours each to complete. Stay tuned for updates. We look forward to the girls' enhancement of the Museum's grounds.



**Girl Scout Cadettes Angela and Rachel Ernst are looking forward to completing their Take Action project at the Museum.**

## Join Fellow Members at the Museum's Annual Meeting

As you receive this edition of the *Museum News*, we are only days away from the Museum's 2018 Annual Meeting. It is not too late to plan on being at the Museum on October 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to look over our latest exhibits, chat with old and new friends, get your hands on the Museum's Annual Report for 2017, and hear Brenna Barrett's State of the Museum review. The results of the Museum's annual board and officer elections will also be announced. If you have not returned your ballot, it is not too late to email or snail mail it in.



**Museum members were all smiles at last year's Annual Meeting. Here, Brenna Barrett thanks loyal volunteer, and one of our regular merit badge counselors, Mike Fratto.**

The Annual Meeting is also an opportunity for Brenna and the staff to thank our members and volunteers for their service to the Museum. The Museum's success depends on its large and

loyal cadre of its volunteers. The Annual Meeting is deservedly your time.

After the business portion of the event concludes, stay to enjoy

food and fellowship. Please RSVP for the Annual Meeting by emailing or phoning Diana Foss at [dfoss@nssm.org](mailto:dfoss@nssm.org) or 651-748-2880. See you on Thursday.

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## Do You Do Windows?

Do you do windows? After a busy summer and an event-filled fall, the Museum needs a cleaning. That means we need you. Museum Cleaning Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The date was strategically selected because it immediately follows our Annual Meeting, several merit badge workshops, and Jamboree on the Air.

We could sure use your cleaning skills and elbow grease on October 21. Just bring a bottle of Windex, a roll of paper towels, and (if you have one) a

squeegee. With your help, the Museum will be gleaming by the end of the day. Thank you in advance.



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