



# ROUNDTABLE BLAB

Iroquois District

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## Happy Boy Scouts



## Birthday !! of America !!!!

### District Schedule

#### February

- 1 \* Buzzmania
- 1 \* OA Lodge Training
- 2 \* Scout Sunday
- 10 \* Youth Protection
- 12 \* Roundtable
- 15, 16 \* Bluenose
- 19 \* OA Chapter Meeting
- 23 \* Fireside Chat

#### March

- 5 \* New Leader Training
- 12 \* Roundtable
- 13 \* SM Specific Training
- 13 \* Cub Specific Training
- 19 \* OA Meeting
- 27 \* SM Specific Training

Is it a 3 or 4 season Tent ????  
How the Heck do I know ?? Well that was answered last roundtable. Taking a little from the BlueNose training the month before we broke it down to simple

show and tell. A three season tent does not have a full fly. Meaning the fly section does not reach the ground on all sides and the material is lighter



then a 4 season tent. But you can make a 3 into a 4 by doing some simple things. Like adding a Tarp above the tent or adding a bed sheet as a second interior roof. Using ground cloths and interior reflective blankets also helps.

Keeping the tents standing is yet another problem. Using the regular pegs may not work, they get lost and are not long enough. Snow pegs although they are a little expensive, works the best. Remember to tie them using a string to the tent.

Most 4 season tents have one very distinct characteristic, that is a full length fly. Meaning that the fly comes near or even touches the ground on all sides. Some even have front and rear vestibules. They also have a heavier material and multiple venting sections.

1 draw back is that 4 season tents are not cheap, but if troops budget well, they can purchase 1 or 2 per year. Now we know what a 3 and 4 season tent is so go tenting!



**First Aid Tip:** Safty for winter camping, drink plenty of water. At least 1 to 3 quarts of H2O per day. Eat high carbohydrates for a late night snack before sleeping. IE a granola or chocolate bar.



**Camping Tip:** Keep water from freezing by placing water jugs inside the tent with you. Make sure they are tightly sealed.



**Recipe Tip:** Eggs in a bag, Needs: 1 or 2 eggs, cheese of choice, cooked breakfast meat, vegetables, Zip-lock bag quart or sandwich size, your choice of seasonings a pot, and water.

Fill pot half way with water, set it to boil. While waiting for the water to boil place the egg yokes into the bag, with the cheese, meat, veggies, and seasonings. Tightly seal the bag removing most of the air inside. Mix up the eggs by squeezing the bag. Then place the bag in the middle of the pot for about 5 to 8 minutes or till the eggs are semi-hard to the touch. Remove the bag and open it up from the top and sides. Beware the contents maybe very hot. Breakfast is served, Bona-pee-teet.



**Where to go:** Camp Tri-Mount, Rip Van Winkle Council, Kingstown, NY. Located in the Catskills near Hunter mountain. Offers year round programming, hiking and a base of operations for hiking. It is 500 acres. Contact the council at 518-589-6208 or fax 518-589-5362 or Web site [rvwbsa@netstep.net](mailto:rvwbsa@netstep.net).



**A one liner for ya.... A computer's attention span is as long as it's power cord !!!!!!!**

**Part two..**in part two of the Roundtable we discussed Public Service. Some Elected officials will visit your troop meetings if asked to do so. Plus the Town, County and local communities have a Web site. Check them out. What a way to get a Scout started on those citizenship merit badges then to get them to check out their elected officials.



The chapter had a great meeting. Many stories were told about our brother's walking staffs. Also at the beginning of the month the lodge held a training weekend. A great time was had by all.