



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## Special Notice - Change in Fall Camporee Dates

Yes, winter just doesn't seem to want let go! But finally some summer like weather as plans are being made for spring and summer programs. ***Please take note of and mark your calendar with the change in date for the fall camporee.*** The new date for fall camporee is September 9, 10, 11, Phillippo Scout Reservation, Lower level by Gwin Center.

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## May Roundtable

May is our final Roundtable before summer (no roundtable in June or July). Next roundtable will be the annual Program Kick-Off and Corn Feed on August 11, 2011.

The Cub Scout side will feature a discussion of the new Journey to Excellence program as it pertains to packs.

The Boy Scout side will feature cooking demonstrations. All troops should plan to prepare a culinary delight. Everyone is invited to sample their best gourmet outdoor cooking specialties.

## District Dinner Volunteer Recognition

The District Dinner and Volunteer Recognition was held Saturday, May 7, at Shepherd of the Valley Church. Many of your fellow scouters were recognized. A complete list of all recognitions will be posted on the CBD(G!) website. The highest recognition on the district level is the District Award of Merit. Each district is allowed one award per every 25 units or fraction thereof. Chief Black Dog is allowed 3 awards.

Receiving the District Award of Merit for 2011 were , Gretchen Fett, Ron Lee, and Tom Beck.



## From the Commissioner Staff

**Journey to Excellence** The next "Journey" has begun "Journey to Excellence" will have 3 recognition levels, bronze, silver and gold. Now is the time to evaluate where you stand (level of recognition) and chart a plan for improvement over the next year. Turn in the form at recharter next year for your recognition. An orientation meeting for troops was held at the March Roundtable (a last minute program change). Cub packs will have an orientation/discussion at the May Roundtable. Any questions? Be sure to contact your Unit Commissioner.

**Thanks for a great year!** The Chief Black Dog (GO!) Commissioner staff wishes to thank all our unit leaders for their hard work over the past year. As we are all putting together summer plans, activities and adventures, the commissioner staff remains ever vigilant! Still working hard to support units over the summer and into next fall.

Some other items we should be thinking about:

- Fall Round-Up/Recruiting - All units!
- Annual Plans - 2011-12 - Again - All units
- Fall Open Houses - Troops and Crews
- Spring Tiger Recruiting

Finally, look for any spring recruiting opportunities. Can you help out at your school with any spring activities, carnivals, etc?

## Lion Cubs

**May is the month** for the Lion Cubs to cross over and become Tigers. There is a \$1.00 transfer fee. Boys Life is \$11.00 for May. Be sure to get the Lion Cubs registered and make plans for going to camp this summer. This is also a great time to see if they have a friend who would like to join in Spring.

### **Northern Star Council says yes to Lion Cubs.**

There are still 2 years left in the Lion Cub pilot program and Northern Star Council has already said yes to continuing the program after the pilot program ends. Next fall all Cub Scout Packs will be expected to recruit Lion Cubs. This is a "Do Your Best" effort. All packs are expected to participate and "do your best" to recruit Lion Cubs. You won't be penalized if you don't get any Lions this fall. Questions, please contact [Kathy Schwalen](#).

## **Memorial Day Ceremonies**

Plan now to be part of your local Memorial Day Ceremonies. Most American Legions and VFW's will plan a ceremony. Also some local cemeteries may plan a ceremony. Please contact your local VFW, legion, or cemetery for more information. A member of the Apple American Legion Post will be at the May Roundtable with more details.

## **Friends of Scouting Follow Up**

Chief Black Dog (GO!) is very close to their goal for the Family Friends of Scouting campaign this year. All units are encouraged to continue and complete the follow up phase. Be sure to give everyone an opportunity to contribute. Additionally, several of units are so very close to making their goal or growth goal. Cub packs making their growth goal will get free Pinewood Derby kits. Keep working it, you will make it!

## **Northern Star Council's Historic Trails 2011 Cancelled**

The Northern Star Council historic trails for 2011 has been cancelled. The plan is to move this trip to the early summer of 2012. Please watch this space or the council web site for details. The trip would still plan many of the same stops including Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Boston, Fall River, Massachusetts (we stay on a battleship), Baseball Hall of Fame, New York (Liberty Island), Indianapolis Speedway and Cedar Point Amusement Park. For more information contact [Steve Engel](#).

## **Showcase Eagan**

Showcase Eagan will be held Thursday, June 2, 2011, approximately 4-8 pm at the Eagan Civic Arena. We looking for a few scouts and leaders to help staff a Scouting Information booth. Cubs, scouts and ventures all welcome. Contact [Steve Engel](#) or [Kirk Heimstead](#) for more information.

## **2011 Annual Model Rocketry Flight Day**

The annual Model Rocketry Flight Day will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011. Flight day will be held at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Registration begins at 9:00 am with the launches beginning at about 10:00 am. Watch the CBD Chatter or the web site for more information, or contact [Steve Engel](#).

## **Correction**

There should be a correction on the Eagle Scout Honor Roll listing: November 17 - Cory Kroonbland is incorrect. It should read, Cory Kroonblawd.

## **Scouting for Food**

The final results are in. Over 22,000 pounds of food were collected in April for the annual Scouting for Food. Thanks to all units in this annual effort.