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March Briefs

Timely reminders, updates, new notices and information for all leaders and parents. Spring is here! What should we be thinking about? Spring and summer activities and adventures, welcoming girls into Cub Scouting, Council Recognition Dinner, District Pinewood Derby, Earth Day, University of Scouting, Scouting for Food, our Volunteer Recognition Dinner, and Webelos Weekend/Spring Camporee. And check out the free bring a friend event at Flr Over America at the Mall on America on Page two.

Steve Engel—Editor

April Roundtable

Roundtables are held on the 2nd Thursday each month, August through May, 7 - 8:00pm at the Burnsville LDS Church 651 Southcross Drive East, Burnsville. . One exception, the August Roundtable is the 3rd Thursday.

Big Rock Topic for April is Fireside Chat with Northern Star Council Representatives. More details on this “Big Rock Topic” and the Cub Scout and Boy Scout breakouts in the April Chatter.

Programming merit badge will be offered at the April Roundtable. Contact Joe Schulte for details and to register.

OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. All Troop OA Representatives should attend.

District Pinewood Derby Saturday, April 7, 2018

The Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at the Falcon Ridge Middle School Cafeteria. The flyer, race rules, and online registration are at [District Pinewood Derby](#). The top winners in each rank (Lion, Tiger, etc.) are invited to race, as well siblings, moms, dads, who would like to race in their own division (even an open division).



Leadership Award Nominations and District Dinner

The nominations are in and will be reviewed to select this year’s volunteer award recipients. Now is the time to register for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 28. For details flyer, and dinner registration go to [Volunteer Recognition Dinner](#).

Then send in your favorite photos of your Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers for the Dinner Slideshow Photos should be sent to [Paul Mahowald](#).



Scouting for Food

Saturday, April 28 is our annual Scouting for Food drive. The need is greater than ever and we would like to see all units participate in this year’s drive to help stock our local food shelves. Dave and Helen Lockwood will be at the March and April Roundtables to help coordinate collection areas, drop off locations, etc.

University of Scouting

The spring session of the University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, April 21 at Lakeville High School (right in our own backyard!). You can’t get much closer than this! The University of Scouting is supplemental training for all levels of Scouting. There is something for everyone! More details available at [University of Scouting](#).

Calendar



March 24	Northern Star Council Recognition dinner
April 7	District Pinewood Derby
April 12	Roundtable
April 21	University of Scouting
April 22	Earth Day
April 28	Scouting for Food Volunteer Recognition Dinner
May 4-6	Webelos Woods/ Spring Camporee
May 10	Roundtable

STEM Merit Badges with the University of Minnesota

Students at the University of Minnesota will conduct a STEM Merit Badge Fair on Saturday, March 24. The five merit badges offered this year are chemistry, nuclear science, engineering, soil and water conservation, and geology. There may be still time to register. Go to [U of M STEM Merit Badge Fair for registration and details](#). The cost is \$12 per Scout and this includes a Subway lunch.

Free Bring A Friend Opportunity!

The Northern Star Council, due to an Innovation Fund Grant, will offer two opportunities for youth to get to know Scouting. The first free opportunity is for groups to attend an event at Fly Over America, located at the Mall of America on April 30th. Sessions start every 15 minutes from 4:00 -9:30 PM. **This is a free event!** One requirement - **BRING A NON-SCOUT FRIEND**. Space is limited. Register at [Free event Fly Over America](#).

Earth Day, April 22, 2018

Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2018 is a perfect to plan a service project with an environmental theme. This can be a den, patrol, troop or crew activity. You can have clean up day for your charter partner, school, or church. Hold a clean up day at the neighborhood or community park. Contact Apple Valley Parks & Recreation about there adopt-a-park program.



Council Recognition Dinner 2018 Silver Beaver Recipients

District Commissioner Tim Liffbrig and Activities Chair Paul Mahowald will receive the Silver Beaver Recognition at the Northern Star Council Recognition Dinner on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Golden Valley Country Club (7001 Golden Valley Road). Dinner and Program at 6:30 pm., reception and fellowship at 5:45 pm. Find all the details at [2018 Council Recognition Dinner](#).

World Jamboree 2019

The 2019 World Jamboree will be held July 22 to August 2, 2019 in the United States at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, West Virginia. Applications are now being accepted for participants, contingent leadership and staff (IST, International Service Team members). Details can be found at [World Jamboree](#). Northern Star Council will be sending 3 troops and there is still room.

In addition, Chief Black Dog (GO!) District will partner with Many Waters District to offer an additional trip for Scouts and Scouters who will want to visit the World Jamboree. This trip will include some tours of Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. area and more. Contact [Steve Engel](#) for details and more information.

U. S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena Illinois

April 27 - 29 is the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Galena, Illinois. A troop from Many Waters District makes this trip almost every year. They will welcome any interested Scouts or Scouters from our district to join them. Yes, time is short. If you are interested in this year's trip or even next year, contact [Steve Engel](#) for details.

Black Hills, South Dakota

Interested in a trip to the Black Hills, South Dakota? We are also looking at such a trip with Many Waters District, most likely June of 2019. In the summer of 2017, this trip included stops at Pipestone National Monument, the Badlands National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, and Mount Rushmore National Monument. Watch the Chatter for details as they become available or contact [Steve Engel](#).