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Early March Issue

Well, winter is finally yet perhaps begrudgingly giving way to spring. As thoughts turn to spring/summer adventures, please note the training information (this issue is loaded with training opportunities), the change in location for the March Roundtable, Shepherd of the Valley Church in Apple Valley and a correction in the location of the Council Recognition Dinner, Golden Valley Country Club.

Steve Engel—Editor

March Roundtable

The March Roundtable will be at Shepherd of the Valley church in Apple Valley (northeast corner of Johnny Cake Ridge Rd and McAndrews). The April Roundtable will be back at the usual location

Cub Scout Another look at “genius kits”, a theme of summertime camping, new and unique ideas and what may be necessary for training. The April Roundtable will focus on leader appreciation and the May roundtable will feature an entertainment night. From Shakespeare to a “Glow in the Dark” medley performance you’ll have to see to believe. Any budding performers in your unit? Contact [Tony Chouanard](#) to get on stage.

Boy Scout First let’s welcome Joe Schulte as our Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. Joe is taking over beginning with the March Roundtable. Let’s give Anna-Marie Rieffer a very sincere thank you for the last few years as Roundtable Commissioner. The March Roundtable will feature a discussion of camping gear - the latest and greatest in new ideas.

Also at Roundtable

- Nominations for leader recognition at the district dinner are due.
- OA Chapter Meeting
- Scouting for Food information
- Breakout session for Committee Chairs and Charter Org Representatives - page 4

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Correction! Council Recognition Dinner is not at Base Camp

You could say, “old habits die hard”. The Council Recognition dinner will not be at Base Camp, as it has been for the last few years, and as was incorrectly noted in the previous issues of “The Chatter”. The dinner will be held at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club, 7001 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley, Minnesota.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, March 19 and Tom Beck will be recognized with the Silver Beaver Honor. Please join us as we congratulate Tom and other outstanding volunteers. Registration deadline is March 15. More information at [Council Recognition Dinner](#).

OA Corner



OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. Invite your OA Representative to attend.

Spring Conclave/Service Weekend at Phillip-po. Your help is needed the May 6-8 to get the camp ready for the summer camping season.

Indian Winter March 11-13 Arrowmen from across the section will participate in focus areas including American Indian crafts, OA Inductions, Ceremonies and the new Brotherhood ceremony.

Spring Fellowship -first ever! March 11-12 at Mound Westonka High School. Details at [OA events](#) for Spring Fellowship and Indian Winter.



Calendar

March 10	Roundtable at the Shepherd of the Valley Church OA Chapter Meeting District Recognition Nominations are due
March 19	Council Recognition Dinner
April 2	District Pinewood Derby
April 14	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting
April 16	University of Scouting
April 23	Scouting for Food
April 30	District Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Troop Committee Training

Bob Elliott will be conducting Troop Committee on April 9, 8 am to noon. Please RSVP to [Bob Elliott](#) for location and registration information. This is open to all troop committee members.

Pinewood Derby Workshops



Pinewood Derby workshops are being held at 14555 South Robert Trail, suite 12, in Rosemount. Info is on Facebook/PWDRacing.com.



Mark Your Calendars Scouting For Food

"Scouting for Food" for Chief Black Dog(GO!) is Saturday April 23, 2016, and will run from about 10 am to 2 pm. More than 9000 people visit food shelves daily (county wide). More than 40% of these involve children. The need is greater than ever and we need your help.

To have the biggest impact on area food shelves, we need everyone's participation. Our Scouting for Food Chairs, Dave and Helen Lockwood will be at the March Roundtable with Scouting for Food details. Please have your unit Scouting for Food Coordinator take a moment to meet with Dave or Helen Lockwood, confirm your participation, determine your territory to cover, pick up door hangers (available at the March Roundtable), and find out the food shelf drop off locations.

Contact [Dave or Helen Lockwood](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

District Award Nominations and District Dinner

Your Scouting program is successful because of your volunteer leadership, so take this once-a-year opportunity to nominate those people for one of these awards!

- Spark Plug (multiple)
- Outstanding Leader (one per position):
 - Committee Chair and Committee Member
 - Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Venturing Advisor, and Team Coach
 - Lion Leader, Tiger Leader, Wolf/Bear Leader, and Webelos Leader
 - Unit Commissioner
 - Chartered Organization Representative
 - Distinguished Leadership - for service to the UNIT (up to four)
- District Award of Merit - for service to the DISTRICT (up to three)
- Chartered Partner (one)

[Nomination forms can be found here](#); nominations are due by Thursday, March 10, 2016--at Roundtable--at the latest.

The awards will be presented at the District Dinner on Saturday, April 30 at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Apple Valley. Check the [District Activities page](#) for information; registration will be open soon.

Please submit photos or videos to be used in a presentation at the CBD District Dinner by April 14. The photos should highlight your unit's favorite events from past year. Submit photos to [Paul Mahowald](#).

Find nomination forms at [Award Nomination forms](#).



Find district Dinner information at [District Dinner information](#).

School of Fish Camp April 9

Eagan Parks and recreation is offering a School of Fish Camp for youth ages 8 and up. See the flyer on page 5 details or click here for [registration information](#). View a video at [Fish Camp](#). An adult class, Walleye School, is offered on April 13. Registration info at [Walleye School](#).

University of Scouting

New courses have been recently added to the program offering at this Spring's University of Scouting. Check the latest course catalog and mark your calendars for Saturday, April 16th at Lakeville South High School. Go to [U of S](#).

University of Scouting will again offer the Youth Leadership College (YLC) - classes for youth by youth. These classes are for Boy Scouts and along with Venturing Scout classes offer leadership and Scout skill training.

Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Training – Combined BALOO and OWLS

BALOO training is a one-day course on the Cub Scout outdoor program for those leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for at least one adult on a Pack overnighter.

The OWLS course is designed to help Webelos leaders enhance the outdoor program for the Webelos Scouts in their den by teaching some basic outdoor skills as well as skills needed to complete many of the Webelos activity badges.

The combined BALOO/OWLS will be offered on Saturday, April 30th at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls. Registration will soon be available on-line through the Council website

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/For-Members/Training>

A BALOO only (not OWLS) course will be offered on April 16th at University of Scouting.

Grey Wolf Nominations

April 1st is the cut-off date for troops to submit their nominations for youth leaders to attend Grey Wolf training on one of four weeks offered this summer at Fred C. Anderson

- June 12 – 18

- Grey Wolf continued in next column

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- June 19 – 25
- June 26 – July 2
- July 3-9



Grey Wolf is a comprehensive youth leadership program developed by BSA and presented by senior youth leaders for youth leaders. Nomination details can be found at [nominations](#).

More information at [program overview](#).

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

There will be two, in-person training opportunities for the required Youth Protection and Den Leader (all levels), Pack Committee and Cubmasters leader positions.

- April 16th at University of Scouting
- May 1st at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls

Find the registration link at [University of Scouting](#). The May 1st course and on-line registration will soon be posted and found using the "Find a Course" link from this same webpage.

As always, these courses are also available on-line through <https://my.scouting.org/>.

Any questions or problems regarding training programs should be sent to [Chad Cooper](#).

Boy Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Boy Scout leaders will have two opportunities for their position required training courses; Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Scoutmaster (and ASM) position, Troop Committee Challenge and Youth Protection:

- April 16th at University of Scouting
- June 3rd – 5th, Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls

Find the registration link at [University of Scouting](#). For the June 3rd weekend, the specific course schedules and on-line registration will soon be posted and found using the "Find a Course" link from this same webpage.

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- and Troop Committee Training on page 2 -

School Night for Scouting

Calling all SUPERHEROES!!! School Night for Scouting is Thursday September 22nd from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (note the later date and earlier times). This year's theme will be superheroes. SFNS will be a council wide event that will be held at all elementary schools.

What needs to be done? First if you don't have a school night coordinator, please select one and let Membership Chair [Renee Estrella-Wells](#) know who will be your contact for your pack. Second, have your coordinator attend SNFS training that will be held at University of Scouting in April or at the May Roundtable.

The emphasis is for recruiting Cub Scouts but Troops and Crews should also consider holding recruitment events on the 22nd.

Summer is a good time to start recruiting. Community events, parades and service projects are all good ways to get exposure in the community. CBD(G!) may be looking at planning some community's activities that will be open to all packs/troops/crews to participate in.

Questions contact [Renee Estrella-Wells](#), or 952-564-9133

Ultimate Adult Training

For a "mountain top" training experience, there is absolutely nothing better than the experience you'll have at Philmont Training Center and Sea Base. This summer, these locations will offer courses on

- Building a high-performing Cub Scout pack.
- Elevating the outdoor part of your den and pack programs.
- Making !fun! the core of your den and pack programs.

Course specifics and registration can be found at [Philmont](#).

March Roundtable Training Breakout

For Committee Chairs and Charter Org Representatives, there will be a breakout session discussing BSA's changes to membership policies, including an excerpt from a BSA National presentation and a Q&A period.

Wilderness First Aid

District 196 Community Education will again be offering a Wilderness First Aid course. The date, time and place is yet to be determined. Please check the [Community Education registration](#) web site (search for wilderness first aid) or call (952) 431-8777 for more information.

BSA BB & Archery Range Master Training

There are three opportunities this spring to become a qualified range master. This certification allows you to run the BB and archery ranges at any of our Council camps.

Separate BB & Archery Courses

- Sat May 7th, Stearns Scout Camp
- Sat May 21st, Rum River Scout Camp

Links to on-line registration can at [Shooting Sports](#).

COPE and Climbing Instructor

For youth (16 years and older) and adults, Foundation Level 1 course is offered at Base Camp from April 16th thru 17th. This course will teach you climbing and rappel skills and provide instructor certification to be a climbing wall instructor and work with a level 2 instructor to run a Council climbing tower.

For adults (21 years and older), the Foundations Level 2 course will be offered at Base Camp from May 7th thru 8th. This course provides program management and safety skills for operating Northern Star Council's climbing towers with the assistance of another level 1 or 2 instructor. Foundation Level 1 certification is a prerequisite.

Den Chief Training

Within Chief Black Dog(GO!), Den Chief Training will now be offered by request only. When requested, we will try to arrange a time and location that works for both the den chief and den leader. Den chiefs are appointed at varying times throughout the year and people's schedules can be very challenging. By making this a special request training, our goals are to (a) accommodate the busy schedules of the Scout and leader, (b) be able to tailor the length of the course to the audience and (c) reach as many units as possible.

School of Fish Camp

Ages 8+

Younger children are also allowed to participate if accompanied by an adult. No extra cost for adult to share an equipment package.

Kids attend this 2 1/2 hour indoor class to learn about finding various fishing species, learn about lures and how to use them, knot tying and slip-bobber rigging. Kids each get a NEW rod and reel, box of tackle, \$10 Cabela's gift card, 32 page workbook, snack pack, and 'Fish ON' book (total \$60 value!) so they are water-ready. Taught by Mike Frisch, a Pro Angler and retired 20-year teacher. The Minnesota Valley In-Fisherman's Club will pay a portion of the \$50 class fee, so sign up fast! For more information about School of Fish, visit www.fishingthemidwest.com.



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Saturday.....April 9
Time 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Cost \$10/child
Location ECC, Oasis
Register by.....Friday, April 1



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