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Late April/Early May Briefs

A quick roundup of Scouting events, opportunities and reminders. And read about the May Roundtable, our year-end, Chief Black Dog(GO!) Campout and Campfire. Food and fun! You won't want to miss it!

Steve Engel—Editor

May Roundtable

You won't want to miss the May Roundtable. We wrap up the year with fun, songs, skits and entertainment. The Cub Scout side will host an "end-of-the-year" campfire complete with songs, skits and, yes, maybe even s'mores! Yes, it's the Chief Black Dog(GO!) Campout—Campfire Program. It's a joint session with the Boy Scout Leaders. The Boy Scouts are cooking and the Cub Scouts are providing the campfire entertainment!

Here is what we still need...

We would like a couple more acts for the campfire show. We know there are "Dancing Dads" out there that have kids in dance classes and secretly would love to perform for their fellow Scout Leaders! We very much would like to add a "Dancing Dads" act for the show - you know who you are!! **Please contact [Tony Chouanard](#)** and he will get all the dads in contact with each other. Time is short, so please contact him this week! If you have an idea for a skit, song, dance, anything, please let Tony know.

And the Boy Scouts are doing the cooking for everyone to taste and sample. We need troops to prepare a dutch oven dish, entre or dessert for the campout. We are also looking for donations of disposable plates and flatware. Please contact [Joe Schulte](#) and let him know how you can help.

A great finish to a great Scouting year, contact Tony and Joe and let us know how you can help make the May Roundtable the best ever!!!

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 May 6-8 to get the camp ready for the summer camping season. All scouts are welcome to attend. Details at [Spring Conclave](#).

Venture Notes



Venture Shindig May 20-22, a full weekend of fun at Stearns Scout Camp Complete details at [Venture Shindig](#).

Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) Follow Up, Follow Up, Follow Up...

The mission is "follow-up, follow-up, follow-up! Many units are closing in on their base goal. We now need all unit leaders to do a thorough 'FOLLOW-UP' with every family in their unit, in attempting to reach their base goal. Make sure every family has the opportunity to contribute. Don't forget grandparents, relatives, former Scouts and leaders.

And good news! Northern Star Council has extended the deadline for reaching your unit base goal to qualify for the *FREE* incentive items until May 15, 2016. It previously was April 15th Please contact [Jerry Gohl](#) or (952)381-7475 with any questions concerning Family FOS.



Calendar

April 30	Cub Scout Training Day At Phillippo
May 6-8	OA Servcie Weekend at Phillippo
May 12	Roundtable School Night Training 6-7pm
May 21	Apple Valley Parks Clean Up Day
May 30	Memorial Day Ceremonies
June 3-5	Spring Camporee Webelos Woods
July 30	Model Rocket Launch Day
August 18	August Roundtable/Corn Feed Program Kick-Off

School Night for Scouting Training at May Roundtable

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 will be superheroes. And once again SFNS will be a statewide event that will be held at all elementary schools.

There will be training for School Night for Scouting Coordinators at the May Roundtable from 6-7pm (you'll finish in time to enjoy the campfire and sample the wonderful cooking). Every pack should attend training so you are prepared for fall and can take advantage of summer recruiting opportunities. This will be the last opportunity until the August Roundtable.

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

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. Both Eagan and Apple Valley hold Memorial Day Ceremonies. Eagan has typically been in the afternoon and Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776 has hosted a morning ceremony. Plan now to be part of the ceremonies. Watch for details in the May Chatter or a special E-Chat.



Earth Day Spring Service Project Apple Valley Parks Clean-Up Day

Earth Day was April 22 but anytime is good time to think about an Earth Day theme or spring clean up service project. Apple Valley will host a Parks Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 21. If you are in the Adopt'a'Park Program, this the day to serve your park. Call Steve Skinner, 952-953-2314 to learn more about the program or to simply help on the parks clean up day. Eagan does not have an Adopt'a'Park type but they would be more than happy to assist any unit in a park clean up effort.

Reptile Show and More

Since 2003, Repticon Reptile and Exotic Animal Expos has welcomed Boy and Girl Scouts and their leaders to our shows with discount tickets for family members and FREE ADMISSION for any Scout or leader wearing his/her uniform.

Repticon returns to Minneapolis on May 14 & 15, 2016 for another fun-filled and highly educational event, suitable for all ages.

As always, we invite all of our Boy and Girl Scout troops and their families to join us for a great celebration of all things reptilian and amphibian. We also have invertebrates, spiders, furry critters and more!

For more information about the show, please click [HERE](#). Our webpage will tell you all about the show time, place, activities, and ticket prices.

And check out the flyer on page 4 for more information and a discount coupon for scout family members. Remember, wear your uniform and it's free.

Spring Camporee/Webelos Woods

The Spring Camporee and Webelos Woods is June 3-5 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. The theme is Double Dare Cook-Off. Webelos, camp with your partner troop, learn about Boy Scouts, and work on Arrow of Light Adventures. Parents, learn about your son's next Scouting Adventure! Details, flyer, and registration information at [Spring Camporee](#).

Training Opportunities

Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

There is still an in-person training opportunity for the required Youth Protection and Den Leader (all levels), Pack Committee and Cubmasters leader positions.

- May 1st at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls

Admittedly, we've probably missed this one, but check out [Training Opportunities](#) for additional dates and times.

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

Boy Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Boy Scout leaders still have an opportunity for their position required training course; Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Scoutmaster (and ASM) position, Troop Committee Challenge and Youth Protection:

- June 3rd – 5th, Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls

For the June 3rd weekend, find the specific course schedules and on-line registration at [Training Opportunities](#).

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](#).

Make it a family vacation. While you attend training, Philmont provides program for every member of the family. In the evenings, everyone gets together for family activities.

BSA BB & Archery Range Master Training

Three opportunities this spring to become a qualified range master. Be certified allows to run the BB and archery ranges at 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 at [Shooting Sports](#).

COPE and Climbing Instructor

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. Contact Chad Cooper to schedule training.

Journey 2.0

The first step in Journey 2.0 for 2016 was due on April 30. If you haven't completed this yet, we'll allow just a few more days to meet with your Unit Commissioner and “review and reflect” on the past year. How did the past year go? The good and not so good. Then use this information to move on to the next Guideposts, your annual calendar, budget plan and communication plan. For more on Journey 2.0 go to [Journey 2.0](#).






Minneapolis Reptile & Exotic Animal Expo

Repticon proudly invites you to attend the Minneapolis Reptile & Exotic Animal Show

When: May 14 & 15, 2016

Where: Eagan Community Center, Eagan, MN  [Click for Map](#)

Repticon, a nationwide promoter of reptile and exotic animal expos, brings a unique blend of vendors, breeders, and educators to Minneapolis. Our expos bring thousands of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, spiders, and small exotic animals to area enthusiasts. Top breeders and vendors will offer animals, merchandise, cages, supplies, live and frozen feeders, and much more, as well as their expert advice where needed.

In addition, world-class seminars by industry experts will educate and entertain. Many of the seminars feature live animals with an opportunity for guests to interact with them. Free-entry raffles are held frequently during both days of the event, offering guests the opportunity to win coveted prizes.



Scout Family Discount Ticket

Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, 2016 * Eagan Community Center

Present this coupon at the Repticon ticket booth to receive a \$1 discount off each regular admission for the Repticon Reptile & Exotic Animal Show. Both Scouts and Leaders who attend in uniform will be admitted free, no coupon required.