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Early February—Mid-Winter Issue

Well, it's Blue 'n' Gold month, Scouting Anniversary week, February 5 -11. Happy Birthday, Boy Scouts of America. And what did Punxsutawney Phil predict? Six more weeks of winter! Yes, lots of winter still ahead.

Steve Engel—Editor

February Roundtable

Cub Scouts

The theme for February is compassion. Focus will be on service projects. Also discussion of Journey to Excellence (JTE) recognition, advancement, a neckerchief slide project and make mini-cheese cake snacks.

Roundtable - come to share and learn.

Boy Scouts

A council representative will present information on the Hornaday Award. There will be a display of conservation awards, both past and present. There will be a presentation on the "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon campaign and how units can be involved.

Order of the Arrow

The Chapter meeting for Order of the Arrow is also held each month at Roundtable. Coming to Roundtable? Please bring your youth Arrow members along for the Chapter Meeting. A chance for them to impact the future of Order of the Arrow in our district. Each troop should have a member at these meetings. an "Arrow" liaison who can also bring news back to the unit.

March Roundtable moved to Lakeville LDS Church

The location for the March Roundtable will be moved to the LDS church in Lakeville. The address is 18460 Kachina Court, Lakeville. **This is for March only.** Check the district web site for a [map and directions](#).

Troop and Crew Rechartering Overdue

Troop and crew charters were due February 1. A few unit charters have yet to be finalized. Let's finalize those charters as soon as possible. Your unit commissioner will be in touch to see these get completed.

Important Note: *Internet Advancement & Online Recharter will be unavailable every weekend for system maintenance from 9:00 pm CST on Saturday thru 6:00 pm CST on Sunday.*

Cub Pack Internet Rechartering

Cub Pack rechartering are due at the March Roundtable (note location change for March Roundtable only). Packs should be well on the way to completion. Contact your unit commissioner for assistance. Please see the note above on the availability for Internet Advancement and Online Rechartering.

Journey to Excellence (JTE)

The Journey to Excellence form needs to be filled out and turned in at recharter. Even if you didn't participate in JTE this past year, this will give you a baseline for next year. All units should be participating. JTE is your roadmap, a blue print for success. In addition, all units will fill out a questionnaire to begin tracking such items that are not currently tracked for JTE. All but 2 troops have completed it, packs will complete it with recharter.

Camping Corner Notes

Bob Gwinn, Camping Chair

Only a few weekends left for Polar Cubs, North Wind and Snow Base programs for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. Register at www.goscouting.org. Programs run even if there little or no snow. More info at [winter camping](#) or [winter camping cubs](#).

The 2012 Cub camping flyers have been sent out. If your unit did not receive one contact the council or contact Bob Gwinn.

Reservations are open for Tomahawk and Many Point Campsites for this summer and for 2013. If you have been to one camp and not the other why not consider a change of scenery?

There will be a new online weekend camping reservation system launched on March 1, 2012.

The January-April 2012 Base Camp Programs booklet has been published. It includes program options and events for scout groups as well as community, church, families and non profits. Check out the deals on archery, climbing, and bikes at [Explore Base Camp](#).

Campmasters are needed at Phillippo.

Questions? Contact [Bob Gwinn](#) or 952 688 7298.

District Dinner and District Leadership Recognition

The annual *Chief Black Dog* (GO!) District Dinner will be May 19, 2012, at Shepherd of the Valley Church. Now is the time to consider and nominate your fellow scouters for recognition. Recognition includes Spark Plug, Outstanding (position specific) Leader, Distinguished Leadership, District Award of Merit and Charter Partner of the Year. Details and nomination forms are available at [leadership recognition](#). Nominations will be due at the March Roundtable.

Transfer Webelos Now Save \$'s

Webelos transferring in the months of February and March need pay only the \$1 transfer fee. Save \$'s by transferring now.

Chief Black Dog Annual Planning Meeting

Chief Black Dog (GO!) district will hold its annual planning meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 8:30 am to noon at the Apple Valley Community Center. All are welcome to attend as the district committee meets to review the past year, look ahead to this next year, discuss goals, and set the calendar. Your input is helpful and needed as units are affected by what the district committee decides.

Merit Badge Fair March 24, New Location & New Badges

It was so much fun, we're doing it again. Another Chief Black Dog (GO!) Merit Badge Fair will held on Saturday, March 24. This time it will be held at the LDS Church in Lakeville. More details soon on the CBD(G!) website.

Historic Trails—East Trip June 16 to June 30

Don't miss out on Northern Star Council's Historic Trails Trip 2012, June 16 to June 30. We plan to visit Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Independence Hall, Boston, the Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and an overnight stay on the battleship, USS Massachusetts.

The trip is open to both youth and registered adult leaders. Youth must be 13 years old and First Class by June 1, 2012. An complete overview of the trip is on the council website at [Historic Trails](#) or contact [Steve Engel](#) or check out the special Historic Trails Chatter issue.

District Pinewood Derby Rules and Workshops

The District Pinewood Derby is April 7, 2012 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Complete information including a flyer, registration information and rules is now available on the Chief Black Dog (GO!) website. Go to [Pinewood Derby](#)

A schedule of Derby Workshops is also available here.