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New Year's Issue

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a nice holiday season and I wish you the best in the Scouting New Year! Let's make a New Year's resolution to attend Roundtables, achieve the next level of Journey 2.0, get our training up to date, and recruit new scouts. Lots of new activities, adventures, and opportunities in this issue. Check it out!



Steve Engel—Editor

January Roundtable

Fun, fellowship, treats and games are in store for the December Roundtable.

Cub Scout In addition to the usual breakouts, the January Roundtable will also feature discussion, suggestions and ideas for upcoming pack meetings including Pinewood Derby and the Blue 'n' Gold. We'll include some ideas for keeping siblings busy and engaged. And always be ready for some hands on activities.

Boy Scout Ron Lee and Bob Elliott will lead a discussion of the changes in Boy Scout advancement, including when to make the change and who should be working on which requirements. A look at the "Duty to God" requirement will be included.



Trainings at Roundtable

Charter Organization Representative Training, Part 2, will be held at this month's roundtable. You may attend part 2 even if you missed part 1, you may attend part 2. This training is open all leaders who would like to know more about the Charter Organization Representative position and its duties and responsibilities. If you missed part 1 and would like to set up a custom training session please contact [Chad Cooper](#).



OA Corner

OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. Each troop should have an OA Youth Representative who attends these meetings. Invite them with you when you attend Roundtable.



OA Election Training will be held at 6:15 pm. Troops will again be paired up and will hold elections for each other. At minimum, one adult and your OA youth representative need to be present at this training (two adults and 2-3 youth members is better). Please be sure Ron Lee knows the date you plan to have your OA election.

Vigil Nominations are due to Kay Stewart by January 21. For more information on the Vigil Honor, nomination forms and a list of eligible members go [Vigil Honor](#).

OA Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Base Camp. Watch for details.

Wood Badge Breakfast

The annual Wood Badge Breakfast will be Saturday, January 16, 2016 at St. Andrew Church in Eden Prairie. Wood Badge Breakfast is for all Wood Badgers and interested Wood Badge participants. For details see [Wood Badge Breakfast](#).

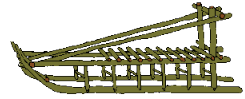


Calendar

January 14	Roundtable
	OA Election Training
	OA Chapter Meeting
January 16	Woodbadge Breakfast
January 21	OA Vigil Nominations Due
January 23	Council Coordinated Committee Meetings
January 23	OA Winter Banquet
February 6	Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest
February 11	Roundtable
	OA Chapter Meeting
	OA Election Training
February 20	District Planning Meeting
February 26	Klondike Derby



Chief Black Dog(GO!) 2016 Klondike Derby



Get your Klondike Sleds tuned up and ready to race across the polar regions of Phillippo Scout Camp. Don't forget to build your Pinewood Bobsled car. The Klondike Derby Flyer and Leader's Guide are available on line at [Klondike Derby](#). Camp headquarters will be the LeSueur cabin. Your unit can rent a shelter at Phillippo through the Council camp reservation system, camp outside in a snow shelter or tent, or do a day event. If you have ideas, suggestions, or want to help, contact [Paul Mahowald](#) or call 952-432-0276. Registration is open at [Klondike Derby](#). Older scouts and adults who sign up to help staff an activity get a price discount. Klondike knit hats are included in the registration fee.

Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest Saturday, February 6, 2016

The annual Apple Valley Mid-Winter fest will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016. Once again the Boy Scouts will be there, sponsoring events from 9 am to 1 pm. We are currently looking for units who would like run an activity, event, display or demonstration. ***Specifically, we need some volunteers to help with a Pinewood Derby event.*** We are also looking for outside groups, organizations or agencies to likewise set up an activity, etc. If you would like to help or have an idea for activity, please contact [Steve Engel](#).

God and Country Religious Emblems

The God and Country Religious Emblems classes will be held at Shepherd of the Valley beginning January 24, 2016 for Grades 6-12 and February 21, 2016 for Grades 1-5. Go to [God and Country](#) for complete and registration information. If you want your son or daughter to join us, please send your registration to Bob Elliott as soon as possible.

As in past years, we will offer all 4 levels of the God and Country program:

1st-3rd grade, God and Me begins Feb 21, 2016
 4th-6th grade, God and Family begins Feb 21, 2016
 6th-8th grade, God and Church begins Jan 24, 2016
 9th-12th grade, God and Life begins Jan 24, 2016

Pinewood Derby Workshops



Need help creating and building this years Pinewood Derby winner? Plan to attend one of the Pinewood Derby workshops in Rosemount. The workshops are held at 14555 South Robert Trail, suite 12, in Rosemount. The workshop schedule is posted on Facebook/PWDRacing.com.

A child who has earned one religious emblem may earn another one. There is a rare and special Four Star Award for completing all 4 levels of the program. Also note, Webelos II Cub Scouts can complete and earn their God and Family even though they will have crossed into Boy Scouts before it is over – because it is based on their school grade, not their Scout rank.



Mark Your Calendars Scouting For Food

Mark your calendars and reserve the date. Scouting for Food is Saturday, April 23, 2016 and will run from about 10 am to 2 pm. To have the biggest impact on area food shelves, we need everyone's participation. Details to follow.

Please help us spread the word within your units. Parents of Girl scouts, please share this announcement with any Girl Scout groups your daughters may be members of. We don't have any other effective way to communicate with Girl Scout units. Non-Scouting siblings are also invited, to deepen their faith along with their Scout siblings.

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You do NOT need to be a member of Shepherd of the Valley or a Lutheran in order to participate in the God and Country program offered at SOTV. Most of last year's children did not attend SOTV, and children from several Protestant denominations took the classes. The God and Country program at the Cub Scout level is basic enough that both Protestants and Catholics have attended the classes. The God and Country program has been developed to lead all children – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls of all ages – to an age appropriate better understating of the importance of God in our personal and family lives. A good overview of each class is in the attachment.

Each child must obtain the specific age/grade appropriate course booklet. As the leader of the program at Shepherd of the Valley, Bob will buy booklets for all who pre-register, and you can pay Bob \$4.50 for the booklet at the first session. This booklet contains information on all the lessons and projects the children need to complete to earn their religious emblem award.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email [Bob Elliott](#), (952) 953-4336. He would be happy to come to a Pack or Troop meeting to explain the program to your parents in your unit.

Dakota County Elks Lodge 2832 Honors Eagle Scouts/Others Project Support

Dakota County Elks Lodge 2832 would like to honor your Eagle Scouts with a colorful certificate and American Flag Pin to be included in your Eagle Scout's recognition portfolio. If you want the certificate to be formally presented members of the Elks Lodge will attend the ceremony. The recognition can be requested when the Eagle Board of Review has been completed.

Eagle Scout candidates who need assistance with their Eagle Scout projects can request financial and "manpower" assistance from the Dakota County Elks Lodge #2832. The Elks Lodge will review the request and consider it based on available funds and merit. An interview with the Eagle candidate may be necessary.

District award Nominations 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](#).





Try a New and Unique Adventure Log Rolling

Calling all LumberJacks and LumberJills, ages 7 through adult! Looking for a truly unique activity! Come experience the fun and challenge your skills! Log rolling improves core strength, balance, footwork, agility, and cardio...but mostly it's just fun! With the help of the yellow resistance fins (like training wheels) no prior skill or experience is necessary. Wear swimwear, rash guards or spandex style athletic wear. Participants must be comfortable being in the water. A great family activity. Try it out at an [open swim](#) or sign up for a class. This log rolling adventure begins the weekend of January 23. Go to [log rolling](#) for more information, class details, dates and times and to register online. Or call (952) 431-8777.

Additional Training Opportunities

Spring University of Scouting

The Spring University of Scouting will be held April 16, 2016 at Lakeville South High School. Every year, the Spring U of S is in the south metro area. This is the closest opportunity for some really fun Scouting courses! This Spring's course offering for Cub Scout leaders will be improved.

Fall Wood Badge Weekends #1 & #2, Sept 23rd and Oct 21st at Camp Stearns Wood Badge is always popular; see the Council website and register early! Interested? Come to Woodbadge Breakfast to learn more about upcoming courses. See page one.



Snowshoeing And Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy an afternoon or evening together as a family, learning a unique or new skill with an educated naturalist. Co Sponsored classes with district 196 Community Education and Dakota County Parks. Snowshoeing - make a familiar hike new again, as you forge through the snowy paths of Lebanon Hills. Snowshoeing is a great physical activity that everyone in the family can enjoy. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Friday, January 29, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Lebanon Hills Regional Park Visitor Center, 860 Cliff Road, Eagan.



Or cross country skiing - slide and glide across the trails of Lebanon Hills. Discover your love of the outdoors with your family. Enjoy a lesson guided by a naturalist who will help you get started on a life-long hobby you can enjoy with the members of your family. Ski rental is included. Saturday, February 20, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Lebanon Hills Regional Park Visitor Center, 860 Cliff Road, Eagan



Great family fun! Visit these links for more information and to register, [snowshoeing](#), or [cross country skiing](#). Or call (651) 423-7920.

Watch the February Chatter for additional training dates for:

- Den Chief training
- BB & Archery Shooting Sports
- Cub Scout leader position

