

THE CBD CHATTER

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Late July Issue

Well, we've bit of hot humid weather and some cool, fall like weather. As sign that summer is winding down? Not likely. A lot of time left for summer adventures. But, yes, it is time to make plans for fall, OA Weekend, Fall Camporee, Webelos Experience, read on for more information.

Steve Engel—Editor

Chief Black Dog (GO!) Will Celebrate 20 years

In the summer of 1993, a committee had come to the conclusion that the Chief Little Crow District was simply too big and needed to split, not two, but three ways. The great Chief Little Crow District was indeed too big, over 120 units and served by 3 DE's (District Executives).

The decision: to split the district 3 ways. At the time Chief Little Crow was the larger part of Dakota County. The northern part, West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Inver Grove Heights, Cottage Grove, etc. become Kaposia District. The southern area, Lakeville, Farmington, Hastings, etc. become Dakota, a district, we expected to split again as growth continued. The central area, Eagan, Apple Valley and a little bit of Burnsville became Chief Little Crow.

In July of 1993, a farewell Chief Little Crow gathering was held at Cannon River Scout Reservation, now Phillippo. Indeed a lot has changed. Watch this space for more history, including the name Chief Black Dog was chosen.

August Roundtable Corn Feed and Program Kick-Off

The August Roundtable, Corn Feed and Program Kick-off is Thursday, August 8 at the LDS Church in Burnsville. The CBD(G!) Commissioner Staff will serve up a dinner of corn-on-the-cob, hamburgers, and dessert, to be followed by the usual roundtable breakouts and training sessions. We will also kick off a 20th Birthday Celebration of Chief Black Dog. *-cont. next column*

-August Roundtable Cont.

The fee is just \$5 per person. Go to [Cornfeed](#) for more information and to register.

Fall Youth Recruitment Orientation

Training sessions at Roundtable will include Fall Youth Recruitment Orientation. Each unit needs to have someone, preferably your Unit Youth Recruitment Chair, at this training. Even if you have done this before there will be some changes and you can always offer suggestions to others on holding a successful fall recruiting. For more information, contact [Rich Hedeem](#), Membership Chair.

Calendar

August 3	Model Rocketry Flight Day
August 8	Corn Feed - Program Kick Off
	OA Chapter Meeting
	FYR Orientation
August 23-25	OA Vigil Induction Weekend
Sept 6-8	OA Fall Conclave
Sept 12	Roundtable
Sept 27-29	Fall Camporee
October 5-6	Webelos Experience



OA Corner Order of the Arrow



Remember the OA chapter meeting is held each month at Roundtable. Boy Scout leaders, coming to roundtable? Bring your unit's OA representative with you for the chapter meeting.

Remember the date for the OA Fall Conclave is September 6 - 8, still at Phillippo Scout Reservation. Go to [OA Fall Conclave](#) for more information.

Annual Model Rocketry Flight Day

The annual Model Rocket Flight Day will be held Saturday, August 3 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Check-in at 9:00 am, launches begin at approximately 10:00 am. This co-sponsored with District 196 Community Education Space Challenge Camp and all scouts and scouters, brothers and sisters, moms and dads, grandparents, friends and neighbors are invited. You can't beat the price - it's free! A launch system will be provided. Bring your rockets, engines, igniters, recovery wadding, etc. Check out the flyer on page 4 or go to [Flight Day](#) for more information.

Request for Assistance Charlie Novack's Eagle Scout Project



CHARLIE NOVACK'S EAGLE PROJECT

WHEN: WED AUG 21ST—SAT AUG 24TH

TIME: 8AM-4PM EVERYDAY

WHERE: FORT SNELLING CEMETERY

(MEET AT FLAG POLES NEAR MAIN ENTRANCE)

OTHER INFO:

WE WILL BE APPLYING MULCH TO TREES IN THE CEMETERY

PLEASE BRING WORK GLOVES AND A WATER BOTTLE

ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

LUNCH WILL SERVED EVERY DAY AT 12:00PM

PLEASE RSVP: CHARLIE.NOVACK@YAHOO.COM

Webelos Experience October 5 & 6, 2013

Webelos Experience happens every two years and this is the only opportunity your Webelos will have to attend. All Webelos, 1st and 2nd, year and parents may attend. Held this year on October 5 & 6 at Stearns Scout Camp, this weekend campout will be the **HIGHLIGHT** of your Cub Scout career! There will be a **HUGE** game area, lots of exhibits, and **MORE!** You'll also be able to participate in many different activity badge demonstrations, a **NEW** Webelos Transition Midway and attend a **STUPENDOUS STAGE SHOW** with **FANTASTIC FIREWORKS** on Saturday night.

Cost is just \$18 per Scout & \$18 per Adult
REGISTER AS A PACK

Registration opens online at the website below in late August 2013.

Check out [Webelos Experience](#) for more information. See the flyer on page 5.

Held every two years, there's only one chance to attend Webelos Experience!





The Camping Corner

Patches for Pounds Campaign The Conwy, Wales, UK Scout Hut Fund Raiser

Thanks to some matching funds and a couple of exceptional donations the Chief Black Dog District will be donating \$650. (over 400 pounds sterling) to the Conwy, Wales Scout District Scout Hut Campaign. Arsonists burned down the scout's meeting place in the UK a year ago and the various scout groups have had to scramble for places to meet until monies can be raised to rebuild the facility. Cash donations can still be made, contact [Bob Gwinn](#) .

A special thanks to Bob Hannah for his help in collecting many of the patches that have or will be turned into cash.

Need Camping Gear? Check Out the REI Gear Bank

REI in Bloomington has a gear bank program available to youth programs at no charge. This is a chance to borrow camping equipment for camping activities, either summer or year round. Sleeping bags, tents, pads, stoves are available . Gear is available on a first come first serve reservation basis. Arrangements should be made through application at the REI rental counter or by contacting : Mikaela Swanlund REI Outdoor Programs & Outreach, Twin Cities Market Coordinator, 952-884-4315 x. 223.

Cub Scout groups may also want to consider contacting their unit commissioner or local scout troop for equipment assistance.

Council Camping Website

The new Northern Star Council website is now up and active. The website has everything scouts and scouters need to know about the council camping resources. Reservations, resources, forms, promotional materials and the latest camping news can be found at [camping](#).



2013 Fall Camporee Survive the Amazing Race

The Chief Black Dog Fall Camporee is taking shape and will be a camporee like no other, based on the idea of Survivor and The Amazing Race and the Patrol method. This will be a race around the world and through time. And culminates on Camporee Weekend, September 27, 28, and 29 at Phillippo Scout Reservation.

Okay, we've heard this before, what else? Again, based on the Patrol Method, patrols are encouraged to register now and can begin the race and earn points. A camporee fact sheet all about patrol registration will be sent by e-mail on Sunday, August 4. There is no fee for patrols to register now. When a patrol registers you will receive a patrol passport to keep track of your activities and points.

Along with this fact sheet you will receive a guideline and suggestions for patrol activities. Included will be some of the first challenges that will take you, as mentioned, on a "virtual" race around the world and through time. These may consist of riddles, puzzles, problems and challenges, solve them and you will complete that leg of the race and, of course, earn points.

The Camporee is open to all Boy Scouts, Webelos, Varsity Scouts, Ventures and Exploring. The ideal patrol size is 6-8 scouts. Webelos and Ventures are encouraged to form patrols or teams of 6-8 scouts.

Some of the activities on camporee weekend may include, "Critical Transport" two items must be transported throughout the day. One of these items you won't know about until Saturday morning. And there is the Spider Crossing, Frisbee Golf Challenge, Bean Bag Toss (with a puzzling twist), Code Communication, GPS (geocaching?), compass orientation, First Aid Challenges and much more. Perhaps the Gourmet Cooking will be back (again with a slightly different flavor. And back by popular demand, a camporee tradition - The Great Scoutmaster Race.

Watch for the Leaders Guide out by August Roundtable

District 196 Community Education
Space Challenge Camp 2013
&

Boy Scouts of America
presents:

7th Annual Rocketry Event



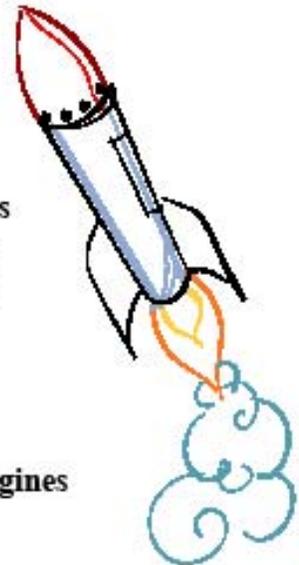
Model Rocketry Flight Day

**Saturday, August 3, 2013
Falcon Ridge Middle School**

**Check-in/Registration begins at 9:00 am
Launches begin at approximately 10:00 am**



- ◆ Open to all ages
(under 10 with adult supervision)
- ◆ Launch system will be provided
- ◆ Bring your own, engines, wadding, igniters
- ◆ Limited to "E", "F" engines and smaller
- ◆ Show off your latest and greatest rocket
 - ◆ Larger engines may be approved
w/certification
- ◆ Free – no charge



**Weather conditions may restrict the use of larger engines
or cause the event to be canceled**

Call (651) 423-7922 for more information.

On the morning of August 3 please call this number for a recorded message with information regarding any changes or cancellation due to weather.

Northern Star Council, BSA



HEY WEBELOS!

HERE'S SOMETHING **REALLY BIG** TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR
IT'S THE 2013 WEBELOS EXPERIENCE

When: October 5 – 6, 2013

Where: Stearns Scout Camp, Annandale, MN

Who: ALL Webelos Scouts (both 1st and 2nd year) & Parents

This overnight campout will be the **HIGHLIGHT** of your Cub Scout career! Some of the planned activities include:

Games:

Blanket Volleyball
Joust
Jolly Ball

Exhibits:

Rockets
Wood Carving
Blacksmith

Webelos Transition:

Cooking
Eagle Trail
Personal Gear

Activity Badges:

Geologist
Handyman
Engineer

There will be a **HUGE** game area, lots of exhibits, and **MORE!** You'll also be able to participate in many different activity badge demonstrations and attend a **STUPENDOUS STAGE SHOW** with **FANTASTIC FIREWORKS** on Saturday night.

WATCH for more details on our website: www.northernstarbsa.org/webelosexperience
...but...**RESERVE THE DATE NOW!**

Contact WebelosExperience@Comcast.net to receive updates
AND – CHECK IT OUT ON FACEBOOK

DON'T MISS THIS **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** EVENT

Registration opens online on August 15, 2013!!

Leader's Guide available online August 15th

Cost is \$18 per Scout and \$18 per Adult REGISTER AS A PACK



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