



# The CBD Chatter

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## April Briefs Issue

Looks like spring has finally arrived! This is the April Briefs issue with timely reminders and updates.

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### May Roundtable

The May Roundtable will feature a “Dutch Oven Dessert Cook Off”. Yes, we’re looking for the “Dutch Oven Dessert Recipe” in Chief Black Dog (GO!). Enter our cook off with your sweetest, most unique, fastest, worth the wait, prettiest dessert recipe! Yes, there will be prizes.

**OA Chapter Meeting** Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. All Troop OA Representatives should attend.

### Eagle Expo



An Eagle Expo is planned for April 26, most likely, 7 pm at Shepherd of the Valley Church. Watch for details to be confirmed. The Eagle Expo is the perfect opportunity for Life Scouts and parents to learn about continuing on the Eagle Trail. Also an opportunity for Star Scouts just completing the requirements for Life. Topics include the requirements for Eagle, The Eagle Project and the necessary preparation and paperwork. The Scout and a parent should attend.

### Webelos Woods/Spring Camporee

Webelos Woods and Spring Camporee will be held on May 4-6, at Phillippo Scout reservation, upper lever, LeSueur Cabin. Webelos will have the opportunity to work on three of the Webelos Adventures. Details, flyers, registration information, and participant guides can be found at [Webelos Woods/Spring Camporee](#).

### Scouting for Food

Saturday, April 28 is our annual Scouting for Food drive. The need is greater than ever and we would like to see all units participate in this year’s drive to help stock our local food shelves. If your unit cannot participate this weekend, we encourage you to organize a food drive on another date to help support the local food shelves.

### Volunteer Recognition Dinner Saturday, April 28

The dinner is Saturday, April 28 at the Shepherd of the Valley Church. Check in and fellowship is at 5:30, dinner is at 6:00 and the program will follow. Catering by Famous Dave’s. You can still plan to attend and support your fellow scouters. Details at [Volunteer Recognition Dinner](#).

We’re still looking for your photos! Send us your favorite photos of your Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers from the past year for the Dinner Slideshow. Photos should be sent to [Paul Mahowald](#).



### Renew Your Youth Protection Training Now!

The new Youth Protection Training module is now available. All leaders will be required to complete the new training module by fall. District Committee members and the District Commissioner Staff must complete this training by April 30. It’s recommended that all parents take the training. The training is available at [My.Scouting.Org](#).

## Calendar



April 26	Eagle Expo
April 28	Scouting for Food Volunteer Recognition Dinner
April 30	Fly Over America
May 4-6	Webelos Woods/ Spring Camporee
May 10	Roundtable - Dutch Oven Dessert Cook Off

### Free Bring A Friend Opportunity!

The Northern Star Council, due to an Innovation Fund Grant, will offer two opportunities for youth to get to know Scouting. The first free opportunity is for groups to attend an event at Fly Over America, located at the Mall of America on April 30th. Sessions start every 15 minutes from 4:00 -9:30 PM. This is a free event! One requirement - **BRING A NON-SCOUT FRIEND!** There is plenty of room left. Register at [Free event Fly Over America](#). A great way to introduce a friend to Scouting! A second event is scheduled September 29 at Sea Life. Details to follow.

### Lions Can Officially Roar!

All Cub Scout leaders should have received notice from National that, beginning in the fall of 2018, Lion Cubs will no longer be a pilot program. With Northern Star Council members contributing to the development of the Lion Cub program, this is nothing new to our Council. The Lion Cub rank will now be an official step in Cub Scout's rank advancement program. With this upgrade, they will be getting things like a new t-shirt, advancement belt loops and much more. Please read all of the details on the national Scouting website, <https://goo.gl/U9H6qq>.

### Dakota Elks Provides Financial Support for Eagle and Troop Service Projects.

The Dakota elks can provide support for Eagle and troop service projects. Support may include not only some financial support but assistance with the construction or implementation of the project. Contact [Bob Gwinn](#) or call 952 688 7298 for more information

## Earth Day, April 22, 2018

Earth Day was Saturday, April 22, 2018. Did your unit have an Earth Day environment themed service project? If not, remember an Earth Day service project can held any time. This can be a den, patrol, troop or crew activity. You can have a clean up day for your charter partner, school, or church. Hold a clean up day at the neighborhood or community park. Contact Apple Valley Parks & Recreation about their adopt-a-park program. Interested in helping with the Apple Valley Park Clean-Up Day? Contact [Steve Skinner](#) for details.

### World Jamboree 2019

The 2019 World Jamboree will be held July 22 to August 2, 2019 in the United States at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, West Virginia. Applications are now being accepted for participants, contingent leadership and staff (IST, International Service Team members). Details can be found at [World Jamboree](#).

In addition, Chief Black Dog (GO!) District will partner with Many Waters District to offer an additional trip for Scouts and Scouters who will want to visit the World Jamboree. This trip will include some tours of Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. area and possibly an over night stay on a battleship!. This will be a Northern Star Council activity. Contact [Steve Engel](#) if you have questions.

### Safety Moments

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures, and report incidents correctly. Topics of this new series include incident reporting helps, safe use of medication in Scouting, weather-related safety, winter activity, and winter sports.

All leaders are encouraged to check out the following website to help insure care and safety during events and activities. Be Prepared to keep your scouts safe! Visit [Safety Moments](#).

