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Early February Issue

Well, the Winter Carnival is over and King Boreas has not been over thrown. Winter is making a comeback this week! Sub-zero lows get us in the right frame of mind for those winter adventures yet to come - Klondike Derby, February 27. And yet thoughts are turning toward Blu 'n' Golds, Pinewood Derbys and summer camps.



Steve Engel—Editor

February Roundtable

Cub Scout The February theme is “Construction”. The leader activity will be making something with a “Genius Kit”. The “Genius Kit” will be an assortment of various items from which you will use your imagination to create something!

Paul Ramsour from Elpis Enterprises will be the guest speaker. Elpis Enterprises is a non-profit organization that works with homeless (or precariously-housed) young people, providing job training, work experience, and job placement. Paul is the Executive Director. If you are attending one of the other Roundtable breakouts, there will be extra handouts and information available.

A nail driving competition will be another highlight of this month’s roundtable.

The March theme is “Strike up the Band”.

Boy Scout The Boy Scout breakout may focus on youth “High Adventure” opportunities. We are always looking for youth leaders to discuss their adventures. Tell us where you went, why you went, how you prepared, what you know now that you wished you knew before hand and why everyone should want to go there. High adventure can be Jamborees, High Adventure bases, NOAC, national park tours, backpacking trips, canoe trips, sailing, kayaking, the sky is the limit! You tell us!

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Also a discussion about technology in Scouting. When and where our personal devices should and should not be used or available. When is it appropriate in Scouting’s Outdoor Program!

Also At Roundtable/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.

Religious Emblems God And Country Classes

Cub Scout age Protestant God and Country classes start in 2 weeks in our District. At Shepherd of the Valley classes for God and Me (1st-3rd grade) and God and Family (4th-6th grade) start Feb 21. At Emanuel Lutheran classes for God and Me (1st-3rd grade) start Feb 23. Complete details can be found at [God and Country](#). Classes are open to all Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and non-scout siblings.

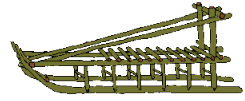


Calendar

February 11	Roundtable OA Election Training OA Chapter Meeting
February 20	District Planning Meeting
February 26-28	Klondike Derby
March 10	Roundtable - *See Below
March 19	Council Recognition Dinner



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.

March Roundtable Notice

The March Roundtable will be at Shepherd of the Valley church in Apple Valley (northeast corner of Johnny Cake Ridge Rd and McAndrews). Due to a cleaning project the LDS church will not be available next month.

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.

Congratulations Tom Beck Silver Beaver Award Recipient

Congratulations to Tom Beck, our 2016 Silver Beaver Award recipient from Chief Black Dog (GO!). Tom has been with our district for many years. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Leader, and most recently District Activities Chair, where he also chaired many activities from camporees to food drives. Congratulations Tom!



Mark Your Calendars Scouting For Food

"Scouting for Food" for Chief Black Dog(GO!) 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. Our Scouting for Food Chairs, Dave and Helen Lockwood will be at the February and March Roundtables with Scouting for Food details. Please have your unit Scouting for Food Coordinator take a moment to meet with them, confirm your participation, determine your territory to cover, pick up door hangers, and find out the food shelf drop off locations.

Contact [Dave or Helen Lockwood](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Northern Star Council Recognition Dinner

Be sure to join us at the Northern Star Council Recognition Dinner, Saturday, March 19 at Base Camp. We will recognize Tom Beck and the other Silver Beaver Award recipients, Eagle Scout Scholarship recipients, and much more. Register now, because after February 15 the price goes up. Find more information at [Council Recognition Dinner](#).

Chief Black Dog (GO!) Recognized as Gold Level Journey 2.0

This past January at the Council Coordinated Committee meetings, the districts who had achieved the bronze, silver or gold levels in Journey 2.0 were announced. Chief Black Dog (GO!) district was recognized for having returned to the Gold level in Journey 2.0. Congratulations and thanks to all of our leaders, volunteers, parents and scouts whose hard work has resulted in achieving this high level of recognition.

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.

For more info on either the Eagle Scout recognition or project support and assistance contact [Bob Gwinn](#), 952 688 7298.

School Night for Scouting

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 theme will be superheroes. SFNS will be a council wide event that will be held at all elementary schools.

What needs to be done? First if you don't have a school night coordinator, please select one and let Membership Chair [Renee Estrella-Wells](#) know who will be your contact for your pack. Second, have your coordinator attend SNFS training that will be held at University of Scouting in April or at the May Roundtable.

The emphasis is for recruiting Cub Scouts but Troops and Crews should also consider holding recruitment events on the 22nd.

Summer is a good time to start recruiting. Community events, parades and service projects are all good ways to get exposure in the community. CBD(G!) may be looking at planning some community's activities that will be open to all packs/ troops/crews to participate in.

Any questions please contact [Renee Estrella-Wells](#), or call 952-564-9133

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

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!



Chief Black Dog Annual Planning Meeting

Just as our units have to meet annually to plan their annual calendar, so to does Chief Black Dog (GO!) District. This year our annual planning meeting is on Saturday, February 20, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Think Bank in Eagan. In addition to planning the calendar, there is a review of our successes, what went well and not so well, a discussion of district goals and ideas and suggestions for the year ahead. All are welcome to attend and share ideas and suggestions. If you have some ideas but cannot attend, please contact your Unit Commissioner or contact [Tim Liffbrig](#) or [Bob Gwinn](#).

Cross-Country Skiing

Try an afternoon of 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 this link for more information and to register, [cross country skiing](#). Or call (651) 423-7920.

Wilderness First Aid

Just in time for your summer time outdoor activities and high adventures, District 196 Community Education will be offering a Wilderness First Aid class. The class will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28, 8 am to 6 pm both days, at the School of Environmental Studies (realizing, of course, this conflicts with our Klondike Derby). "Be Prepared" for back-country emergencies by taking advantage of this opportunity. Go to [Wilderness First Aid](#) for more information and to register online or call (952) 431-8777.