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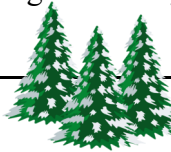
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April-Early Spring Issue

Welcome to the Minnesota winter that won't quit. In spite of this last 8+ inch snowfall, I'm sure thoughts are turning to spring/summer adventures. And don't forget District Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food, Volunteer Recognition Dinner, and Spring University of Scouting.

Steve Engel—Editor



April Roundtable

April Roundtable will held on April 12, 7 - 8:30pm at the Burnsville LDS Church 651 Southcross Drive East, Burnsville.

Big Rock Topic for April is the annual Fire-side Chat with council representatives. A chance to ask questions and express concerns directly to our Council Scout Executives.

Cub Scout breakout will include "summertime fun", ideas and suggestions. Also a look at new Lion Cub information.

Boy Scout breakout will include Eagle Mentors, who they are and how they can help Scouts along the trail to Eagle. Also a discussion of the upcoming Eagle Expo.

Programming merit badge will be held 6:15 to 8:15 pm (time approximate) Contact [Joe Schulte](#) to register.

Coming to May Roundtable a dutch oven dessert cook-off!

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

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. Dave and Helen Lockwood will be at the April Roundtables to help coordinate collection areas, drop off locations, etc.

District Pinewood Derby Saturday, April 7, 2018



The Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at the Falcon Ridge Middle School Cafeteria. The flyer, race rules, and online registration are at [District Pinewood Derby](#). Traditionally the top 3 winners in each rank (Lion, Tiger, etc.) from your unit Pinewood Derby races are invited to race in the district Pinewood Derby. This year we are opened this up to any Cub Scout, with a fast car who would like to race. There is also an open division for any siblings, youth, teens, moms, dads, grandparents who would like to race a car. Maybe you would like to race your favorite car from past races and see how they fare against today's cars. There may still be time to enter the race. Registrations accepted at the door

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The time is now to register for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. 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. Plan now to attend and support and recognize your fellow scouters. Find the flyer, and dinner registration information at [Volunteer Recognition Dinner](#).

We need 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](#).



Calendar

April 7	District Pinewood Derby
April 12	Roundtable
April 21	University of Scouting
April 22	Earth Day
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



University of Scouting

The spring session of the University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, April 21 at Lakeville High School (yes! Right in our own backyard!). You can't get much closer than this! The University of Scouting is supplemental training for all levels of Scouting. There is something for everyone! More details available at [University of Scouting](#).

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 these top voted Adventures, Camping, Into the Woods, Scouting Adventure, Castaway, Build It, and Earth Rocks! Boy Scouts will assist at a Webelos station, Make & Break Stuff, and use the shooting ranges. Details, flyers, registration information, and participant guides can be found at [Webelos Woods/Spring Camporee](#).

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>.



Earth Day, April 22, 2018

Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2018 is a perfect to plan a service project with an environmental theme. This can be a den, patrol, troop or crew activity. You can have 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.

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.



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.

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](#).

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

Over the past few years the Dakota Elks #2832 have contributed to several service projects that have benefited our communities. Eagle Scout candidates are provided with information during their service project conferences. The support includes not only some financial support but Elks assisting with the construction or implementation of the project. Some advanced notice is required and the project must receive district approval prior to applying for funding. For more information contact [Bob Gwinn](#) or call 952 688 7298. Please insure that youth follow youth protection guidelines when seeking support.

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.

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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](#). And an "in person" training can be expected this fall.

Council Recognition Dinner



Paul Mahowald received the Silver Beaver recognition. Tim Liffrig was also recognized as a Silver Beaver recipient but was unable to attend



The Council Recognition Dinner was held at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club



Scouters gather for fellowship prior to dinner

