



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## Early April Issue

Roundtable just keeps getting better and better. You don't want to miss this month - fireside chat with John Andrews and Colleen Brazier, leader recognition and Venture Scouting. And wait until you what's in store for May! Check out the Eagle Expo, training opportunities, district dinner and more!

*Steve Engel—Editor*

### April Roundtable

The Roundtable is back at the LDS Church in Burnsville, 651 Southcross Drive East.

After opening announcements Scout Executive, John Andrews and Deputy Scout Executive Colleen Brazier will hold a "Fireside Chat". Hear about how our district and council are doing and what's in store for the future. John and Colleen will be around throughout the Roundtable to talk with scout leaders, hear comments and share concerns.

**Cub Scout** First a hearty Chief Black Dog (GO!) welcome to our new Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Angie Harteneck. Angie will be taking over for Tony Chouanard. Thank you Tony for your years of service and welcome Angie.

After the "Fireside Chat" the Cub Scout side will hear a speaker from the Humane Society who will talk about special Cub Scout programs in the works. There will be a discussion of leader recognition, "beyond the knots" unique and lesser known recognitions.

**Boy Scout** April will look at leader recognition, like the Cub Scout side maybe some less well known and unique opportunities. The feature will focus on Scouting's Venture Program. Highlights of the program, its impact on keeping older boys in the program and how it can help, yes, help your troop program. Joe is looking for Assistant Roundtable Commissioners and is always open to hear your ideas and suggestions.

**Looking Ahead to May Roundtable** The May Roundtable will be a "Round-the-Campfire" evening complete with songs, skits, music and entertainment. Have a favorite skit, etc. to Share? Contact [Tony Chouanard](#) to get on stage. Troops, Crews, and Teams, yes Crews and Teams, can participate, too, will have cooking demos. Everyone will be invited to sample their most delicious camping specialties. "Be Prepared" to sign up at the April Roundtable.

### OA Corner



**OA Chapter Meeting** Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. Invite your OA Representative to attend.

**Spring Conclave/Service Weekend** at Phillippo. Your help is needed the May 6-8 to get the camp ready for the summer camping season. All scouts are welcome to attend.

**OA Election Results** Have you turned your election results? If not, [Kay Stewart](#), needs them as soon as possible. If not sooner.

### Venture Notes



**Venturing Presentation at Roundtable** A good opportunity for parents of older boys and girls ages 14 to 20 to learn more about Venturing. Invite them!

**Venture Recognition Dinner** At Base Camp, Sunday, April 10. Visit [Venture Dinner](#) for details.

**Venture Shindig** May 20-22, a full weekend of fun at Stearns Scout Camp Complete details at [Venture Shindig](#).



## Calendar

April 12	Apple Valley Community Breakfast
April 14	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting
April 16	University of Scouting
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Scouting for Food
April 30	District Volunteer Recognition Dinner
April 30	Cub Scout Training Day At Phillippo
May 6-8	OA Servcie Weekend at Phillippo
May 12	Roundtable

## Scouting For Food

"Scouting for Food" is Saturday April 23, 2016, and will run from about 10 am to 2 pm. More than 9000 people visit food shelves daily (county wide). More than 40% of these involve children. The need is greater and we need your help.

Please have your unit Scouting for Food Coordinator meet with Dave or Helen Lockwood at the April Roundtable to confirm your participation, determine your territory to cover, pick up door hangers, and find out the food shelf drop off locations.

Questions? Contact [Dave or Helen Lockwood](#).

## Eagle Expo

Attention all Life Scouts and parents, an Eagle Expo will be held Thursday, April 21, 7 pm. At Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd.

Now that you're on the final leg of your trail to Eagle you should be attending this conference on the details of what will be expected of you. We will discuss the Eagle application (most common errors causing rejection); Eagle project and what should be included in the packet once everything is completed

Have questions on the process? Bring a notebook and have your questions answered regarding this final leg on the trail to Eagle. Contact [Ron Lee](#) if you need more info. Flyer on page 6.

## District Award Nominations and District Dinner



The nomination forms have been reviewed and the 2016 Volunteer Recognitions have been determined. Recognitions will be presented at the District Dinner on Saturday, April 30 at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Apple Valley. Go to [District Dinner](#) for the flyer and registration information. The cost is \$20/adult, \$10/youth. Register by April 18 to avoid an \$8 late fee. Online registration closes April 25 and walk-ins will be charged \$30/adult, \$20/ youth. See the flyer on page five.

**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](#).

## Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) Follow Up, Follow Up, Follow Up...

We are nearing the end of this Scouting year and CBD is at 63% of their \$99,500 FFOS goal. Just 6 of our 47 units have met their base FFOS goal. We want to be at 80% of our goal by mid-April, so we have some catching up.

Many units are \$1,000 or less from their base goal. We need all unit leaders to do a thorough 'FOLLOW-UP' with every family in their unit, in attempting to reach their base goal. Make sure every family has the opportunity to contribute. Don't forget grandparents, relatives, former Scouts and leaders.

Good news! Northern Star Council has extended the deadline for reaching your unit base goal to qualify for the *FREE* incentive items until May 15, 2016. It previously was April 15th. These incentive are free Pinewood Derby kits for Cub Packs, and free Merit Badges for the Boy Scout Troops. These free incentives start of June 1, 2016 thru the Scout Shops.

Let's have a final big push towards our District FFOS goal over the next two months. Our District cry is '*GO!*', and is now quite applicable to our Family FOS campaign for 2016 as we GO! Forward to meet our goal. Please contact [Jerry Gohl](#) or (952) 381-7475 with any questions concerning Family FOS.

## 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 statewide event that will be held at all elementary schools.

Now is the time to select a school night coordinator, and let Membership Chair [Renee Estrella-Wells](#) know who will be your contact for your pack. Then plan to 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.

Questions? Contact [Renee Estrella-Wells](#), or 952-564-9133

## Earth Day Spring Service Project

Earth Day is April 22 but it's not too early to think about a spring clean up service project. With the early snow melt we already see a lot of areas where the winter trash has collected. A perfect time to consider a clean up project along a neighborhood street, the local park or your Charter Partner's building or facility. This can be a perfect den or patrol activity.

## Training, Training, Training

### University of Scouting

New courses have been recently added to the program offering at this Spring's University of Scouting. Check the latest course catalog and mark your calendars for Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Lakeville South High School. Go to [U of S](#).

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University of Scouting will again offer the Youth Leadership College (YLC) - classes for youth by youth. These classes are for Boy Scouts and along with Venturing Scout classes offer leadership and Scout skill training.

## Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training

There will be two, in-person training opportunities for the required Youth Protection and Den Leader (all levels), Pack Committee and Cubmasters leader positions.

- April 16<sup>th</sup> at University of Scouting
- May 1<sup>st</sup> at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls

Find the registration link at [University of Scouting](#). The May 1<sup>st</sup> course and on-line registration will soon be posted and found using the "Find a Course" link from this same webpage.

As always, these courses are also available on-line through <https://my.scouting.org/>.

Any questions or problems regarding training programs should be sent to [Chad Cooper](#).

## Boy Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Boy Scout leaders will have two opportunities for their position required training courses; Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Scoutmaster (and ASM) position, Troop Committee Challenge and Youth Protection:

- April 16<sup>th</sup> at University of Scouting
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls

Find the registration link at [University of Scouting](#). For the June 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend, the specific course schedules and on-line registration will soon be posted and found using the "Find a Course" link from this same webpage.

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## More Training Opportunities

### Cub Scout Leader Outdoor Training – Combined BALOO and OWLS

BALOO training is a one-day course on the Cub Scout outdoor program for those leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for at least one adult on a Pack overnigher.

The OWLS course is designed to help Webelos leaders enhance the outdoor program for the Webelos Scouts in their den by teaching some basic outdoor skills as well as skills needed to complete many of the Webelos activity badges.

The combined BALOO/OWLS will be offered on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls. Registration will soon be available on-line through the Council website. [Go to training.](#)

A BALOO only (not OWLS) course will be offered on April 16<sup>th</sup> at University of Scouting.

### Ultimate Adult Training

For a “mountain top” training experience, there is absolutely nothing better than the experience you’ll have at Philmont Training Center and Sea Base. This summer, these locations will offer courses on

- Building a high-performing Cub Scout pack.
- Elevating the outdoor part of your den and pack programs.
- Making !fun! the core of your den and pack programs.

Course specifics and registration can be found at [Philmont](#).



## BSA BB & Archery Range Master Training

Three opportunities this spring to become a qualified range master. Be certified allows to run the BB and archery ranges at our Council camps.

Separate BB & Archery Courses

- Sat May 7<sup>th</sup>, Stearns Scout Camp
- Sat May 21<sup>st</sup>, Rum River Scout Camp

Links to on-line registration at [Shooting Sports](#).

### COPE and Climbing Instructor

For youth (16 years and older) and adults, Foundation Level 1 course is offered at Base Camp from April 16<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>. This course will teach you climbing skills and provide instructor certification to be a climbing wall instructor and work with a level 2 instructor to run a Council climbing tower.

For adults (21 years and older), the Foundations Level 2 course will be offered at Base Camp from May 7<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. This course provides program management and safety skills for operating Northern Star Council's climbing towers with the assistance of another level 1 or 2 instructor. Foundation Level 1 certification is a prerequisite.

### Den Chief Training

Within Chief Black Dog(GO!), Den Chief Training will now be offered by request only. When requested, we will try to arrange a time and location that works for both the den chief and den leader. Den chiefs are appointed at varying times throughout the year and people's schedules can be very challenging. By making this a special request training, our goals are to (a) accommodate the busy schedules of the Scout and leader, (b) be able to tailor the length of the course to the audience and (c) reach as many units as possible.

### Journey 2.0

The first step in Journey 2.0 for 2016 is due on April 30. Take some time to meet with your Unit Commissioner and “review and reflect” on the past year. How did the past year go? The good and not so good. What can we do to improve and meet the next Guideposts. For more on Journey 2.0 go to [Journey 2.0](#).





*Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!*

*...as we honor our outstanding  
Unit and District volunteers!*

*You're invited  
to the*

*Northern Star Council  
Chief Black Dog District  
Annual*



*Volunteer Recognition Dinner*

***Saturday, April 30, 2016***

*Come celebrate the volunteers who were nominated by their fellow Scouters  
for their exceptional service to Scouting and the community!*

**Where:** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road  
Apple Valley

**Time:** 5:30 Check-in and Fellowship; 6 p.m. Dinner

**Cost:** Adults: \$20; Youth: \$10

*-- Something to consider: many Units cover the cost of  
ticket(s) for award recipient(s) and their families --*

*Register online by  
Monday, April 18.  
Starting on April 19,  
a late fee of \$8 per ticket  
will be added\*\**

**Registration:** *Pre-registration is required to guarantee the food order\*\**

To register, go to

<https://www.scoutingevent.com?cbd2016districtdinner>

Council Code: 352

**\*\*Online registration closes on Monday, April 25 at 11:45 p.m. After that, only walk-up registration on the night of the event will be available, so please plan ahead.**

**\*\* Walk-ups will be charged \$30 for Adults and \$20 for Youth. To avoid paying the higher walk-up charge, please pre-register online by April 25!**

District Dinner information page  
and Nomination Forms:  
<http://cbd.nsbse.org/Activities/DistrictDinner.aspx>

Your photos are needed for a slideshow!  
Contact  
Paul Mahowald at [pamaho5729@aol.com](mailto:pamaho5729@aol.com) or  
Paul Najlis at [najlis@mac.com](mailto:najlis@mac.com) for details

# Chief Black Dog

## Eagle Expo

When: Thursday April 21, 2016

Where: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd  
Apple Valley  
North Entrance

Time: 7:00 – 8:30

Who: All Life Scouts and parent

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If you have questions on this process you should plan on attending as we will set time aside at the end to answer any you might have. Bring your pencil and paper and come prepared to learn the expectations of the final leg to Eagle Scout.

