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Happy Holidays

A special Happy Holidays wish for all Chief Black Dog (GO!) scouts and scouters. There's a fresh coating of snow on the ground, wreaths have been delivered and winter adventures are just around the corner. A special thanks to everyone who helped with the Eagan food drive. We know many more community service projects are being planned as the holidays approach. Yes, scouting makes a difference.

Steve Engel—Editor



December Roundtable

Cub Scouts

It's the holiday season, and the Cub Scout Roundtable staff has decided to celebrate! We will be playing a game during the Cub Scout leader huddle that involves an ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped holiday ornament(\$5 or less) to exchange with other Cub-Leaders. There will be cookies, lemonade, and additional goodies to munch on when we re-group with the Boy Scout leaders after the huddles. Invite other leaders from your pack to join you at Roundtable. We love to see new faces!

Roundtable - come to share and learn.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scout side will feature a discussion of the new process for developing, planning and carrying out the Eagle Scout Project. And the discussion of retaining older scouts and keeping them involved will continue with a presentation on Venturing. Yes, your troop can benefit from supporting a Venture crew.

Also at Roundtable

6:00 pm Order of the Arrow, Unit Election Training
(Soutmaster and 2 scouts should attend)

7:30 pm Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting



Protestant God and Country Religious Emblem Program

The Protestant God and Country Religious Emblems classes will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church starting January 22, 2012.

As in past years, we will offer all 4 levels of the God and Country program:

- 1st-3rd grade God and Me
- 4th & 5th grade God and Family
- 6th-8th grade God and Church
- 9th-12th grade God and Life.
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Please spread the word within your units. Also, please invite Girl Scout sisters to come and please share this announcement with any Girl Scout groups your daughters may be members of.

For more information and a registration form, contact [Bob Elliott, program director](#). Information to be posted on the CBD(G!) website soon.

Friends of Scouting

I hope you're enjoying the holiday season! The FOS program is well underway, and we have 13 units that have scheduled their FOS presentations prior to the end of the year, giving themselves a fast start and an opportunity to benefit from the spirit of giving at year-end. As a district, our goal of \$113,000 is our highest ever, but attainable. With reductions in United Way's financial support of scouting again for 2012, the success of our family FOS program is even more critical to maintaining a strong scouting program in our area. I appreciate you volunteering your time to lead FOS in your unit, and I hope you'll let me know if I can help you and your unit's program be successful.

We held two training sessions (Oct and Nov Roundtables), and I'll be at this week's December Roundtable (12/8 at 6:30 - 7:45pm) if you need any supplies or want to turn in pledges. Also, I'm meeting a few units at 6:30pm, so if you missed the Oct/Nov sessions and would like a FOS overview and to pick up your unit materials, please join us at the LDS church at 651 Southcross Drive East in Burnsville at 6:30pm (Roundtable starts at 7pm).

Finally, the following units still need to confirm their unit coordinators and/or presentation dates to me [John Herron](#):

Packs: 204 (name), 293 (name, date), 441 (name), 445 (name, date), 453 (name, date), 824 (name, date)

Troops: 171 (date), 290 (date), 293 (date), 446 (date), 449 (date), 453 (name, date), 455 (date), 499 (date), 510 (date)

Crews: 446 (name, date)

From the Commissioner Staff Recharter Time

Internet recharter training for troops and crews was held at last month's roundtable. Now, don't let that recharter packet collect dust on your desk. Now the time to be reviewing and updating your rosters. Charters are due at the January Roundtable. For Cub Scout Packs internet recharter training will take place at 6 pm at the January Roundtable.

Fall Food Drive Results

On Nov 18-20, Scouts, leaders, parents and siblings from 11 Troops, 6 Packs and 1 Venture Crew conducted the 3rd annual Chief Black Dog District fall food drive. During 24 hours across 3 days, we collected food at the Rainbow in Eagan and Kowalski's in Eagan. Despite the snow on Saturday and the poor economy, shoppers at the two stores donated 6500 pounds of food and \$955 in cash. The recipients of those donations were: Eagan Resource Center, 3800 pounds; Prince of Peace, 2600 pounds and \$955 cash; and Lewis House shelter, 100 pounds

Units participating in the fall food drive were: Troops 171, 204, 292, 345, 446, 449, 451, 455, 510 and 708; Packs 292, 293, 446, 451, 455 and 622; and Crew 453. Troop 471 from Dan Patch District also participated. Prince of Peace graciously allowed us to use two delivery trucks as rolling warehouses for the weekend. Louise Elliott led the effort at Kowalski's all weekend, and Bob Elliott led the effort at Rainbow. Many thanks to everyone who donated their time to help us collect over 3 tons of badly needed food in time for the holidays.

Thanks, Bob Elliott



Happy Holidays!