



THE CBD CHATTER

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Early Fall Issue

We've had that hard freeze, it's time for "indian summer" before fall fades into winter. The "scout goblins" have canvased our neighborhoods in search of those Halloween treats....

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Calendar

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| November 2 | Parent Education Conf. |
| November 9-10 | OA Fall Fellowship |
| November 11 | Eagle Expo |
| November 14 | Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Unit Charters Due FOS Training |
| November 22-24 | Fall Food Drive |
| December 12 | Roundtable |

Fall Food drive Eagan Rainbow

The fall food drive will be held again this year at the Eagan Rainbow. This has been an annual food drive for the last few years on the weekend before Thanksgiving. This year it is the weekend of November 22, 23, and 24. As of this writing there may still be a shift open. For more information contact [Bob Elliott](#). Or to check for open shifts and to register go to [Fall Food Drive](#).

Eagle Expo

The next Eagle Expo will be Tuesday, November 12, 7 pm, at Shepherd of the Valley Church, room 14-15. The church is on the northeast corner of Johnny Cake Ridge Road and McAndrews. The Expo is for all Life Scouts, Star Scouts who expect to be Life before April 2014, and of course, their parents. This is the chance to find out more about those last steps along the trail to Eagle, including the service project - what is expected, etc. Often, the biggest challenge. For more information contact [Ron Lee](#), 952-913-8270

Internet Rechartering

As of October 2, internet rechartering is under way. If you haven't started this process, please start now to clean up your unit roster - a good time to take a unit inventory, find out who is re-registering and who isn't, who will want Boy's Life and who won't, etc. for both youth and adults. Then log in and download your roster and begin. Resources are available on the council website including an "Internet Rechartering Tutorial". Charters are due at the November Roundtable, November 14. With the holidays approaching this is always a busy time of the year. Let's complete our charters before the holidays. ***Please note the "Internet Rechartering" shows both the youth and adult fee as \$15, but the fee has increased to \$24 per youth and adult.***

District Committee Midway at Monthly Roundtables



A new feature at our monthly roundtables will be the District Committee Midway. Each of our district committees from Activities to Venturing will have a table in the Midway, most likely around the perimeter of the main room. The respective Committee Chairs are asked to be on hand prior to Roundtable to answer questions.

OA Chapter Meeting

The Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting is held each month at Roundtable. All youth members are invited to attend. This is a chance to help plan chapter activities. After the announcements about 7:15pm

**District 196 Community Education
Project Explore
Volunteer Opportunities**

It's that time of the year again when we are looking for volunteers for our Gift Making Workshop. The date is Saturday December 7th, at Valley Middle School from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. In years past we have divided the shifts, however this year we will have just one shift. If you're not familiar with our program "Project Explore", we serve adults with disabilities in our district and surrounding districts. This is a very rewarding experience, and I know you'll take with you some very special memories.

We are looking for 15-18 volunteers. The volunteers must be at least 12 years old and feel comfortable helping our clients with making their gifts. Volunteers will help with set up, help in making gifts and help at the end with clean up. We welcome groups volunteering as well. So please check your calendars join us in making some awesome memories!

Please contact [Deb Jeska](#), if you are interested.

More December Opportunities

Holiday Meal, Monday Dec 2, Scott Highlands Middle School, 5:30-8:30, need 2-3 volunteers.

Holiday Meal, Monday Dec 9, Scott Highlands Middle School, 5:30-8:30, need 2-3 volunteers.

Christmas Bingo and Pizza, Saturday Dec 14, Valley Middle School, 11:30-3:00, need 7-10 volunteers.

Go Gluten Free, Monday Dec 16, Scott Highlands Middle School, 5:30-8:30pm, need 2-3 volunteers.

Wooden Gingerbread House, Wednesday Dec 18, Valley Middle School, 6-8:30pm, need 5-7 volunteers.

**Scout Night
AirMaxx Trampoline Park**

Are you and your Scouts looking for new things to do in the upcoming year?

Come check out [AirMaxx Trampoline Park and Fun Center](#) in Eden Prairie on Tuesday, **November 12th, 2013**. As a scout leader, you and your pack/troop are welcome **with a reservation** to enjoy **FREE** trampoline jumping, laser tag, mini golf and more from 6:30-8:30 pm.

To reserve your space, e-mail us at events@airmaxxtrampolinepark.com or call Sara directly at 952.232.0096 by Friday, November 8th.

Space is limited, so don't delay! Reserve your space today!

**Service Projects Need
to be Entered in JTE**

For all units, your unit service projects must be entered in the JTE system via the Unit Tool Box or the council will not give you credit. If you need assistance, please contact your Unit Commissioner. If you need your JTE ID and password, you should contact [Kirk Heimstead](#) ASAP to get these log-on credentials.

**Order of the Arrow
Fall Fellowship**

The OA Fall Fellowship is this weekend, November 9, 10. This year it's Saturday to Sunday, 7 pm to 7 am. It's Mission Impossible and your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to join your fellow agents (arrowmen and women) at the Fall Fellowship for fun and adventure. For all the details, more information and registration information, go to [Fall Fellowship](#).

