



THE CBD CHATTER

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The weather, it is a-changing slowly giving way to fall. Still, I'm not ready to give up on summer, but it is time to be thinking of and finalizing for our winter adventures. Other items that require your attention include October Roundtable (be sure your unit is represented), Cub Leader training for all those new Cub Scout leaders, University of Scouting, and Internet Rechartering.

Steve Engel—Editor

September Roundtable

Cub Scout For October the Cub Scout breakout will feature a discussion of a “Webelos Transition”. Cubmasters, Pack Committee Chairs, Webelos Leaders of course, and , yes, parents of Webelos should be invited to attend this session.

Boy Scout The Boy Scout breakout will feature a presentation on the new Webelos program. This will be helpful in knowing where the boys are coming from when they begin the transition into the troop. We will also have a presentation on welcoming new families into the troop.

Boy Leader The Boy Leader Breakout will look at the role of the Patrol Leader’s Council (PLC). Who is on the PLC and what is the role of the PLC. Examples will be presented and discussed through role playing exercises. Troop leaders overwhelmingly asked these breakouts continue. Now it is up to you to see that your youth leaders are invited, can and will attend. Include your OA Youth Representative and offer a ride to Roundtable.

OA Chapter Meeting As noted above, Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during Roundtables. Each troop should have a OA Youth Representative who attends these meetings. Invite them along with your youth leaders when you attend Roundtable.



Training at Roundtable The following Training will be available at this month’s roundtable. Training will begin shortly after the opening announcements.

Internet Recharter An overview of Internet recharter training will be presented again at the October Roundtable. The person responsible for your unit’s rechartering should attend. Unit recharter packets will be available at Roundtable. Online internet rechartering will begin October 3. Keep in mind that the internet recharter website is down on weekends from Friday evening until early Sunday evening. **Rechartering packets will be available at October Roundtable.**

Recharters will need to be turned in by The November Roundtable to be considered “on time”.

Welcome Adam Hille

As many of you know, Molly Long resigned as our District Executive last month. September 17 was her last official day with Chief Black Dog (GO!). We wish her good luck as she faces new challenges and opportunities.

And now we offer an enthusiastic Chief Black Dog (GO!) welcome to Adam Hille who joins our district as our new District Executive. Adam is an Eagle Scout who says his two passions are Scouting and music. His first day was October 1, and he jumped right in with our District Commissioner’s meeting and now looks forward to meeting most of you at this month’s Roundtable.

Calendar

October 8	Roundtable Internet Recharter Training OA Chapter Meeting
October 17	Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)
October 23-25	OA Fall Fellowship
October 24	University of Scouting
November 12	Roundtable Recharter Due OA Election Training

School Night for Scouting Follow-Up, Follow-Up, Follow-Up

The “state-wide” School Night for Scouting recruiting effort has passed and I hope you all had good turn outs. If you haven’t had it already, you should be soon holding a new parents orientation meeting, acquainting them with the program, getting dens organized and recruiting leaders. Turn in any new scout or leader applications as soon as possible.

Volunteer Service Opportunities River Valley Project Explore

River Valley Project Explore is a District 196 Community Education program that provides programs and activities for adults with disabilities. Activities include bowling, bingo, movies, dances, craft and cooking classes and trips to local events. Project Explore is always looking for volunteers to help instructors and participants with these activities. Over the years many scouts from our units have volunteered and helped with these programs. These opportunities are perfect for working on the Disabilities Awareness Merit badge. For more information on the Project Explore program go to [Project Explore](#) or call (651) 423-7931.

Craft Sale On Saturday, October 10, we can all help support the Project Explore program by visiting their first annual craft fair. It will be at Valley Middle School from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be forty to fifty vendors, admission is free, and food and beverages can be purchased. Please come out and help support a program that provides so much for our community.

Journey to Excellence Guidepost Three

Guidepost Three is all about training. Refer to your Council Calendar and Resource Guide for Journey to Excellence training requirements as it pertains to your unit, or go to [Journey to Excellence 2.0](#). With few exceptions most of the training is available on-line. But there is a lot to be said for taking training in a group setting. If your leaders are planning to take training at University of Scouting, have them register by October 15 to meet the Journey to Excellence requirement. Cub Scout Leaders, can go to [Cub Scout Training](#) for more training opportunities.

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting is an excellent opportunity for supplemental and basic training. Have your leaders register by October 15 to meet JTE Guidepost Three. There are sessions for all levels and interests in Scouting. In addition, there will be a Midway Area featuring many program areas in and outside of Scouting. Complete details can be found at [University of Scouting](#).

Special offer for FOS presenters/coordinators. Sign up for Friends of Scouting Training at University of Scouting, held hour 1 (a 3 hour class) and get the rest of the afternoon sessions for free. You will also receive a special catered barbecue lunch. Sign up for Friends of Scouting and select “pay at the door” when registering.



Free Airplane Rides

The Young Eagles Program through the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter 25) offers free airplane rides for youth ages 8 to 17 years old. The rides are given the 3rd Saturday each month (all year long) at the Airlake Airport in Lakeville. For more information contact Kris Olson at (651) 675-6826. You can also visit www.youngeagles.org or www.eaa25.org.

School of Fish On Ice

Ages 8-15

An ice fishing class for kids! Learn about finding fish in winter, ice fishing lures and how to use them, knot tying and slip-bobber rigging, winter sonar use and ice safety. Includes a full-color, professionally produced workbook. Kids will leave with a complete ice fishing equipment pack, so they are ICE READY!

Younger children may register if accompanied by an adult. One adult may accompany a child at no additional cost provided they share an equipment pack.

Designed and taught by Mike Frisch: Pro Angler/Guide & 20-year teacher.

For more information visit <http://www.FishingTheMidwest.com>.

Class fee is being partly subsidized by the Minnesota Valley In-Fisherman's Club.

Class includes:

- Expert fishing instruction
- Quality fishing rod and reel
- Fishing tackle pack
- School of Fish t-shirt
- School of Fish resource book
- Snack pack



CLASS #23452

Saturday.....Nov 14

Time 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Cost \$10/child

Location ECC, Oasis

Register by.....Fri., Nov 6



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School of Fish *on Ice* **Ice Fishing class**

Eagan Parks and Recreation along with the Minnesota Valley In-Fisherman's Club will offer an ice fishing class on Saturday, November 14 at the Eagan Community Center, 9:30 to noon. The class is for ages 8-15 and just \$10 per person. See the flyer on page 3 for more details.

Recruit a Friend and Earn a Free Rocket

As a follow up recruiting campaign, scouts in Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews can recruit a friend and both will receive the larger Alpha III model rocket. Supplies are limited, so recruit a friend now. Units may also purchase the Alpha III rocket for \$5 each or the Alpha III Rocket Launcher Package (includes the rocket plus launcher). Engines are not included. Again supplies are limited. For more information, contact [Bob Thielen](#)

OA Fall Fellowship October 23-25

The 2015 OA Fall Fellowship will be held on the Weekend of October 23, 24, and 25 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. Fall Fellowship is a weekend campout this with special activities honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Go to [Fall Fellowship](#) for more information.

Jamboree on the Air

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community.

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. More info at [Jamboree on the Air](#).



Charter Organization Representative Training

There will be two in-person opportunities for CORs to get their position training completed. It's offered as a 2-hour session at University of Scouting on October 24th. It will also be offered as a 3-part course on Thursdays at our local Roundtable at the Burnsville LDS Church:

- 1. November 12th 7:30-8:30 - Part 1
- 2. January 14th 7:30-8:30 - Part 2
- 3. March 10th 7:30-8:15 - Charter Organization and BSA Membership Change.

The third session is not part of the required position training. It will be a presentation of BSA's recent youth and adult membership policy changes and considerations for the Charter Organization.



New Ordeal members enjoy dinner



Raising the colors at Camporee



5...4...3...2...1...Lift Off!



Do you see it?