



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## Don't Miss the Last Roundtable

You won't want to miss the last Roundtable before we break for summer (no Roundtable in June or July). Roundtable resumes on August 14 with our annual Cornfeed and Program Kickoff.

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### May Roundtable

Yes, our last Roundtable before we take a break for summer.

**Boy Scouts** May will be a combined session, (no admin breakout) featuring a GPS presentation by Rich Billion. Bring your GPS unit, if you have one, and invite anyone else who has one. There will also be a year end wrap up and we will introduce the Leave No Trace Trainer youth position.

**Cub Scouts** Moving up to or taking on a new position next year? Here's your chance to get a hard start on training. Position specific training will be offered at the May Roundtable. We call it "Move Up Training". We will also talk about planning and suggestions for summer-time activities.

**JTE Training** If you missed the previous training for JTE (Journey to Excellence), plan to be at the May Roundtable. JTE 2.0 or 4+1 has been reduced to just 5 items. A complete overview will be presented at Roundtable.

**School Night Training** Likewise if you have missed the previous School Night Training session we will have a make up training at roundtable. Every pack needs to attend this training. There are significant changes this year. One specific change is the "statewide" recruiting effort on a single date. All promotion and marketing will be focused on the one date of Thursday, September 18. The incentive for joining Cub Scouts is a free model rocket. See page two for Model Rocket Launch Day info.

### Calendar

May 8	Roundtable
	OA Chapter meeting
May 10	Outdoor Leadership Skills Training
May 30-June 1	Spring Camporee
June 7	Council Pinewood Derby
August 2	Model Rocket Launch Day
August 14	Corn Feed Program Kick-Off

### Outdoor Leadership Skills Saturday, May 10

An Outdoor Leadership Skills Training will be held at Kaposia Park on Saturday, May 10, 8 am to 5 pm. More information, training flyer and registration information can be found at [OLS Training](#). This training course is sponsored by Chief Black Dog (GO!) and Kaposia Districts.

### Spring Camporee May 30, 31, June 1

A Spring Camporee will be held on the weekend of May 30, 31, and June 1. It will be held at Philippo Scout Reservation. It open to all Boy Scouts and Webelos. Webelos will have a chance to earn outdoor themed activity pins and other activities. Boy Scouts will be working on a variety of merit badges. Details and registration on the web site at [Spring Camporee](#).



## Scouting for Food Results

On Saturday, April 26, scouts went door to door throughout Eagan and Apple Valley collecting food for local food shelves. Units also collected food throughout the weekend at the Eagan Rainbow store. Altogether more than 30 units collected more than 15,000 lbs of food and \$400+ in cash donations. Thanks to everyone who collected food and helped at the drop off sites.



## Apple Valley Relay for Life

Chief Black Dog(GO!) Scouts have been asked to help support and assist the Apple Valley Relay for Life. We find this to be an excellent service opportunity. Specifically, they asked the Scouts to provide the color guard for the opening ceremony. We'd like to see Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Venture Scouts all represented in the color guard. Other areas discussed would be assisting groups or teams with materials and supplies to their "campsites". The Apple Valley Relay for Life will begin at 6pm, on Friday, July 18 and last to Saturday morning. Watch for more information in future issues. If you are not familiar with "Relay for Life" check out their website. "[Relay for Life](#)" is an inspiring opportunity to honor cancer survivors, promote how individuals can reduce their cancer risk, and raise money to help end cancer. If your unit would to help with this event, especially the color guard please let me know, [Steve Engel](#).



## Spring Service Projects *Earth Day Clean Up*

Earth Day was April 22. The snow has receded and warmer temperatures abound. Winter seems to have given away to spring. The long cold winter is revealing a lot of accumulated trash and debris. There is still some time to consider a Spring Earth Day Clean Up service project. April - May is a perfect time. As I travel around the communities, I see a lot trash left behind. Perhaps a good time for a service project to clean up for your charter partner, the local school, neighborhood park or playground. This is a very busy time of the year so this can be a low key project and can take place on a patrol or den level.



## Model Rocket Flight Day

Announcing the 8th annual Model Rocket Flight Day, Saturday, August 2 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. This event is co-sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and District 196 Community Education - Space Camp Challenge. This event is open to scouts, family, friends and neighbors. Boys who join Cub Scouts on August 1 or later will receive a free rocket kit. A great time to invite friends to help launch a rocket, learn about and get excited about Scouting. See below for another launch opportunity. Watch for a flyer and more details on the district web site.

**A second rocket launch day** is tentatively scheduled for October 11 with a make up date on October 18 if the weather is bad. This is a district wide opportunity for new cub scouts, who will receive a free model rocket after they join scouting. Additional activities will also be planned. Model rocket kits will also be available, at cost, from the council for current Cub Scouts as well. Watch the Chatter and the web site for details.

