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Early May Issue!

Yes, thoughts are certainly turning towards summer camp, activities, and high adventure as cool spring evenings give way to the summer heat. Please take note of the date change for Cub Annapolis, the extension for earning your “Friends of Scouting” incentive and a later date for the August Cornfeed, Program Kick Off. And while warm summer days lie ahead, let’s not forget it’s time to look ahead to fall and prepare for School Night for Scouting.

Steve Engel—Editor

May Roundtable

Cub Scout The time for implementing the new Cub Scout program is now and this month’s roundtable will continue the discussion of the new program. A mock den meeting, pack meeting and an advancement ceremony will demonstrate implementing the new program. The Scout Shop will have some of the new program materials available for review. May Roundtable will also include a discussion of summer time activities, events and opportunities. Including the 4th of July parade.

Boy Scout Come hungry—the cook off is back! Troops will be demonstrating their camp gourmet specialties and delights. Food allergies will be discussed. Epi Pen usage and training, troop first aid kits, what to include, preparation and usage will also be included.

Senior Patrol Leader How to effectively use and implement the “patrol method”. What and why the “patrol method” and how the “patrol method” can improve your troop.



School Night for Scouting Training for School Night for Scouting (SNFS) will be held at this month’s Roundtable, about 7:30 pm, after opening announcements. All packs should attend to learn about this year’s plans for school night recruiting. Troops and commissioners should also attend to see how you can support our packs. See page two for more School Night for Scouting info.

Cub Annapolis

Date is moved back to August 1

The date for Cub Annapolis 2015 has been moved back to Saturday August 1 at Hagemeister Park in Apple Valley. The change is largely due to the difficulty of finding open park space that is not dedicated to youth athletics in the spring. For the Cub Annapolis, Cub Scouts will prepare a race car out of cardboard boxes, decorate it, and then race around a race course, stopping at periodic intervals for pit stops, change tires (socks), clean windshield (wipe goggles), or refuel (drink water). The first car to complete so many laps will win. More details will follow.

The 9th Annual Model Rocket Flight Day will also be on Saturday, August 1. See page three.

Friends of Scouting



The deadline for earning incentives for reaching your “Friends of Scouting” goal has been extended to May 15. A few units are very, very close and you have few days to work on it. Some wrap ideas. Be sure every family has had the opportunity to pledge. Turn in all pledges as soon as possible. Consider contacting grandparents, especially if they have been involved in scouting. And don’t forget parents who are no longer active as their boys may have aged out.

2015-16 Planning Calendar

The new council 2015-16 planning calendars will be available at this month’s roundtable.

Calendar

May 14	Roundtable School Night Training OA Chapter Meeting
May 15-17	Venturing Shindig Ripley Rendezvous
May 25	Memorial Day
June 2	Combined District Committee And Commissioners Meeting
June 6	Council Pinewood Derby At Base Camp
July 4	4th of July Parades
Aug 1	Model Rocket Launch Day Cub Annapolis
Aug 20	Corn Feed Roundtable Program Kick Off

Memorial Day Ceremonies Apple Valley/Eagan

Remember our fallen military, police and fire heroes this Memorial Day

Eagan . In previous years a ceremony in Eagan has taken place at about 2 p.m. on Memorial Day. Ceremonies have been at Eagan Central Park, located at 1501 Central Parkway. Refreshments have followed the ceremony. Please contact The City of Eagan for details on this year's plans.

Apple Valley The annual Memorial Ceremony will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 25. Meet early at the American Legion Post 1776 in Apple Valley for a short parade walk to the ceremony. Contact Lloyd Cybart, 952-431-1776, at the American Legion for more details.

For all ceremonies, Scouts should be in uniform and are encouraged to bring both unit and American Flags.

JTE 2.0 Journey to Excellence

Last year the criteria for earning the Journey to Excellence (bronze, silver or gold) was revised down to just 4 items, considered to be the basis of a successful scout program. It's trained leadership, delivering a planned program (activity and budget) that is communicated to family and scouts and on-time rechartering. This year the recognition levels have been stepped up a notch.

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Camping Corner

Cub Scout Camping

- Summer camp reservations are still open. There's still time to sign up. Cub Camping information, promotional aids, and registration can be found at: [Cub Camping](#)
- Need financial help sending a Scout to summer camp? Apply for a campership at: [Camperships](#)
- The Northern Star Council Pinewood Derby is June 6 at Base Camp.
- Fall Blast Off registration opens August 15.



Boy Scout Camping (Tomahawk and Many Point)

Summer Camp reservations are open for 2016. Units can reserve their same campsite during their same week from January 1 until May 1. After May 5 reservations are open on a first come first serve basis. Go to [Many Point](#) or [Tomahawk](#) to check availability.

- All Star: If Scouts can't go to camp when your troop goes they can attend one of our All Star Weeks. Go to [Many Point](#) or [Tomahawk](#) to find a registration form.
- Need financial help sending a Scout to summer camp? Apply for camperships at: [Camperships](#)
- Submit your Tomahawk merit badge requests on SCMS by June 1st for best consideration.
- Stay Informed: Text LOON to 22828 to sign up for the Many Point ENewsletter. Text TOMAHAWK to 42828 to sign up for the Tomahawk ENewsletter.



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Transitioning Webelos

Troop leaders, please double check that all transitioned Webelos are registered. Turn in any outstanding paperwork as soon as possible.

In addition to on-time rechartering, complete 2 guideposts for bronze, three for silver and four for gold. The guideposts are basic training, advanced training, planning and funding your program, and communicating your program. These are all outlined with helpful resources in the council program calendar. The District Commissioner Staff is trained, knowledgeable and can answer questions and offer guidance on your "Journey to Excellence" Now is the time to be putting these pieces in place. Your program, budget and communication plan need to be complete by August 31.

Earth Day Spring Clean Up



Earth Day 2015 was Wednesday, April 22. There is still time to do an Earth Day service project. Maybe a service project for your unit's Charter Partner, or a clean up in the neighborhood park. If you do or have done a project this year, we would love to see some pictures. They can be sent to [Steve Engel](#).



Scouting for Food Results

Thanks to everyone who help with the annual Scouting for Food Drive, Saturday, April 25. A total of 10,993 pounds and \$175 were collected for local food shelves. If you have collected on a different date, keep track of your totals and let Tom Beck know the amount and which food shelf you delivered to.

School Night for Scouting Training and More

Another session of School Night for Scouting training is offered at the May Roundtable. Training begins at about 7:30 following opening announcements. All Cub Scout Packs should have a representative at training. In addition to attending a training session, packs should also be:

- Identifying a School Night for Scouting Coordinator.
- Make plans to be at the school's open house and/or other fall school events.
- Talk with the school administration about what you can do at the school, posters, display table during assessment days, yard signs, etc.
- Make reservations to have the school open that evening, Thursday, September 17, 2015.

As a district we have made a request to each elementary school principal to include us on their school calendar and allow us to be at school on school night. Our District Executive, Molly Long will be meeting with each school principal this month as well to discuss School Night.



Model Rocket Flight Day Saturday, August 1, 2015



Our 9th Annual Model Rocket Flight Day will also be held on Saturday, August 1. It is co-sponsored with School District 196 Community Education Space Camp Challenge Program. It will be held at Falcon Ridge Space Center (Middle School), north of Hagemester Park where Cub Annapolis will be happening on the same day. Scouts can race and then launch rockets. Friends, family, grandparents, brothers and sisters are all invited. Invite a friend who maybe interested in joining. New Cub Scouts receive a model rocket. Check-in begins at 9 am and launches begin around 10 am. Watch the web site for the flyer.

Cub Scouting 2015 Update

BSA has now released all of the main publications for this year's new program. The youth handbooks and den leader guides are now on the Scout Shop store shelves. Electronic copies of the den leader guides can also be purchased out on Amazon.com. The pack meeting resource ideas are also available at [resources](#).

We will review the new content and there will be time for Q&A and this month's Roundtable.

OA Chapter Meeting at Roundtable

Invite your youth OA members to attend monthly chapter meetings. It's their chance to express their ideas about chapter and lodge activities.

POPCORN CHAIRS



CRAFT YOUR PROGRAM NEXT FALL HOW? ASK YOUR SCOUTS WHAT THEIR ULTIMATE ADVENTURE IS!

Ultimate Adventure Challenge for the Month of May

- Gather all your Scouts up and ask them what they would like to do in Scouting
- Take all of the answers and have them vote to get 2 or 3 really great ideas.
- Put those adventures into your Unit budget and this fall selling popcorn can make it happen. Make it the most memorable Scouting year!
- This is a great way to plan your unit budget and to keep Scout motivation high
- Email your Unit's ultimate adventures to popcorn@nsbsa.org and be entered into a drawing for some great prizes! Due June 6, 2015.



*Unit leaders and popcorn chairs...
Are you up for the Ultimate Adventure
Popcorn Challenge!*