



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## Early October

Well summer was hanging in for a few more days but change is coming and, yes, the weather forecast has mentioned snow!.So thoughts may be turning to planning those winter activities. Fall recruiting is well underway and it's now time for the follow up. Troops and crews should planning their own recruiting activity and it's unit inventory time.

*Steve Engel—Editor*

### Religious Emblem Opportunities

Classes are being scheduled for scouts to have the opportunity their religious emblems.

#### ***Fall 2012***

Protestant, 4th and 5th grade, God and Family Emanuel Lutheran

Catholic, Ad Altare Dei, Religious Emblem Retreat at Kiwanis Camp

#### ***Spring 2013***

Protestant Religious Emblems at Shepherd of the Valley

Complete information, flyers and registration info can be found at [Religious Emblems](#) on the CBD(G!) web site.

### Roundtables

Several events were announced at the September roundtable. Here's a list of those events and dates. Please make your Scouts aware of these events. Flyers with information for each of the events can be found under the "Roundtable Handouts" portion of the Roundtable web page at [event information](#)

October 19 Venturing Fright Night at Buck Hills  
October 20 Jamboree on the Air  
October 27 University of Scouting, Osseo

### FYR - Fall Youth Recruiting Follow Up

Well we're well into the fall recruiting effort and things are going well. Most if not all packs have held their recruiting night. And now it's time for follow up. It's time to contact those who haven't decided to join yet, those who were interested but might not have been able to make the recruiting night. Be sure to follow up with each and every potential Cub Scout.

### Not Just Cub Scouts

Troops and crews should also be planning an open house/recruiting activity. As many troops have found out, we just can't count on a steady flow of transitioning Webelos. Venture Crews . Crews have there own recruiting challenges and will also need to recruit.

### Incentives

All scouts who recruit a friend will earn a recruiter strip. All scouts should be encouraged to invite and recruit a friend.

All new Boy Scouts and Ventures who join between August 1 and November 16, 2012 will qualify for a free Climbing voucher at Base Camp. All troops and Crews who make their recruiting goals qualify for a group voucher.

Cub Scouts can earn up to 2 free games of bowling. For more information contact [Rich Hedeem](#) or [Kirk Heimstead](#).

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Other flyers and handouts at Roundtable Handouts:

Messengers of Peace service project award  
How food allergies affect your campout menu  
Used Scout shirt collection, "Scouting for Uniforms"

Be sure to check out:

[Cub Scout Specific Event Information](#)

[Boy Scout Specific Event Information](#)

### **Cub Scout Environmental Service Project**

On October 13 and 14, Cub Scouts and their parents are invited to help collect native prairie grass seeds at two local prairie restoration projects. The project will last 2 hours each day, at a different site each day, and will involve picking native grass seeds. A flyer with times, locations and more information about the event can be found at [Environment Service Project](#).

### **Weather Merit Badge at Chanhassen National Weather Service**

On October 13, the National Weather Service office in Chanhassen will be hosting its annual Weather Merit Badge event. Space is limited. Deadline to register is October 5. For more information and to register, see the flyer at: [Weather Merit Badge](#).

### **Calendar**

October 11	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Friends of Scouting Trng Troop/Crew Inventories due
October 26	OA Fall Fellowship
October 27	University of Scouting Osseo High School
November 8	Roundtable



### **Volunteers Also Needed for Annual Parent Education Conference**

Boy Scout and Venture Scouts are needed to help with the Annual Parent Education Conference. The conference is held on Saturday, November 3, at Eastview High School, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers would be needed from approximately 7:30 to 11:30 am. Volunteers will assist at the registration/information table and assist as hall guides, helping parents find their way to and from workshop sessions. It would be great if a Troop or Crew would take this on as an annual service project. It is a simple project but has very high impact on public awareness of Scouting.

### **Run With Me Family Fun Run Volunteer Request**

There is still time to volunteer to help with the Family Fun Run hosted by Community Education School District 196, on Saturday, October 13th.

The race is scheduled for Saturday, October 13.

- 1 Mile Walk/Run 9:00am Start
- 5K Walk/Run 9:30am Start
- HEALTH EXPO 9:00am-12:00pm

Both youth and adult volunteers are needed. For more information and specific details on volunteer opportunities please contact [Marisa Schroht](#) or [Amanda Kuhn](#).

### **From the Commissioner Staff Troop and Crew Unit Inventories Due**

Yes, Unit Inventory time! That annual exercise to verify that all our youth members are registered with Northern Star Council. Please bring a copy of your unit roster to the October roundtable and it will be checked against the council roster. The Unit Commissioner staff will be on hand at 6:15pm to check rosters. Better yet give or send a copy to your Unit Commissioner prior to Roundtable to save time. Rosters may also be sent directly to [Steve Engel](#), Assistant District Commissioner. And be aware that Recharter Training for troops and crews will held at the November Roundtable, 6pm.