



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## Early Spring Issue

Well, according to the calendar spring has arrived, but winter lingers on. Still time to get in some winter activity as plans are finalized for spring and summer adventures. Cub Packs have just a few days left to complete rechartering. Troops, just a few days left to register any transitioning Webelos for just the \$1.00 transfer fee.

*Steve Engel—Editor*

### From the Commissioner Staff

**Unit Rechartering in progress.** Internet Re-chartering for Cub Scout packs is underway. Pack recharTERS were due at the March Roundtable and remaining charters need to be completed by the end of March to be considered on-time. See your Unit Commissioner for assistance.

**Journey to Excellence (JTE).** This is the third year of the Journey to Excellence recognition. Each year the requirements get a little harder as the stakes are raised for achieving the bronze, silver and gold levels. You should review the requirements for your unit. Forms can be found at [JTE information](#). You can find a list of changes at [JTE changes for 2013](#). One major change is Roundtable attendance. Your unit must be in attendance at 5 roundtables to earn at least the bronze level, 7 for silver, 9 for gold. You must attend the appropriate Cub or Boy Scout breakout to be counted in attendance.

**Hint:** Review JTE progress at each unit committee meeting to keep on track to earn your recognition.

**The Unit Tool Box** is a key focus for the Unit Commissioner staff. Each Unit Commissioner will make sure each unit has access to the unit tool box and is using it. Questions, please see your Unit Commissioner.

**Unit Tool Box Training** Need more information on using the Unit Tool Box? Watch for a training session coming soon to a Roundtable near you. Watch this space for more information.

### Troops - Save Money Register Remaining Webelos Now

Boy Scout Troops have just a few days left to take advantage of the \$1.00 transfer fee for remaining transitioning Webelos. That's right! Register any remaining - non - transitioned Webelos for the \$1.00 transfer fee. Must be registered before the end of March.

### Camp Card Sales replaces Spring Popcorn Sale

Camp Cards has replaced the spring popcorn sale. Camp Cards are a 3-part card that can be redeemed at area businesses. The cards will sell for \$5 and have a value of at least \$25. The cards will come in 3 parts. Two parts are detachable tabs that can be used once. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and main part of the card can be used over and over can at several businesses. Units will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) per card. It's risk free as long as you return any unsold cards. Did you miss out on the original sign up? For more information go to [Camp Cards](#).

### Spring Camporee

Don't miss out on the spring camporee this year, April 12 - 14. This camporee will feature Indian Lore and Pioneering. It will be held at Birch Bend - College of Wilderness Knowledge. Complete details and information on this spring adventure can be found at [spring camporee](#).



## Calendar

April 6	District Pinewood Derby
April 11	Roundtable
April 12-14	Spring Camporee
April 27	Scouting for Food
May 3-5	Webelos Camporee OA Spring Service Weekend
May 9	Roundtable
May 11	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

### Scouting for Food Saturday, April 27

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, our district's annual Scouting for Food. It was not included on the printed council calendar this year. Note this on your calendar and plan to help out. The demand on our local food shelves is great and they appreciate our help.

### OA Corner Order of the Arrow



Remember the OA chapter meeting is held each month at Roundtable. Boy Scout leaders, coming to roundtable? Bring your unit's OA representative with you for the chapter meeting.

The OA Spring Service Weekend is May 3 - 5 at Phillipppo Scout Reservation. It's not just for Order of the Arrow members all scouts are invited to camp for the weekend and help get the camp ready for summer camping. This is the same weekend as the Webelos Camporee. See the Webelos information article for more information.

### ***OA Fall Conclave Date Has Been Changed.***

The date for the OA Fall Conclave has been changed to September 6 - 8, still at Phillipppo Scout Reservation. Please mark your calendars!

### Pinewood Derby Workshops

Looking for that last minute tune up? Then there is still time to check out the Pinewood Derby Workshops. The workshops are put on by CBD (G!)'s own Warren Kalsow. The workshops are held in Rosemount at 14555 S Robert Trail (Hwy 3), #8, between Car Medic and America's Fitness Center and has two entrances from the front parking lot. Tools, expertise, and helpful hints are provided. For more information and a complete schedule go to [Pinewood Derby Workshops](#).

## Webelos Camporee (Webelos Woods)

Webelos Woods, May 3 - 5, is now Webelos Camporee at Phillipppo Scout Reservation. Webelos Camporee is open to all Bear Cubs and First Year Webelos (Webelos who will transition in 2014). This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Boy Scout program and begin making that seamless transition to Boy Scouts. This is the same weekend as OA Spring Service Weekend and we also want to see all troops helping. The majority of your Boy Scouts will help get camp ready for summer, while we ask a few of your boys to help the Webelos from your sister pack at the Webelos Camporee.

### Webelos Experience October 5 & 6, 2013

Webelos Experience happens every two years and this is the only opportunity your Webelos will have to attend. All Webelos, 1st and 2nd, year and parents may attend. Held this year on October 5 & 6 at Stearns Scout Camp, this weekend campout will be the HIGHLIGHT of your Cub Scout career! There will be a HUGE game area, lots of exhibits, and MORE! You'll also be able to participate in many different activity badge demonstrations, a NEW Webelos Transition Midway and attend a STUPENDOUS STAGE SHOW with FANTASTIC FIREWORKS on Saturday night.

Cost is just \$18 per Scout & \$18 per Adult  
REGISTER AS A PACK

**Registration opens online at the website below in late August 2013.**

Check out [Webelos Experience](#) for more information.

### Wilderness First Aid Course Offered by District 196 Community Education

District 196 Community Education is offering a Wilderness First Aid course. An excellent way to "Be Prepared" for those summer "high Adventures". The spring course is April 20, 22, and 27. More info at [Wilderness First Aid](#). Community Education is also looking for guests to speak about wilderness first aid. If you have a background in or have first hand experience in a wilderness first aid situation, please call (952) 431-8777 or contact [Pat Bennett](#).

## The Conwy, Wales, UK Scout Hut Fund Raiser

Donate Patches and Badges to Benefit the Re-building Effort. In September 2012, my wife and I visited Conwy Wales, UK and during our first day there we visited a scout fair to raise funds to rebuild the scout hut that had recently been destroyed by arson. The leadership of the local district took us under their wing and helped us get oriented to the area, invited us for tea and even gave us a tour of the area including the lands used by their scouts for camping.

International friendships like this is one of the reasons I have been in scouting for over 50 years.

My goal is a simple one: provide some measure of help and assistance in this effort and establish a partnership between the Conwy Scout District and NSC Chief Black District.

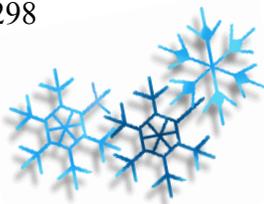
Scouting memorabilia sent from one country to another can gain in value due to the curiosity and interest of the receiving country. Patch and badge donations from NSC/CBD District can be auctioned off in Wales to raise funds for the scout cabin. We hope to send a box full sometime within the next few months.

Your extra badges patches, and other scouting items would be appreciated in this effort. A set of scout rank badges, for example, would have great attraction to scouts in the UK. They have no Order of the Arrow but have a high interest in native Americans.

Cash donations are also welcome. Small amounts can add up very quickly. They will be combined into one larger donation to minimize exchange rate charges.

Direct donations can also be made through:  
[https://mydonate.bt.com/  
events/1stconwyscouthutappeal/90168](https://mydonate.bt.com/events/1stconwyscouthutappeal/90168)

A donation Box and display will be at the next few roundtables and at other district events  
Yours in Scouting,  
[Bob Gwinn](#), Chief Black Dog Camping Chair  
952 688 7298



## Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The District Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held Saturday, May 11. This is our chance to recognize those scouters in our district who have done their best to be prepared over the past scouting year. Certainly there are scouters in your unit deserving of recognition. There is recognition for every position in our units. There is also the Sparkplug Award, Distinguished Leadership Award and the highest award the district can present, the District Award of Merit. Plan now to join us at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner as we celebrate another year of scouting and recognize all of our fellow scouters. Go here for more on the [Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#).

### Camping Corner



This year's goal is at least one more scout than went last year...remember this is the best way to keep them in the program!

**Cub Scout Camping** Note: Registration numbers are running ahead of last year but we still have a great many units who have not reserved a spot. Please pay attention to the April 1 deadline for refunds.

Summer camp reservations opened on January 3rd, 2013 in our new online system. We've seen quite a few reservations so far and everyone seems to like the ease of the new system. Get signed up now to make sure you get your spots.

Cub Camping reservations can be made at [www.GoScouting.org](http://www.GoScouting.org) and program information is available on the site. Now anyone can make a reservation; no more logins required. If you need help with a reservation call the Go Scouting hotline at 651-287-3699

LDS Day Camp reservations are open on [www.goscouting.org](http://www.goscouting.org) and more information is in your Navigator and online. Program is at Base Camp in August.

If you have Webelos looking to earn activity pins this summer, send them to Webelos Adventure Days. They can earn up to two pins for each day they attend including Readyman, Aquanaut, and Showman. Registration is open at [www.goscouting.org](http://www.goscouting.org).

## Camping

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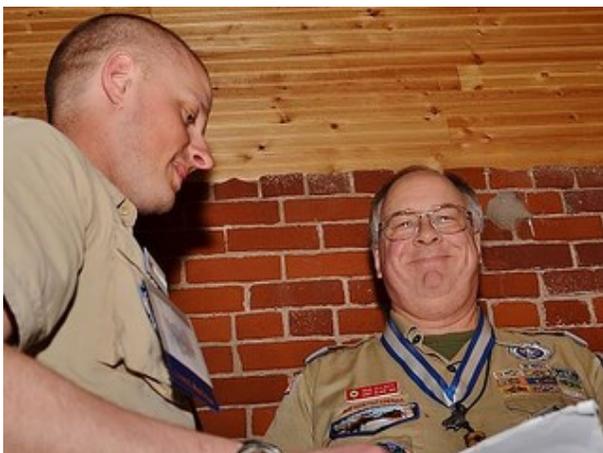
**Boy Scout Camping 2014** Many Point and Tomahawk Reservations are open. Units can reserve their same campsite during their same week from January 1 until May 1. After May 1 reservations are open on a first come first serve basis.

Weeklong High Adventure Programs reservation open March 15th (TSR: Discovery, Treks, and Aquatics) (MP: All Things programs, Amazing Pace, and Press Corp.). Any Reservations received before that date will be entered on March 15th. Deposits for programs are due within 10 days of reservation. Deposits may vary. Please refer to reservation form for more information.

### 2013 Council Court of recognition



*Steve Short is presented his Silver Beaver Recognition*



*Bob Elliott, Hornaday Award*

**Base Camp** Attend an open climbing & archery session at Base Camp. Details & information available at [www.explorebasecamp.org](http://www.explorebasecamp.org) on the events page.

**Camperships** Applications for camperships can be found on the council website in the camping section. They are good for summer and winter programs. No scout should miss out on a great program due to financial issues. CBD District doesn't use this resource nearly enough.

Have questions or need help? Contact [Bob Gwinn](#), CBD Camping Chair or 952 688 7298



*Dave Wygant is presented his Silver Beaver Recognition*



*2013 Eagle Scout Scholarship Recipients*