



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## Has the last “polar vortex” retreated north of the border?

With highs in the 40's, our clocks have sprung ahead, and spring is here, perhaps we have seen the last of the sub-zero polar air masses. With sunshine and relatively warm temperatures thoughts are surely turning towards summer activity plans and high adventure even as a late season winter storm approaches. See page 4 for the latest Scouting for Food information.

*Steve Engel—Editor*

### Roundtable

Sharing, fun and fellowship. Be sure to join us for monthly roundtables. Beginning in March, a quicker more efficient check in. Check your name off the list and pick up your attendance bead. Do you have a good idea for Roundtables? Submit it via the suggestion box.

**Boy Scouts** The March breakout featured mentoring the PLC, enabling a boy led troop and discussion of joint Pack, Troop and Webelos activities. The Troop Committee breakout discussed service projects, awards and recognition.

**Cub Scouts** The Cub Scout breakout focused on leader recognition, planning summer activities, and keeping them interested.

Missed roundtable? Be sure to check the latest information, flyers, etc. on the district web site under roundtables.

**Looking ahead - April Roundtable** Topics will include discussion of the new JTE (Journey to Excellence) requirements and Webelos Transition.

### Camp Cards

Looking for spring fundraiser? There is still time to sign up to sell. Camp Cards can be sold through May. Cards can pay for themselves with just a single use. Contact [Kirk Heimstead](#) for more information.

### Calendar

April 5	District Pinewood Derby
	District Recognition Dinner
April 12	University of Scouting
April 19	Scout Leader Training
April 24	Eagle Expo
April 24	Gathering of Eagles
April 26	Scouting for Food
May 2-3	OA Service Weekend
May 30-June 1	Spring Camporee
June 7	Council Pinewood Derby
August 2	Model Rocket Launch Day

### District Dinner

The Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Dinner is Saturday, April 5, 2014. Details and registration information is on the district website at [District Dinner](#). Mark your calendars and plan to attend. and show your appreciation for all of our scout leaders at all levels. And show appreciation to your unit leadership - pay for their (and their spouse's) dinner registration.

**Photos Wanted** As in past years we'll show a slide show during the District Dinner, so we need photos of your Scouts doing what they do best: having fun! Please send pictures of your Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturers to Paul Mahowald. If you have a lot of photos, consider putting them on a CD labeled "District Dinner Slideshow" and give it to Paul at Roundtable. (Ask the families in your unit for their photos, too.)

## **Council Court of Recognition and Dinner**

The Council Recognition Dinner was held on Saturday, March 22 at the Robert S. Davis Base Camp. We honored Journey to Excellence Achievements, Order of the Arrow Founders' Awards, Eagle Scout Scholarship recipients, and the Class of 2014 Silver Beaver recipients. Please congratulate two of our Chief Black Dog (GO!) leaders, Rich Hedeon and Elaine Orlando as they were recognized as our latest Silver Beaver recipients. Congratulations Elaine and Rich!

## **University of Scouting**

The spring 2014 University of Scouting will be held Saturday, April 12, at Lakeville South High school. Over 120 courses with emphasis on programs, skills, resources and trainings. A special program will be offered this year on plans for fall youth recruiting (FYR). FYR sessions will run all day long. Plan now to get the latest info and attend some other fun and informative sessions. Please go to [University of Scouting](#) for more info and to register.

## **Fall Youth Recruiting (FYR)**

There will be a statewide effort to recruit scouts this fall focusing on a single night. That night will be Thursday, September 18. A statewide marketing campaign will say, sign up for scouts at your elementary school on September 18. No, this is not the only opportunity to join, but this is the focus of fall recruiting. Also, watch for online registration to begin this fall. The incentive this year is a rocket kit and watch for a district wide launch day in October. Tentative date, Saturday, October 11. Find out all the latest information on fall recruiting by attending one of the sessions at University of Scouting.

*As noted above*, there will be special sessions offered all day long at University of Scouting featuring the latest and greatest information on FYR 2014, Fall Youth Recruiting.



## **Spring Service Projects Earth Day Clean Up**

Each year as the weather begins to warm up we see the trash and debris begin to emerge from the melting snow piles. This has been a long, cold, and snowy winter and we are seeing a lot of long buried trash as the snow melts. Again this year we are encouraging all units to consider a Spring Earth Day Clean Up service project. We suggest an April - May time frame around Earth Day. 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. This can be a project to clean up for your charter partner, the local school, or neighborhood park or playground.

## **Outstanding Eagle Scout Award**

The Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is a new National award presented to an adult Scouter who is an Eagle Scout for their distinguished service to Scouting youth and their community. The recipient is chosen based on their outstanding service.

Any registered adult Scouter (21 or older) who is an Eagle Scout, has a record of quality service to Scouting, his community, and non-Scouting youth, is eligible for nomination. The award can be self nominated.

Nominations may be initiated by adults who have either served with the nominee or who are otherwise personally familiar with the nominee's record. This award will be presented at the annual Gathering of Eagles Alumni Dinner on April 24, 2014. Please note the application deadline below.

Go to [Gathering of Eagles](#) for more info on the alumni dinner and to find the nomination form.

***Application Deadline  
Friday, April 4, 2014***



## Pinewood Derby Time

Are you ready for the District Pinewood Derby? Is your car tuned and ready to go. One last pit stop and it's race day. It's Saturday, April 5 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Go to [Pinewood Derby](#) for links to all the details.

## 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](#).

## Eagle Expo

Attention all Life scouts (and parents), now that you're on the final leg of your trail to Eagle you should be attending this conference on the details of what will be expected of you. We will discuss the Eagle application (most common errors causing rejection); Eagle project and what should be included in the packet once everything is completed.

If you have questions on this process you should plan on attending as we will set time aside at the end to answer any you might have. Bring your pencil and paper and come prepared to learn the expectations of the final leg to Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Expo will be Thursday April 24, 7 - 8:30 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, in rooms 12 - 13.

## Council Community Service Award

Don't forget about the new Community Service Award? The purpose of this award is twofold:

- to promote character and citizenship in Scouts and Scouters, realizing their responsibility to serve their city, state and nation, individually and through group effort; and
- to recognize Scouts and Scouters who provide a number of community service hours.

For more information go to [Community Service Award](#) (PDF 391kb).

## 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 Phillippo 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. Watch for details on the district web site.

## OA Service Weekend

May 2-4



The Order of the Arrow sponsored service or work weekend at Phillippo Scout Reservation will be held on the weekend of May 2-4. This is open to all Boy Scouts, not just OA members. All hands are need to help get the camp ready for summer Cub Camps and other programs and projects.



## 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. Watch for a flyer and more details on the district web site.

## Scouting For Food Saturday, April 26

*Scouting for Food* is our annual community service project that is led by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts covering the entire Chief Black Dog District. As indicated on our District calendar, this year the collection day for the Scouting For Food campaign will be on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

### What your Scout Unit needs to do to get involved with this community service event.

1. Appoint a Scouting for Food Chair to organize and promote the service project within your Scout Unit.
2. Find out what your Unit's Scouting for Food target area is by referencing the Activities tab of the Chief Black Dog District web page (<http://chiefblackdog.nbsa.org/Activities.aspx>) and then onto the "Scouting for Food" sub-tab. Each unit or unit pair is listed along with a map of the assigned collection area.
3. Determine what collection strategy that your Scout Unit wants to follow in order to collect the donated food. Below are the two most commonly used processes to use.
  - a. The two-step process which is accomplished by leaving flyers in doors one week then collect food the next week
  - b. The one-step process where the Scouts (done in pairs) walk up to a house, rings the door bell, and then requests that a food donation be made.
4. Deliver the collected food to one of our designated collection points for the food donation (each open from 9:00 to 14:00).
  - The Prince of Peace Church – 13901 Fairview Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337

- The Eagan Resource Center – 3904 Beau D Rue Drive, Eagan, MN 55122
- The Shepherd of the Valley Church – 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd, Apple Valley, MN 55124running

For a smooth food collection program, remember these tips:

- Have patrol or den leaders call to remind scouts the night before distribution and collection
- Assemble all scouts and adults at 8:45 a.m. to receive final instructions for your selected food collection process
- All scouts should wear their uniforms when participating in this program
- Scouts must stay in buddy teams
- Begin your Scouting for Food program after 9:00am, not earlier

Thank you in advance for participating in this very important community service project. Please contact [Richard Hedeem](#) or call 612-327-6586 if you should have any questions.

