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Holiday Issue 2011 - Happy Holidays

Again, a special Happy Holidays wish for all Chief Black Dog (GO!) scouts and scouters. Quite a difference from the past few years- no snow on the ground with the mild weather. Around the area outdoor rinks and ski areas struggling to open and stay open. Let's hope this doesn't put a damper on your holiday plans. So as we take a short break to spend time with friends and family here are a few items to keep in mind.



Steve Engel—Editor

January Roundtable

Cub Scouts

Kick off the start of the new year with January Roundtable! Come and share ideas for upcoming meetings, activities, Pine wood Derbies, Blue & Golds, etc. During the huddles meet and share with leaders in your position from other units. And very possibly, refreshments at the end.

Roundtable - come to share and learn.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scout side will feature a continued discussion of Venturing and this program for older scouts go be a benefit to your troop not a hindrance. There will also be a short slide presentation about the upcoming Historic Trails trip to the eastern United States.

Order of the Arrow

The Chapter meeting for Order of the Arrow is also held each month at Roundtable. Coming to Roundtable? Please bring your youth Arrow members along for the Chapter meeting. A chance for them to impact the future of Order of the Arrow in our district. Each troop should have a member at these meetings. An "Arrow" liaison who can also bring news back to the unit.



Protestant God and Country Religious Emblem Program

The Protestant God and Country Religious Emblems classes will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church starting January 22, 2012.

For more information and a registration form, contact [Bob Elliott, program director](#). Or go to [God and Country Series](#) for more information.

Troop and Crew Recharterers Due at January Roundtable

It's easy to set it aside this time of the year to get back to it later with all the hustle and bustle of the season. Don't let it go completely. One should be well on the way to finalizing the unit roster. January will be here in the blink of an eye, and before you know it, the charter is due! So don't let your packet get buried on your desk. If you haven't already - get it out and get started. And it's great idea to plan ahead a bit for getting the signatures. Don't get caught waiting for someone to return from a winter vacation to get a signature.



Pack Recharter Training

Cub Scout Packs internet recharter training will take place at 6 pm at the January Roundtable. A representative from each pack should be present to pick up the recharter packet and get the latest information on any changes.

Friends of Scouting

The 2012 campaign is underway. Have you confirmed your unit coordinators and/or presentation dates to [John Herron](#)? If not please confirm with John as soon as possible.

Chief Black Dog Annual Planning Meeting

Chief Black Dog (GO!) district will hold its annual planning meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 8:30 am to noon. The location is being finalized. All are welcome to attend as the district committee meets to review the past year, look ahead to this next year, discuss goals, and set the calendar. Your input is helpful and needed as units are affected by what the district committee decides.

Historic Trails—East Trip June 16 to June 30

Planning is well under way for the Northern Star Council Historic Trails Trip in the spring of 2012, June 16 to June 30. We plan to visit these places; Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Independence Hall, Boston, Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and more. The trip also includes an overnight stay on the battleship USS Massachusetts.

The trip is open to both youth and registered adult leaders. Youth must be 13 years old and First Class by June 1, 2012. The fee for the trip is expected to be \$1200 and will include transportation, lodging, meals, and all admission. Fees.

Find more information at [Historic Trails](#). Questions and more information, contact [Steve Engel](#).

Watch for a special issue of The Chatter during the holidays with specific details on this 2012 Historic Trails trip.

District Pinewood Derby Rules and Workshops

The District Pinewood Derby is April 7, 2012 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Complete information including a flyer, registration information and rules is now available on the Chief Black Dog (GO!) website. Go to [Pinewood Derby](#)

A schedule of Derby Workshops is also available [here](#).

District Dinner

The annual Chief Little Crow (GO!) District Dinner will be May 19, 2012. More details to follow. Now is the time to consider and nominate your fellow scouters for recognition. Recognition includes Spark Plug, Outstanding (position specific) Leader, Distinguished Leadership, District Award of Merit and Charter Partner of the Year. Nomination forms are available at [leadership recognition](#). Nominations will be due at the March Roundtable.

Eight Eagle Scouts

Troop 205 was one of 2 troops recognized for 8 Eagle Scouts in 2011. Check it out at [Eagle Scouts](#). An article in the StarTribune. The other one was Troop 119 from Farmington. Both units were once in the Chief Little Crow district. The spirit of Chief Little Crow lives on.



Happy Holidays!