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The new year, 2018, will bring some big changes to the Boy Scouts of America programs. The most significant change will be allowing girls to join Cub Scouting this year. The policies and procedures for adopting this change will be the focus of Roundtable discussions for the first few Roundtables. See the Roundtable section below. Ask all of your pack leadership and parents to Attend. *Happy New Year!*

Steve Engel—Editor

January/February Roundtables



Cub Scout breakout will feature discussion of policies and procedures for registering girls into the Cub Scout program. *Please share this with all parents and unit leadership and ask all to attend.* A lot of important information will be shared. February Roundtable will include an extended question/answer session to address additional questions and concerns.

Boy Scout January Roundtable will include Inventing Merit Badge at 6:15 pm, Citizenship Community Part 1 at 6:30 pm. and Merit Badge Counselor Training from 6:15 to 7:00 pm. Contact [Joe Schulte](#) to sign up for these programs. Discussion topic during the breakout will be Stem/Nova.

OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. Invite your OA Representative to attend.

OA Unit Elections OA Election Team training will again take place at the January and

February Roundtables. Plan to have a minimum of 2 youth and 2 adult leaders at one of these sessions.



OA Winter Banquet Saturday, January 13



Chief Black Dog(GO!) is hosting the OA Winter Banquet for 2018. Information and registration at [Winter Banquet](#). There may be still youth and adult opportunities to help with this event. Please contact [Kay Stewart](#) for more Information.

Founder's Award Recipient Ron Lee

Ron Lee, Chief Black Dog's Advancement Chairman, will be recognized at the Winter Banquet as one of four volunteers receiving the Order of the Arrow Founder's Award. This award honors Arrowmen in the Order of the Arrow (OA) for unselfish service above and beyond their normal duties to their lodge. Congratulations to Ron Lee.

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting 2017-18 campaign is underway. And off to a great start. Be sure to contact [Lisa Fix, Family Friends of Scouting Coordinator](#), with your FOS Unit Coordinator contact information and presentation date.

Update Adventure is Calling Info

Is your Unit's information correct on Adventure is Calling? If your information is out of date how can new families contact you to join your unit? Please take the time to check your unit site on [adventureiscalling.org](#) and if your information is out of date you can update it on your unit tool box.

Calendar



January 11	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting OA Election Training
January 13	Wood Badge Breakfast
January 13	OA Winter Banquet
January 20	Council Coordinated Committee Meetings
February 3	Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest
February 4	Scout Sunday
February 8	Roundtable OA Election Training OA Chapter Meeting
February 10	Chief Black Dog (GO!) Annual Planning Meeting Scout Sabbath
February 15	Family Scouting Deadline
February 16-18	Klondike Derby
March 8	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Volunteer Recognition Nominations Due
March 24	Northern Star Council Recognition dinner



God and Country Classes

Protestant God and Country religious emblems classes for grades 1-12 will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, starting January 21 for Boy Scouts and older Girl Scouts grade 6-12, and February 25 for Cub Scouts and younger Girl Scouts grades 1-5. See [God and Country classes](#) for a flyer and registration form. Contact [Bob Elliott](#) with questions and to register.

Chaplain's Aide Training

Chaplain's Aide training will be offered on Feb 11 from 1-5 PM and Feb 17 9AM-2PM. This training will provide your Troop's Chaplain's Aide with the knowledge to perform this important role properly. For locations, see the [flyer](#) on the CBD (G!) website for more info. There is no charge for this training. Please send an email to [Chaplain's Aide Training](#) with questions.



Leadership Award Nominations District Dinner

Your Scouting program is successful because of your volunteer leadership! Coming up soon is your once-a-year opportunity to nominate those people for awards in several categories, which will be presented at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Categories include:

- Spark Plug (one registered leader from each unit)
- Outstanding Leader (several leadership positions)
- Distinguished Leadership (for unit service)
- District Award of Merit (for service to the DISTRICT)
- Chartered Partner of the Year

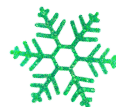
Nomination forms for 2018 are on the district website, under Activities, Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The nomination deadline is Thursday, March 8, 2018. Look for more info and details at Roundtable, and in the Chatter!

Klondike Derby February 16-18

The Chief Black Dog and Southern Skies Klondike Derby is Feb. 16 – 18 at Phillippo. Details are on the District web site. A few Klondike events are:

- * Winter Scavenger Hunt — Can You Find it? You'll need a cell-phone / camera.
- * Snow Snakes — Beware!
- * Travois Lashing & Walking — It's upright. Know your lashing and knots.
- * Norwegian Skies — Don't fall! Team-work is the key.
- * Ice Rescue & First Aid — Don't PANIC !!! Cold is the enemy.
- * Mystery Event — No hints here. "Be Prepared" for anything.
- * Sled Judging — Think Hawaiian
- * It shouldn't look like it belongs in the snow.

The theme is Hawaiian Winter. Be sure to check out all the events and details at [Klondike Derby](#).



**Pinewood Derby
Saturday, April 7, 2018**



The Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at the Falcon Ridge Middle School Cafeteria. Check out www.PwdRacing.com (for local info, workshops, races, etc.) or www.PwdRacingLeague.com (a National Forum - extremely helpful)

**Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest
Saturday, February 3, 2018**

The Annual Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest will be on Saturday, February 3 at the Apple Valley Community Center. Once again we will be sponsoring the "Scouting Adventure Zone". We will have several activities, including the council's mobile archery range. The Scouting Adventure Zone" will run from 9 am to 1 pm. Other Mid-Winter Fest activities will also be happening during this time. If you unit is interested in putting on an activity, Please contact [Steve Engel](#).

**Scout Anniversary Week
Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath**

Scout Anniversary Week is February 4 to 10; Scout Sunday is February 4, Scout Sabbath is February 10, and Scout Jumuah is February 9. Doing something special? How about coordinating something with your Chartered Partner. Get an announcement in their newsletter, bulletin, attend your worship service in uniform, Put up a display with an announcement and program and contact information. February 8 is National Boy Scouts Day, national recognition of BSA's birthday. Do something special for Scouting Anniversary Week. Need a few more ideas? Check out this link to [Bryan on Scouting](#).



**Wood Badge Breakfast
Saturday, January 13, 2018**

Wood Badge Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Blvd E, Wayzata, MN 55391. Check in and silent auction will start at 7:30 AM, with breakfast and program from 8:30 - 11:00 AM. Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with your fellow Wood Badgers. Be sure to invite a fellow leader who is interested in attending the Wood Badge course. Info and Registration at [Wood Badge Breakfast](#).



**Chief Black Dog (GO!)
District Planning Meeting**

The Annual District Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Just as the units do, the district also holds an annual meeting to review the past year, set goals, and set the calendar for the coming year. This meeting will be at the Think Bank in Eagan beginning at 9:30 am. If you have suggestions, ideas, areas of concern please share these with your Unit Commissioner or the District Committee Chairs to bring to this meeting.

**New Northern Star Council
Camping Website Launches**



Hundreds of new photos, more facility descriptions, and a mobile friendly new website! Our camping team has been hard at working preparing a completely new online experience.

Recently launched at [camping](#), this new website will make all your camping related tasks easier. Find Scout events all in one place, bright, new logos leading the way. You can find multiple pictures and descriptions of every available building. Need a specific camping form? Our searchable list makes that simple. Check it out!

- New event logos
- Scheduled dynamic content
- "You may also like" features
- New maps
- Tabbed content. More information, less pages