



# THE CBD CHATTER

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## *March Late Winter-Early Spring Issue*

Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? So far the forecast seems to say like a lamb, at least through the early part of the weekend. Do we have our spring plans in place? Other things to be thinking of, leadership recognition nominations, Pinewood Derby, Council Dinner, Scouting for Food, Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Spring University of Scouting. And we move an hour of daylight to the evening hours on March 11.



Steve Engel—Editor

### March Roundtable

March Roundtable will held on March 8 at 7 - 8:00pm at the Burnsville LDS Church 651 Southcross Drive East, Burnsville.

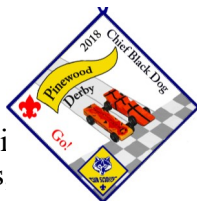
**Big Rock Topic** for March is “Invisible Diagnosis with Mary Wangerin”. This discussion will begin with the full group following announcements and may continue into the Cub and Boy Scout breakouts.

**Citizenship in the Community** merit badge, part 3, will be held beginning at 6:30 pm.

**OA Chapter Meeting** Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. All Troop OA Representatives should attend. Discussion includes Troop Elections, Indian Winter, and upcoming service opportunities.

### District 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 Mi Cafeteria. The flyer, race rules registration are at [District Pinewood Derby](#). The top winners in each rank (Lion, Tiger, etc.) are invited to race, as well siblings, moms, dads, who would like to race in their own division (even an open division).



### God and Me Classes

Protestant God and Me religious emblems classes for Cub Scouts and younger Girl Scouts grades 1-3 will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, starting March 15. Go to [God and Me](#) for flyer and registration form. Scouts do not need to be Lutherans or members of Emanuel Lutheran to take the classes. Contact [Gretchen Fett](#) with questions and to register.

### Leadership Award Nominations and District Dinner



You still have a few more days to nominate your fellow volunteers for an award!

**First**, nominate your fellow Scouters for one of the 20+ awards that are available.

**Second**, send in your favorite photos of your Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers for the Dinner Slideshow Photos should be sent to [Paul Mahowald](#).

**Third**, register for the CBD Volunteer Recognition Dinner coming up on Saturday, April 28! Dinner and join us for a night of fellowship, and dinner catered by Famous Dave's--as we recognize all of our amazing volunteers! Registration is now open.

For the nomination forms, flyer, and dinner registration go to [Volunteer Recognition Dinner](#).

## Calendar



March 8	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Volunteer Recognition Nominations Due
March 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 24	Northern Star Council <a href="#">Recognition dinner</a>
April 7	District Pinewood Derby
April 12	Roundtable
April 21	University of Scouting
April 28	Scouting for Food Volunteer Recognition Dinner

### STEM Merit Badges with the University of Minnesota

Students at the University of Minnesota will be conducting a STEM Merit Badge Fair on Saturday, March 24. The five merit badges offered this year are chemistry, nuclear science, engineering, soil and water conservation, and geology. The cost is \$12 per Scout and this includes a Subway lunch. The day begins with check-in at 8:00 am, a morning demonstration show, the first merit session, lunch, the afternoon session, and a final demonstration. The day wraps up at 4 pm. Complete details including the invite, event information, the daily schedule, registration links and information, and a media release form will be posted on the Chief Black Dog (GO!) website at STEM Merit Badges. A great opportunity to earn these merit badges.

### Lions Can Officially Roar!

All Cub Scout leaders should have received notice from National that, beginning in the fall of 2018, Lion Cubs will no longer be a pilot program. With Northern Star Council members contributing to the development of the Lion Cub program, this is nothing new to our Council. The Lion Cub rank will now be an official step in Cub Scout's rank advancement program. With this upgrade, they will be getting things like a new t-shirt, advancement belt loops and much more. Please read all of the details out on the national Scouting website. <https://goo.gl/U9H6qq>.

## Council Recognition Dinner

The Northern Star Council Recognition Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Golden Valley Country Club (7001 Golden Valley Road). Dinner and Program at 6:30 pm., reception and fellowship at 5:45 pm. Find all the details at [2018 Council Recognition Dinner](#).

### 2018 Silver Beaver Recipients

Once again congratulations to Timothy Liffrog, District Commissioner and Paul Mahowald, District Activities Chair who will be recognized with the Silver Beaver Award for 2018. Please plan to join us at the 2018 Council Recognition Dinner as we congratulate our fellow Chief Black Dog (GO!) Scouters. Follow the link above for details.

### World Jamboree 2019

The 2019 World Jamboree will be held July 22 to August 2, 2019 in the United States at Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, West Virginia. Applications are now being accepted for participants, contingent leadership and staff (IST, International Service Team members). Details can be found at [World Jamboree](#).

In addition, Chief Black Dog (GO!) District will partner with Many Waters District to offer an additional trip for Scouts and Scouters who will want to visit the World Jamboree. This trip will include some tours of Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. area and more. I will have a short breakout for questions and answers at the March Roundtable after the announcements and the Big Rock Topic in one of the side rooms for anyone who has questions or would like more information.

### U. S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena Illinois

April 27 - 29 is the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Galena, Illinois. A troop from Many Waters District makes this trip almost every year. They will welcome any interested Scouts or Scouters from our district to join them. They will not be taking a bus this year but driving vehicles. Yes, this is the same weekend as our Scouting for Food and our Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

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And yes, time is short for planning this year. More details can be found at [U. S. Grant Pilgrimage](#). If you would like more about participating in this trip, send me an email, [Steve Engel](#), and will send you more details. Or meet me at the March Roundtable for a short question/answer session after the Big Rock Topic.

### Black Hills, South Dakota

A Black Hills, South Dakota with Many Waters District is also in planning. Most likely June of 2019. In the summer of 2017, this trip included stops at Pipestone National Monument, the Badlands National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, and Mount Rushmore National Monument. More details as they become available.

Again there will be a short question/answer session at the March Roundtable following the announcements and the Big Rock Topic. We will discuss the World Jamboree, a visitors trip to the World Jamboree, the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage to Galena, Illinois, and the 2019 Black Hills trip.

### Scouting for Food

Saturday, April 28 is our annual Scouting for Food drive. The need is greater than ever and we would like to see all units participate in this year's drive to help stock our local food shelves. Dave and Helen Lockwood will be at the March and April Roundtables to help coordinate collection areas, drop off locations, etc.

### University of Scouting

The spring session of the University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, April 21 at Lakeville High School (right in our own backyard!). You can't get much closer than this! The University of Scouting is supplemental training for all levels of Scouting. There is something for everyone! More details available at [University of Scouting](#).



### Klondike Derby 2018



*Klondike Derby Sled with an Hawaiian appeal*



*Raising the colors at Klondike Derby*



*Survivors with their Klondike sled award!*