



THE CBD CHATTER

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Mid - October

A hard freeze, harvest time, and soon fall will give way to winter!. Are you thinking about those winter activities, Polar Cubs, Spearhead, etc? First, how about a day or two of "Indian summer" so for now consider Jamboree on the Air (see article this issue) and the University of Scouting, supplemental training for all leaders, (see calendar for link for more information). Also in this issue, more information on the 2013 Camporee, yes 2013!

Steve Engel—Editor

Religious Emblem Opportunities

Classes are being scheduled for scouts to have the opportunity to earn their religious emblems.

Fall 2012

Protestant, 4th and 5th grade, God and Family Emanuel Lutheran

Catholic, Ad Altare Dei, Religious Emblem Retreat at Kiwanis Camp

Spring 2013

Protestant Religious Emblems at Shepherd of the Valley

Complete information, flyers and registration info can be found at [Religious Emblems](#) on the CBD(G!) web site.

Roundtables

Several events were announced at the last roundtable. Flyers with information for each of the events can be found under the "Roundtable Handouts" portion of the Roundtable web page at [event information](#)

For program specific information go to:

[Cub Scout Specific Event Information](#)

[Boy Scout Specific Event Information](#)

Follow Up Fall Youth Recruiting

Well we're well into the fall recruiting effort and things are going well. Packs have held their recruiting night. And now it's time for follow up, follow up, follow up. Please continue to contact those who haven't decided to join yet, those who were interested but might not have been able to make the recruiting night. Be sure to follow up with each and every potential Cub Scout.

Not Just Cub Scouts

Troops and crews should also be planning an open house/recruiting activity. As many troops have found out, we just can't count on a steady flow of transitioning Webelos. Venture Crews have their own recruiting challenges and will also need to recruit.

Incentives

All scouts who recruit a friend will earn a recruiter strip. All scouts should be encouraged to invite and recruit a friend.

All new Boy Scouts and Ventures who join between August 1 and November 16, 2012 will qualify for a free Climbing voucher at Base Camp. All troops and Crews who make their recruiting goals qualify for a group voucher.

Cub Scouts can earn up to 2 free games of bowling. For more information contact [Rich Hedeem](#) or [Kirk Heimstead](#).

Calendar

October 20	Jamboree on the Air
October 26	OA Fall Fellowship
October 27	University of Scouting Osseo High School
November 8	Roundtable

Jamboree on the Air

Coming up soon , on Saturday, October 20, is Jamboree on the Air. This is a chance to communicate with scouts from all over the world, an international event. Held this year at the North Star Scouting Museum. KOBASA, the council's amateur radio crew, will set up a station and help scouts get on the air. If you have your own portable equipment, bring it, a laptop, bring it too. They'll help you get connected. The scouting museum will host the event from noon until 10:00 pm.

The Dan Patch District is also hosting a Jamboree on the Air event as part of their fall camporee. Guests may come down to Phillippo Scout Reservation 4 and 7pm (after their camporee activities) to join in Jamboree on the Air.

Participants in Jamboree on the Air will also be earning points for our fall camporee in 2013. Each scout that participates will earn points for their patrol. If 75% of your patrol participates, your patrol will get maximum points. See the attached flyer for more info on our fall camporee.

Contacts and links for more information

[Jamboree on the Air](#), or [Ryan McDonald](#)



Fall Camporee - Tales of the Gold Monkey

Volunteers Also Needed for Annual Parent Education Conference

Boy Scout and Venture Scouts are needed to help with the Annual Parent Education Conference. The conference is held on Saturday, November 3, at Eastview High School, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers would be needed from approximately 7:30 to 11:30 am. Volunteers will assist at the registration/information table and assist as hall guides, helping parents find their way to and from workshop sessions. It would be great if a Troop or Crew would take this on as an annual service project. It is a simple project but has very high impact on public awareness of Scouting.

From the Commissioner Staff Troop and Crew Unit Inventories Due

Unit Inventories for troops and crews were due at the October Roundtable. If you haven't turned in a copy of your roster to your unit commissioner, please do so as soon as possible. We'd like to wrap up the inventories within the week. Rosters may also be sent directly to [Steve Engel](#), Assistant District Commissioner.

As a part of this annual process we also collect copies of your annual plan. If you turn in copy of your annual plan along with your unit budget by October 31, this will qualify for one of your Journey to Excellence items.

Recharter Training for troops, crews and teams will held at the November Roundtable, at 6pm.

*Chief Black Dog (GO!)
2013 Fall Camporee*



Survivor The Amazing Race

Two weeks ago at the 2012 Camporee, Tales of the Gold Monkey, we actually kicked off the "Race" to the 2013 Chief Black Dog(GO!) fall camporee, based on the idea of Survivor and The Amazing Race. If your troop attended this year's fall camporee, you have a head start in the "Race" to next year's camporee. At the Senior Patrol Leaders meeting on Friday a flyer was handed out (one per patrol). Each senior patrol leader should have taken enough for each patrol in your troop. Did the message get to everybody? The flyer included a riddle which explained a little more about the first challenge. Here again is the riddle:

What has 8 legs and 16 eyes?
It might be ideal...
and in observance one might realize,
the unusual might be more than surreal.

Can you solve the riddle? What might it refer to? If you think you have solved it, you can send your answer to survivetheamazingrace@hotmail.com. Include your name, patrol name, and unit number. Solve it correctly and you're on the way in the "Race" to the 2013 Camporee.

Deadline: Submit your solution before midnight on the day of the "Hunter's Moon". Then the next challenge can begin.

Hint for the next challenge: Having been in the last episode of the "Tales of the Gold Monkey" will give you the edge. Taking note and deciphering the meaning of the signs will complete the advantage.

Jamboree on the Air

As the Amazing Race is a race around the world, this too, is a virtual race around the world. One way to get around the world is through "Jamboree on the Air". If you participate in Jamboree on the Air, you will receive points for your patrol. The more members that participate, the more points that can be earned. If at least 75% of your patrol participates the you'll earn the maximum points. Just keep your log sheet and a short report on what you learned. For detailed information on Jamboree on the Air go to [Jamboree on the Air](#).

Don't Worry, if you missed camporee or can't attend Jamboree on the Air, there will be many more opportunities and challenges.