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# **Special Notice - Earlier Date for Scouting for Food**

Yes, spring is just around the corner, but the snow doesn't want to stop. Thoughts are turning to spring and summer program plans. *Don't forget - Mark your calendar -* Scouting for Food is earlier this year, Saturday, April 16. Details at Scouting for Food or contact Bob Elliott.

Steve Engel—Editor

# Chief Black Dog (GO!) Earns Centennial Quality District 2010

Chief Black Dog District was recognized as a 2010 Centennial Quality District. The official announcement came at the Council Coordinated Committee Meetings on January 22.

Like our units, districts must meet a set of goals to earn quality. Chief Black Dog has earned the Centennial Quality District recognition in 3 of the last four years. Thanks to all our scouts and scouters. You all helped make this recognition possible.

All quality districts will be recognized at the Council Court of Recognition on March 26.

# Two Scout Leaders Chosen as Silver Beaver Recipients

Two Chief Black Dog scout leaders will be part of the Class of 2011 Silver Beaver recipients. Jerry Gohl and Warren Kalsow were both selected receive to the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest volunteer recognition bestowed by the council. Jerry and Warren will receive their recognition at the Council Court of Recognition Dinner on March 26 at Base Camp.



<u>Council Court of Recognition</u> information. Come on out and help us celebrate this honor for Jerry and Warren.

#### From the Commissioner Staff

Charter Turn-In for Packs. Pack charters were due to be turned in at the March Roundtable. About a third of our packs have completed and turned in their charters. Remaining pack charters need to completed and turned as soon as possible. Contact your Unit Commissioner for assistance

Journey to Excellence The Centennial Quality Unit Program ran its course (a four year program). Congratulations to all units earning all four years. Chief Black Dog (GO!), as a district earned 3 of 4. The new "Journey to Excellence" program will replace it. "Journey to Excellence" will have 3 recognition levels, bronze, silver and gold. Now is the time to evaluate where you stand (level of recognition) and chart a plan for improvement over the next year. Turn in the form at recharter next year for your recognition. An orientation meeting was held at the March Roundtable (a last minute program change). Cub packs will have an orientation in April. For now check out the district website for more information on your "Journey to Excellence".

### Pinewood Derby Workshops Scheduled

There is still time to get that derby car in tip-top shape at one of the Pinewood Derby Workshops. The location this year—downtown Rosemount. Go to Pinewood Derby workshops for complete information. See page two for more Pinewood Derby Information.

# Scout Shops Undergoing Computer Upgrade Affects Tax Exempt Usage

There is a computer upgrade happening at all the Scout Shops. This new upgrade will affect units who wish to use their tax exempt status for unit purchases. Most of you will not have any difficulties but a few of you might. With the new system the Scout Shop will not be able to override the tax. Each unit is required to have submitted a copy of their tax certificate or letter and a form called ST3. The ST3 is your units contact information.

For the Scout Shop to be in compliance to take tax off a sale, each unit must have these 2 forms turned in and the Scout Shop will forward to BSA in Irving Texas. In the past 5 years the Scout Shop has been collecting these forms. With the change/upgrade the Shop will not be able to give tax off sales unless both forms are in Texas. The shop has a spread sheet with this information. If you are missing one or both of these forms it is easy to get filled out and turned into the Scout Shop and you will be in compliance with the MN State Tax revenue law.

Questions? Please contact the Scout Shop or Kathy Schwalen.

# Spring 2011 Merit Badge Fair

The Spring 2011 Merit Badge Fair will be held Saturday, April 23 at the LDS Church in Burnsville, 615 Southcross Dr. The fair runs from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The following Merit Badges will be offered:

- Citizenship in the World
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the Community
- Family Life
- Communications
- Geology
- Law
- Personal Management

Scoutmasters please poll your scouts to see which merit badges and how many scouts are interested. Please let <u>Dick Phillips</u> know so he can plan for the appropriate number of counselors. See <u>Spring Merit Badge Fair</u> on the district web site for more information.

### Announcing Northern Star Council's Historic Trails 2011

Northern Star council will sponsor the third historic trails trip in the early summer of 2011. Some of the stops being considered at this tire, the Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, Philadelpha, Boston, Fall River, Massachusetts, we stoll on a battleship), Baseball Hall of Falls, New York (Liberty Island), Indianapolis Sheedway and Cedar Point Amusement Park.

We plan to leave 1 June 25 and return by July 9. Historic Trail 2016 is open to both youth (minimum age 14) and adults. The last 2 historic trails trips were each about half youth and half adults. The fee will be between \$1200 and \$1500 and includes notor coach transportation, meals, lodging, and admission fees as needed. For more information contact Steve Engel.

#### **District Pinewood Derby**

Yes, it's Pinewood Derby time again and soon the hallways and byways will humming with the sound of Pinewood Derby cars racing to the finish. Complete rules are on the district web site. The top finishers in each pack move on to the District Pinewood Derby.

The Chief Black Dog (GO!) Pinewood derby will be on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Falcon Ridge Middle School. Complete information can be found at District Pinewood Derby.

#### **District Dinner and Leader Recognition**

We all know of leaders who are doing an outstanding job in their position. Now is the time to consider them for recognition at the Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Recognition Dinner. For a list of recognitions and nomination forms, go to leader recognition.

The District Recognition Dinner will be on May 7 at Shepherd of the Valley Church (Johnny Cake Ridge Road and McAndrews. Be sure to nominate your fellow leaders and join us on May 7 as we recognize all our fellow leaders. See <u>district dinner</u> for all the details.



# 2010 Eagle Honor Roll



(listed by name, unit number and board of review date)

Michael Spackman	929	Jan 7	Nathan Ejuwa	345	Aug 20
Viabhav Sharma	446	Jan 13	Steven Albers	290	Aug 20
Collin Erickson	510	Jan 25	Zachary Truskowski	446	Aug 24
Travis Lowell	290	Jan 27	John Dulac	446	Aug 25
Riley Allyson	458	Feb 8	Justin Hill	290	Aug 26
Peter Liffrig	171	Feb 24	Adam Kutz	455	Aug 27
Benjamin Hanson	345	Feb 25	Isaiah Kranz	458	Aug 31
Byron White	345	Mar 2	Evan Herland	292	Aug 31
Philip Homan	449	Mar 3	Austin Lynch	446	Sep 1
Sean Baddeley	204	Mar 26	Nicholas Acton	449	Sep 1
Thomas Harrington	293	Mar 30	Adam Tuff	290	Sep 7
Sean Nordquist	205	Apr 7	Michael Hlas	345	Sep 14
Jacob Schornaf	345	Apr 15	Sean Simon	446	Sep 23
Zackary Bonifacio	345	Apr 20	Alex Petrovich	292	Sep 24
David Gannon	345	Apr 27	Timothy Kutz	455	Oct 27
Koudai Ken Sugii	345	Apr 28	Michael Loher	510	Nov 1
Erik Peterson	204	Apr 29	Joseph Zusek	453	Nov 4
Patrick Hlas	205	May 5	Josh Fick	458	Nov 9
Eriki Senst	345	May 6	Nathan Rook	455	Nov 16
Travis Wright	708	May 25	Cory Kroonbland	458	Nov 17
Jeremy Johansen	458	May 26	Matthew Wood	205	Dec 7
Luke Stefani	451	Jun 2	Davis Arbogast	510	Dec 8
Matthew Derosier	451	Jun 8	Taylor Sebasta	293	Dec 14
Andrew Griffith	458	Jun 8	Erik Read	292	Dec 15
David Sabel	345	Jun 11	Mark Suiter	510	Dec 16
Keegan Bragg	345	Jun 16	Seth Lynch	345	Dec 16
Jack Sutcliffe	298	Jul 15	David Sixl	Crew 929	Dec 16
Devon Beach	458	Jul 21	John Ferrell	205	Dec 21
James Austin	205	Jul 28	Karl Vieths	345	Dec 22
John Sampers	290	Aug 3	Andrew Conlon	292	Dec 28
Steven Fischbach	446	Aug 10	Kevin Kedrowski	345	Dec 28
Eric Zietlow	446	Aug 11	Ryan Bonifacio	345	Dec 28
Garrett Bowling	449	Aug 13	,		

Chief Black Dog had record number of scouts earning their Eagle rank. Each scout earned a special 2010 Anniversary Commemorative patch. Congratulations to all new Eagle Scouts, their leaders, parents and families.

