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Early May Issue

Don't miss the May Roundtable, our year-end, Chief Black Dog(GO!) Campout and Campfire. We are wrapping up the year with skits, songs, fun, and food (dutch oven specialties)! Food and fun! You won't want to miss it! Roundtable returns August 18 with the Corn Feed Program Kick off.

Steve Engel—Editor

May Roundtable

Yes, this may be a last minute reminder but you won't want to miss the May Roundtable. We wrap up the year with fun, songs, skits and entertainment. The Cub Scout side will host an "end-of-the-year" campfire complete with songs, skits and, yes, maybe even s'mores! Yes, it's the Chief Black Dog(GO!) Campout—Campfire Program. It's a joint session with the Boy Scout Leaders. The Boy Scouts are cooking and the Cub Scouts are providing the campfire entertainment!

School Night For Scouting Training at Roundtable

School Night For Scouting training will take place at 6 pm, just prior to the May Roundtable. If you were not able to attend at University of Scouting, this will be the last opportunity to attend until the August Roundtable. All units need to attend training to be aware of the changes this year. There's a new theme, Superheroes! The date is a little later, September 22. Be sure someone from your unit attends training and takes advantage of the summer opportunities to recruit.

Questions? Contact [Renee Estrella-Wells](#), or 952-564-9133

August Roundtable

The August Roundtable, program kick-off and corn feed will be held on August 18, a week later than usual to allow more units to attend.

OA Corner



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

Section Conclave Each year the OA Section Conclave is sponsored by a lodge in our section. This year the Section Conclave will be hosted by our lodge, Totanhan Nakaha, and will be held at Philippo Scout reservation, September 9 - 11, 2016. more information at [Section Conclave](#).

Venture Notes



Venture Shindig May 20-22, a full weekend of fun at Stearns Scout Camp Complete details at [Venture Shindig](#).

Family Friends of Scouting (FFOS) Follow Up, Follow Up, Follow Up...

Several units are close to their FOS goal. There are still a few days left to reach your goal. The deadline has been extended to May 15. So the mission is "follow-up, follow-up, follow-up! We now need all unit FOS coordinators to do a thorough 'FOLLOW-UP' with every family in their unit, in attempting to reach their base goal. Make sure every family has the opportunity to contribute. Don't forget grandparents, relatives, former Scouts and leaders. Please contact [Jerry Gohl](#) or (952)381-7475 with any questions concerning Family FOS.





Calendar

May 12	Roundtable
	School Night Training 6-7pm
May 21	Apple Valley Parks Clean Up Day
May 30	Memorial Day Ceremonies
June 3-5	Spring Camporee Webelos Woods
July 30	Model Rocket Launch Day
August 18	August Roundtable/Corn Feed Program Kick-Off



Memorial Day Ceremonies

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. Both Eagan and Apple Valley hold Memorial Day Ceremonies. Eagan has typically been in the afternoon and Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776 has hosted a morning ceremony. Plan now to be part of the ceremonies. Watch for details in the Chatter or a special E-Chat.

4th of July Parades

Plan now to part of the Eagan and Apple Valley 4th of July parades. This is a great way to promote scouting and recruit new members. More details and contact information in future issues of the Chatter.



Cub Anapolis Model Rocket Launch Day

The annual Model Rocket Launch Day will be held on Saturday, July 30, co-sponsored with the District 196 Community Education Space Camp Challenge program. This will be held at Falcon Ridge Space Center (Middle School). Check-in begins about 9:00 am and the launches begin about 10:00. The cost is free. Watch for the 2016 Model Rocket Launch Day flyer to be posted soon on the web site.

The Cub Anapolis will be the same day at the nearby Hagemester Park in Apple Valley. Find more information on the web site at [Cub Anapolis](#),

Earth Day Spring Service Project Apple Valley Parks Clean-Up Day

Earth Day was April 22 but anytime is good time to think about an Earth Day theme or spring clean up service project. Apple Valley will host a Parks Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 21. If you are in the Adopt'a'Park Program, this the day to serve your park. Call Steve Skinner, 952-953-2314 to learn more about the program or to simply help on the parks clean up day. Eagan does not have an Adopt'a'Park type program but they would be more than happy to assist any unit in a park clean up effort.

Reptile Show and More

Since 2003, Repticon Reptile and Exotic Animal Expos has welcomed Boy and Girl Scouts and their leaders to our shows with discount tickets for family members and FREE ADMISSION for any Scout or leader wearing his/her uniform.

Repticon returns to Minneapolis on May 14 & 15, 2016 for another fun-filled and highly educational event, suitable for all ages.

As always, we invite all of our Boy and Girl Scout troops and their families to join us for a great celebration of all things reptilian and amphibian. We also have invertebrates, spiders, furry critters and more!

For more information about the show, please click [HERE](#). Our webpage will tell you all about the show time, place, activities, and ticket prices.

And check out the last Chatter issue for a flyer, more information and a discount coupon for scout family members. Remember, wear your uniform and it's free.

Spring Camporee/Webelos Woods

The Spring Camporee and Webelos Woods is June 3-5 at Phillippo Scout Reservation. The theme is Double Dare Cook-Off. Webelos, camp with your partner troop, learn about Boy Scouts, and work on Arrow of Light Adventures. Parents, learn about your son's next Scouting Adventure! Details, flyer, and registration information at [Spring Camporee](#).

Training Opportunities

Boy Scout Leader Position Specific Training

Boy Scout leaders still have an opportunity for their position required training course; Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Scoutmaster (and ASM) position, Troop Committee Challenge and Youth Protection:

- June 3rd – 5th, Phillippo Scout Reservation, Cannon Falls

For the June 3rd weekend, find the specific course schedules and on-line registration at [Training Opportunities](#).

Ultimate Adult Training

For a “mountain top” training experience, there is absolutely nothing better than the experience you’ll have at Philmont Training Center and Sea Base. This summer, these locations will offer courses on:

- Building a high-performing Cub Scout pack.
- Elevating the outdoor part of your den and pack programs.
- Making !fun! the core of your den and pack programs.

Course specifics and registration can be found at [Philmont](#).

Make it a family vacation. While you attend training, Philmont provides program for every member of the family. In the evenings, everyone gets together for family activities.

Den Chief Training

Within Chief Black Dog(GO!), Den Chief Training will now be offered by request only. When requested, we will try to arrange a time and location that works for both the den chief and den leader. Den chiefs are appointed at varying times throughout the year and people's schedules can be very challenging. By making this a special request training, our goals are to (a) accommodate the busy schedules of the Scout and leader, (b) be able to tailor the length of the course to the audience and (c) reach as many units as possible. Contact Chad Cooper to schedule training.



BSA BB & Archery Range Master Training

One more opportunity this spring to become a qualified range master. Be certified to run the BB and archery ranges at our Council camps.

Separate BB & Archery Courses

- Sat May 21st, Rum River Scout Camp

Links to on-line registration at [Shooting Sports](#).

Scouting For Food Wrap Up

More than 12,000 lbs of food donations, etc. and \$155 were collected on Saturday, April 23 during the annual Scouting for Food drive. Local food shelves give a special thank you to all who helped!

District Dinner and Volunteer Recognition

One hundred thirty five scouts, scouters, family members and special guests attended the Chief Black Dog (GO!) Annual District Dinner and Volunteer Recognition. A record turn out! Congratulations to all the award recipients including Distinguished Leadership recipients, Denise Lucier, Sue Michels, Ray Hagan, and Mark Reardon. Michael Gabriel, Anna-Marie Rieffer, and Joe Miller received the highest recognition at the district level, the District Award of Merit. A complete list of all volunteer recognitions is on the web site at [2016 recognitions](#). Photos in the next Chatter.

Journey 2.0

The first step in Journey 2.0 for 2016 should be complete. Now use this information from this “review and reflection” to improve upon and move on to the next Guideposts, your annual calendar, budget plan and communication plan. For more on Journey 2.0 go to [Journey 2.0](#).

Tonkawa Lodge/Camp Stearns Open House

Northern Star Council will host a Camp Stearns Open House on Sunday, May 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon featuring the new Tonkawa Lodge. This is your chance to walk through the new building and see all of the improvements planned for this summer. All are invited to attend. More information at [Tonkawa Lodge Open House](#).