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Mid Winter Issue

Well, the worst of winter may be behind us, average temperatures on the rise, and more sunshine every day. But not to worry, there's still plenty of time to get out there for an outdoor winter adventure. The District Volunteer Recognition Dinner is Saturday, March 28 (see article for details). Every unit has volunteers deserving of recognition. Nominate them to be recognized at this year's dinner (again more information in this issue)

Steve Engel—Editor

February Roundtable

Cub Scout Cub leaders are going camping! Sharing ideas and themes for family camping. Including advancement, campfires, smores and hot chocolate. Discussion of the new Cub Scout Program will continue and Blue 'n' Gold ideas will be presented.

Boy Scout How do you engage new parents and get them involved. How can you help them with the transition for Cub Scouts/Webelos to Boy Scouts. And for the new scouts, how do you also get and keep them engaged and involved?

Senior Patrol Leader The Senior Patrol Leader's breakout continues with a discussion of the Patrol Method. What is it? How do you use it, and how is it implemented in your troop.



Troop Committee training continues with a discussion of recruiting leaders, including the Scoutmaster. The committee responsibilities for finance, activities, and advancement will also be discussed. The training will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Even if you missed the first session there is still a lot of valuable and useful information in this second session. Please view Troop Committee Challenge online and have copy of the guidebook.

- Calendar, Council Court of Recognition and dinner, and our latest Silver Beaver recipient on page 2

District Dinner Volunteer Recognition

The Chief Black Dog(GO!) District Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 28 at Shepherd of the Valley Church in Apple Valley. Check the [District Activities page](#) for information, or [click here to register](#).

Award Nominations As of several days ago only a handful of nominations have been received. Your Scouting program is successful because of your volunteer leadership, so take this once-a-year opportunity to nominate those people for one of these awards!

- Spark Plug
- Outstanding Leader:
 - ◇ Committee Chair and Committee Member
 - ◇ Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Venturing Advisor, and Team Coach
 - ◇ Lion Leader, Tiger Leader, Wolf/Bear Leader, and Webelos Leader
 - ◇ Unit Commissioner
 - ◇ Chartered Organization Representative
- Distinguished Leadership - for *unit* service
- District Award of Merit - for *district* service to
- Chartered Partner

[Nomination forms can be found here](#). Nominations are due by Thursday, February 12, 2015--at Roundtable--at the latest.

- wanted, your photos and musically talented scouts, see page 2

Northern Star Council Dinner Court of Recognition

Please join us as Northern Star Council recognizes and thanks all Scouting volunteers, and celebrates those individuals and districts who have distinguished themselves during this past year, including the 2015 Silver Beaver Recipients. This dinner and recognition is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Base Camp. Details can be found at [Council Dinner](#).

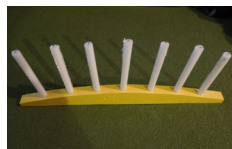
Congratulations Ron Lee 2015 Silver Beaver Recipient

The Northern Star Council has selected Ron Lee, Chief Black Dog (Go!) Advancement Chair, for the Silver Beaver which is the highest recognition a local council can give a volunteer. Ron has played an important role in helping dozens of our scouts achieve the rank of Eagle each year for many years. Additionally, he has provided active leadership to our Order of the Arrow chapter as a ceremonial team adviser, OA elections trainer and Brotherhood chair.

Ron will receive this recognition at the Northern Star Council Recognition Dinner. We encourage all of you to attend to support and applaud this recognition.

Crossover Bridge and Ceremony Candle Stand Available

Does your need a Webelos crossover bridge (can be used for over ceremonies as well) or a ceremonial candle stand? See photos. And a few rocket kits. Interested? Contact [Joe Stefani](#).



Klondike Derby

February 27 through March 1 is the CBD Klondike Derby. Complete information is on the website at [Klondike Derby](#), including registration information, flyers, and Leader's Guide. Start planning now. You can attend for the one day, Saturday, or stay overnight.

Calendar

February 12	Roundtable
February 21	District Annual Planning Mtg. Merit Badge Fair
Feb 27 - Mar 1	Klondike Derby
March 21	Merit Badge Fair Council Court of Recognition
March 28	District Dinner Volunteer Recognition

District Dinner Wanted Photos And Talented Youth

Please submit photos or videos to be used in a presentation at the District Dinner by March 13. The photos should highlight your unit's favorite events from past year. Contact [Paul Mahowald](#) [Paul Najlis](#) for details on photo submission.

Do you have musically talented youth in your Unit? We're thinking about having a couple Scouts or Venturers do a song during the Dinner. Contact [Deb Zurales](#) for details.

You will find [Award Nomination](#) forms here.

You will find [District Dinner](#) Information here

Find a copy of the [dinner flyer](#) here.

Religious Emblem God and Country Classes

Cub Scout God and Country classes begin on February 22. Classes meet every other week for an hour on Sunday afternoons. Please alert your unit families to this opportunity for their sons to earn the Religious Emblem and to demonstrate that a Scout is Reverent. Go to [God and Country](#) for more information. Descriptions, dates, times and a registration form are available online.

Chief Black Dog (GO!) Annual Planning Meeting Date Change

The Chief Black Dog (GO!) annual planning meeting was postponed until Saturday, February 21, 9:15 am at the Apple Valley Community Center. We will discuss plans for upcoming year (calendar), friend-storming, we need more people to help CBD (GO!), diversity group inclusion (ethnic, income, etc.). Everyone is invited.