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Eagle Scouts

Only 5 percent of Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle in a recent year, and historically a total of only 2 percent of the Scouts have achieved Eagle rank. This is a major achievement that requires years to complete a long list of requirements.

Our congratulations go out to the following Scouts who have achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- Randy Marshall – Troop 78
- Paul Robert Schaettle – Troop 32
- Lucas Denyer – Troop 21
- Drew Benne – Troop 50

Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievement, and ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

Mom & Me Campout

April 9-10

By Ellen Weigant, Event Chairman

There is a council Mom & Me Campout at Camp McClintock starting Friday April 9 and ending Saturday April 10th after lunch. Moms are invited to bring their

Cub Scout(s) to share and enjoy an overnight campout.



There will be a big campfire on Friday evening which the Cubs should certainly enjoy. Saturday morning will include a hike for the Cubs. In addition, there will be archery and BB guns for the Cubs to try out.

Lunch and breakfast will be provided as a part of the cost of the event. This is a great time for the Cubs to have an outing and enjoy camping out-of-doors. Put this on your schedule now!

Cost is \$10 per person. A registration form is available here <http://tinyurl.com/y8uofgt> and is due in the Scout Office or e-mail to wes.hurd@hotmail.com by April 5th.

OA Section Conclave

April 23-25

Online registration is available at this link

<http://sr8.oaevent.com/>

Instructions for online registration are available here

<http://tinyurl.com/yjcfw2>

Registration fee is \$35 until April 12; then \$50 thereafter.

Other Conclave forms are available here

Centennial Sets Selling Out

Only 66 of the Cherokee Area Council centennial sets were created and most of these are sold at this point. If you had any thoughts about purchasing one of these sets, then now is the time to get yours before they are all gone.



The Frankoma plate is the only one done by the council to date, and it is special with the official BSA portrait of a group with our council shoulder patch visible. The patches will quickly escalate in value, as a limited edition of 66 is really going to make these collectible. This will be a great memento from the 100th anniversary celebration and you don't want to be wishing later than you had gone in one day earlier to get yours while there was still one for sale.

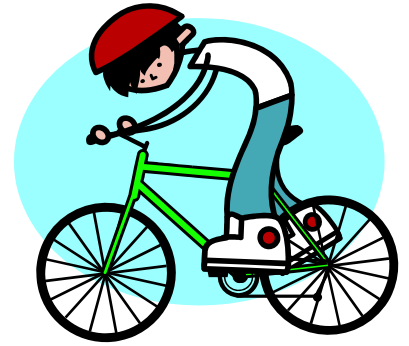
An order form is available here
<http://tinyurl.com/ye3mp5>

Bartlesville Bicycle Safety Rodeo May 1

The development of the Bartlesville Bicycle Safety Rodeo is a result of a grant that the City of Bartlesville has obtained in conjunction with the Safe Route to School program. Five organizations have partnered

along with volunteers from the community to develop and present the Rodeo.

The Rodeo will provide Bartlesville children in grades K through 5 with a fun and safety oriented event for learning and developing safe bicycle riding practices.



The rodeo course has been developed to use a series of learning activity stations that will provide a progressive learning experience for the participants replicating "real world" street and traffic situations.

Included in the event will be the following stations: inspection of bicycles, fitting of helmets, bicycle I.D. and registration with BPD, safety, learning activities for properly stopping, riding in a straight line, dodging obstacles, entering a street from a driveway, street riding awareness, and entering intersections.

The Rodeo will be held on May 1 between 9am and 12pm at the ConocoPhillips west parking lot. The rain date is May 8.

This event would be a good opportunity for service hours. To volunteer to help with Rodeo, youth or adult, contact Rudy Geissler at 918-876-4985 or rgeissler@aol.com

Popcorn Pop-Off Training August 9 & August 12

Osage Hills District:

August 9 at 5:30 p.m. –
Scout Service Center,
Bartlesville

Grand Lake District:

August 12 at 7:00 p.m. –
location TBA

New in 2010: FREE training kick-off kit for each unit & more incentive prizes for scouts!



Who should attend: unit popcorn chair (someone other than Cubmaster or Scoutmaster)

Troops - We also welcome your senior patrol leader!

Join us for popcorn, soda & lots of great ideas on how to fund your unit for the year thru popcorn sales!

Merit Badge Festival

Tri-County Technology Center, Bartlesville, OK, recently welcomed 400 Boy Scouts from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas to the annual Winter Merit Badge Festival. This event permits the Scouts to work on four different Scouting merit badges during the day. The merit badges are required for Star, Life, Eagle, and Eagle Palm ranks. A total of 21 merit badges are required to reach the Eagle rank.

Tri-County instructors volunteered to help with the festival by providing instruction for the Architecture, Automotive Maintenance, Cooking, Dentistry, and Graphic Arts merit badges. Each of these subjects is taught at the center, and this expert introduction to these subjects by the instructors helps achieve the merit badge program purpose of giving young people a better idea about careers. This then better prepares them for making an intelligent choice of what they would like to do as an adult.



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

A total of 36 merit badges were offered during the event. All of the merit badges required for Eagle rank were taught including the swimming merit badge. A fellow United Way Member Agency, the YMCA, partnered with the BSA local council to provide facilities, and Scouts were shuttled to the YMCA for the swimming merit badge.

A total of 65 adults were engaged in instructing both youth and adult sessions during the day. Scouts received quality education from professionals, such as nurses for First Aid and Public Health, a doctor for Medicine, a meteorologist for Weather, a lawyer for Law, a fireman for Fire Safety, and a photographer for Photography as a few examples.



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

The end result is that a total of 1469 merit badges were worked on by all of the Scouts. Some of these were completed, and many had requirements that could not be completed during the two hour session. Some of the merit badges (such as First Aid) took two sessions for a total of four hours.

There were 46 different Scout units represented, and the leaders were able to do training during the event while their Scouts worked on merit badges. Some of the leaders took CPR training, which is needed when the units go on their summer high adventure trips. Other sessions were provided for Trek Safely and Climb on Safely to support the Scouting adventures. Training was also provided to Cub Scout leaders with a number of new units starting up in the council this year.

Council Banquet Honorees

The **Phil R. Phillips Award** is given each year to a volunteer who has given service to the Council for many years and contributing in many ways to the efforts of Scouting. This year's recipient was **Carl Reichert** who has served as Grand Lakes District Committee Member/Commissioner/District Chairman, Executive Board of the Council, Unit Commissioner, Merit Badge

Counselor, Assistant Scoutmaster, faithful fundraiser, and many other functions within the Council.

Cherokee Area Council **President Awards** are presented to those who go above and beyond their position and offer outstanding service to the overall Council and the six counties we serve. Honorees at this year's Council Banquet were:

Bill Alexander who is VP of Program while serving as historian, centennial chairman, and many other functions organized many Council including Cub Scout Fun-0-Rees and Winter Merit Badge Festival

Frank Reeves who is Scoutmaster of Troop 33 in Pawhuska was instrumental in the organization of a Centennial weekend event in July that drew Scouts from many states to celebrate the 1st Boy Scout Troop in the US chartered under the Boy Scouts of England. The event offered camping, entertainment, activities for the Scouts, and a great festival atmosphere.



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Henry Robin who is the Order of the Arrow Advisor for his work with the Washita Lodge receiving Quality Lodge and obtaining approval for the 2010 Order of the Arrow Section Conclave.

Ray Peaster Osage Hills District Commissioner has been instrumental in the working with the commissioner staffs and units in getting their recharter documents recorded in a timely manner in both Districts. In addition he has been faithful in photography work for the Council and many other areas.



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Dale Copeland who is VP of Marketing for his outstanding efforts in many areas from working on a new look to the Council web site to the increased exposure of the Boy Scouts in the newspapers and magazines of the area.

The **Silver Beaver Award** is presented for outstanding service to youth within the Council or for outstanding longtime service to youth by a registered Scouter residing within that Council.



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

The year's recipients were Bruce Hendren (left) and Wayne Hamilton (right).

Bruce Hendren began his Scouting career in 1987 and has held positions to include Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster and has been a Scoutmaster for over 20 years in Pawhuska. Unit involvement has included Pack 30 and Troops 31 and 43. He has also served on Day Camp staff and as a trainer for Osage Hills District. At the Council level, he is involved in Order of the Arrow (OA) as head cook and has served as Jamboree Quartermaster. He is currently Second Assistant to the Scoutmaster for the Council's 2010

Jamboree Contingency. Bruce has achieved the following Scouting awards which speak volumes for his character: Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Scouting Family of the Year, District Chair Award and he is a Founder's and Vigil OA recipient. Bruce holds the position of High Priest Group Leader and Elder's Quorum teacher in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He has worked as a carpenter for the last 35 years and volunteers in the Hearts and Hands School. Additionally, he offers his grilling expertise to many non profit organizations so they can use his "all-you-can-eat" steak dinners as a vehicle for fundraising.

A Scoutmaster since 1999, **Wayde Hamilton** has mentored nine young men to the rank of Eagle and has worked with many additional Scouts in his roles as Webelos Leader, Committee Chair and Assistant Scoutmaster for Hoover Elementary Pack 108 and Troop 1 sponsored by the First Christian Church of Bartlesville. Wayde is Wood Badge trained and has served both as Wood Badge staff and Scoutmaster for Osage Hills District adult leader training. In 2001 Wayde served as Assistant Scoutmaster for National Jamboree and is the Scoutmaster for the Council's 2010 Jamboree Contingent. A Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, Wayde is also a past advisor for the Cherokee Area Council's, Washita Lodge. Wayde is married to Engla who is also very involved as a Scout leader and they have two sons, Clint an Eagle and Dustin, who is currently a Life Scout in Troop 1. In what little spare time he has he is involved with the American Bowling Congress and a member of the Chickasaw Nation. Additionally, Wayde has worked for ConocoPhillips for 19 years.

Distinguished Eagle Honoree does not necessarily have any affiliation with Boy Scouts of America, but must be involved with helping prepare youth to make ethical and moral choices in line with the values found in the Scout Oath and Law. This person also must demonstrate a life that embraces these values in our community.

This year's worthy candidate joins past recipients such Earl Sears, Richard "Dick" Kane, Ernie McAnaw and Bill and Sheri Cox to name a few.

George Halkaides is involved in the community including the following:

- A graduate of Leadership Bartlesville

- United Way Budget Review Committee
- Current Secretary/Treasurer and Board Member of the Rotary Club and has been a primary participant in projects such as the refurbishing of the Memorial Bridge and movement of the train from Johnstone Park to the Chamber Depot area.
- City of Bartlesville Charter Review Committee
- Red Cross Board member
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Serves on the Manufacturers' Council
- Tri County Technology Board
- Mentor to the Robotics group at Tri County Tech
- Graduate of Bartlesville's Police Academy
- University of Tulsa Athletic Program supporter



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Bill Alexander, left, and George Halkaides, right

The Council's 2009 Eagle Honoree is also a 1963 Electrical Engineer graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now The University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He is retired from Applied Automation, Inc.

Launching the BSA Centennial Silver Dollar

Since the law was signed in the fall of 2008 authorizing the minting of 350,000 silver dollar coins in recognition of the BSA's 100th Anniversary, there has been almost

nonstop interest in when the coins would be available, and how to order one. Now, the time is here!

On March 23, the United States Mint will make available for sale the BSA Centennial Silver Dollar. Proceeds from the coin surcharges will benefit the BSA National Foundation in efforts to bring Scouting into underserved communities. If every coin is sold, \$3.5 million will be generated for this very worthy cause. Are you ready to get yours? Beginning at noon ET on the 23rd, coins can be ordered through the U.S. Mint at www.usmint.gov or at 1-800-USA-MINT. For the first thirty days, the proof coin will be offered at \$39.95 and the uncirculated coin will be offered at \$33.95, after which the prices will be \$43.95 and \$35.95, respectively.



Be sure to visit the coin webpage on the 100 Years of Scouting website. There, you'll find information about the coin, its honorary chairman Judge William S. Sessions, and promotional tools you can use at the local level.



Coinciding with the availability of the coin is the National Money Show, which finds itself in Fort

Worth, Texas this year in the vicinity of the National Council. Chief Scout Bob Mazzuca will join U.S. Mint Director Edmund Moy on Saturday, March 27 for an official coin launch event. Scouts in uniform and a parent can enter the show at no cost, and there's even an opportunity after the event for Scouts to participate in a coin collecting merit badge workshop.

This limited quantity of coins to sell fast! What a beautiful keepsake to commemorate our historic 100th Anniversary.

Rotary, Scouts Mark 100 Years of Good Turns

A longtime friend of Rotary -- the [Boy Scouts of America](http://www.bsa.org) -- marked its 100th birthday on 8 February.

The two organizations have worked together since their early days. Rotary founder Paul Harris, after meeting with Chief Scout Executive James E. West in 1910, urged Rotarians to assist in the expansion of the Scouts.

By 1930, Rotarians had organized more than half of the then 500 Boy Scout councils, and today Rotary clubs sponsor 1,483 Scout units for 45,528 youth.

Rotary clubs have also contributed financially to Scout troops and helped construct Boy Scout camp buildings. Individual Rotarians have led the Scouts at local, district, and national levels.

Read the rest of the article here
<http://tinyurl.com/yh48c29>

Cherokee Scouter publication schedule

Do you have news to share? Please submit your news and information to the Cherokee Area Council. You can e-mail cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org

Issue	Issue Deadline
May	May 1
June	May 29
August	July 26

Upcoming Key Dates

Check the Council web site (<http://www.cherokeebesa.org>) for more information about these events.

Apr. 1 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

Apr. 2 – Scout Office closed

Apr. 8 – GL District Roundtable

Apr. 9-10 – Mom and Me Campout, Camp McClintock

Apr. 23-25 – OA Section Conclave

Apr. 29 – OH District Committee

Apr. 30-May 1 – Outdoor Leader Training, Camp McClintock

May 6 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

May 13 – GL District Roundtable

May 27 – OH District Committee

June 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

June 9-11 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp

June 10 – GL District Roundtable

June 16-18 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp

July 26-Aug. 4 – National Scout Jamboree

July 29 – OH District Committee

July 31 – Celebrating 100 Years: Shining a Light