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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 recently achieved Eagle rank:

- ▶ David Castoe – Troop 1
- ▶ Trey Flick – Crew 50
- ▶ Collin Ford – Troop 2000
- ▶ Derek Ford – Troop 2000
- ▶ James Savala – Troop 777
- ▶ Kevin Schroeder – Troop 33
- ▶ Trevor Schwantes – Troop 110
- ▶ Gregory Fuhrmeister – Troop 50
- ▶ Michael Fuhrmeister – Troop 50

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

OA Spring Fellowship

Early bird extended to April 14th

OA Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp McClintock April 30-May 1. The registration form is available on the Washita Lodge web site.

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/oa/2011Spring-Fellowship.pdf>

Registration fee is \$15 if paid at the Scout Office by April 14th. After April 14th, the registration fee is \$20.

Unit News

Troop 8, chartered by the Salvation Army, is having a fund-raiser on April 11 at 5-8pm at Pizza Hut #2 (Madison/Frank Phillips intersection).

Pizza Hut is donating 20% of all sales to the troop.

Patrons must present the flyer when making their purchase. Flyers are available at the Scout office.

Council Twitter

Cherokee Area Council is now on Twitter! Be sure to follow CherokeeBSA to get the latest Council information and up to the minute updates and announcements.

You do not need a Twitter account. If you have a text plan on your mobile phone, just send a text message to 40404 and type "follow cherokeebbsa" (no quotation marks). You will immediately start to receive updates as text messages.

Make sure your mobile phone plan has a texting package or standard text message charges may apply.

If you already have a Twitter account, you can follow the Council at <http://twitter.com/cherokeebbsa>.

We look forward to seeing you on Twitter!

Operation Clean House

April 16

Spring is almost here and Operation Clean House is your opportunity to properly dispose household chemicals, electronics, and more. On April 16 from 8

a.m. to 2 p.m., area sponsors will hold a county-wide recycling event.

For additional information, see the flyer

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/OperationCleanHouse.pdf> or call Washington County Commissioners at 918-337-2820.

This event is sponsored by ChevronPhillips, ConocoPhillips, Wal-Mart, Dinks' BBQ, the City of Bartlesville, Washington County, Keleher Outdoor Advertising, and the Osage Nation.

JOTA-JOTI 2011 - LOGO Contest

April 1-30

The World Organization of the Scout Movement is hosting a contest to design the Logo of this year's edition of the Jamboree-On-The-Air and Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTA - JOTI)



Scouts around the world are invited to submit their design. This logo will be the official logo of the event, but will also be used at the official badge to be worn by

Scouts taking part in the 54th Jamboree-On-The-Air and the 15th Jamboree-On-The-Internet that will be held on the 15-16 October 2011.

Facebook users will be invited to vote for their favorite badge, the ten most popular badges will then be submitted to a jury of volunteers and professionals in Scouting for the final selection process.

STEP 1: FOLLOW THE RULES

- The theme of the competition is:

Peace, Environment and Natural Disasters

Your design for the badge should reflect this theme.

To be accepted the logo must display:

- The short name of the Event

JOTA - JOTI

- The official name in English and French
54th Jamboree On The Air / 54e Jamboree Sur les Ondes
15th Jamboree On the Internet / 15e Jamboree Sur Internet
- The dates of the event in English and French
15 -16 October / Octobre 2011
- The World Scout Emblem (in purple)

Size

- Your logo for the badge must fit in to a space of 6cm x 6cm (square badge).

Please refer to designs of previous years to have an idea of how the elements can be displayed.

Designs, which do not respect the rules, will be removed from the Facebook group.

STEP 2: BE CREATIVE

- Create your badge design.
- When your design is ready, go to WOSM's Facebook page and follow the instructions to upload your badge .
- **You can upload your design from 1st to 30th April 2011.**

STEP 3: CREATE THE BUZZ

- Step 1 and 2 are the only essential steps. However, you can tell us more about your creative process by making a small video explaining how you came up with your design.
- Invite your friends to vote for your design on Facebook so that Scouts around the world can decide which designs will be presented to the jury.

STEP 4: THE WINNER

- The jury will choose the winner among the 10 designs that received the most votes.

ABOUT THE JURY

The jury will follow the process and review the 10 most popular designs.

The winner will be chosen on the following criteria:
Composition, Creativity, Technique, Visual appeal and Overall impression

The World Scout Bureau's Graphic designer will help the winner to adapt the design and adjust the logo for the final production of the badges.

The prizes will be announced at the same time as the winners.

Be part of the innovation!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Rescheduled May 13-14

The training session, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, has been rescheduled for Friday evening May 13, and Saturday May 14.

This course will be held at Camp McClintock. It is a required course for any Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, and for Venturing Crew (Outdoor only) Advisors, Assistant Advisors, and Crew Committee members.



Scouters need to take advantage of this course offering, as this is not included in the many courses now offered online by BSA. Also, being trained in your Scouting position is a pre-requisite for Wood Badge training which happens this Fall. Tour plans note that the leaders must have the needed training as well.

Check-in is from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Friday, and the course will be completed by 9 pm Saturday.

The cost for this course is \$15 per person. Contact the Scout office by May 11th to register.

Scouting Golf Tournament June 3

The 22nd Annual Scouting Golf Tournament will be held at Adams Golf Course on June 3, 2011. Proceeds from this event will be used to help fund the Scouting program in a six county area in Northwestern Oklahoma. The

Support through the golf tournament will allow the Council to continue to provide services to the youth in our area.

This year's tournament format will include a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. and a 4-person scramble. The entry fee is \$100 person which includes range balls and lunch at 11:30 a.m. More information will be available soon on the Council's web site at



<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org>

What a great opportunity – get to play golf, have fellowship with our friends, enjoy a good lunch, and contribute to an organization that is serving our community to the fullest.

Cub Scout Day Camp June 7-10 and June 15-17

Osage Hills District will hold Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp McClintock, starting Tuesday, June 7, and ending

after campfire on Friday, June 10. Cub Scouts and their families may camp overnight on Friday.

Join the Fun!



Registration material will be mailed to each Cub Scout soon and is available online now.

Participant registration:

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-OH-Cub-Day-Camp-Registration.pdf>

Staff application:

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-OH-Day-Camp-Staff-Application.pdf>

Grand Lake District's Cub Scout Day Camp will start on Wednesday, June 15, and run through Friday, June 17.

Registration material will be mailed to each Cub Scout and will be available online soon.

Boy Scouts are needed to staff both Day Camps. Staff applications will be available online soon.

Order of the Arrow SummitCorps July 2011

For years, the Order of the Arrow has pioneered the concept of the service adventure with the OA High Adventure Programs. In 2008, the Order organized its first national service project, ArrowCorps5. Now in 2011, the Order of the Arrow is providing another opportunity to blend the bliss that comes from cheerful service and the personal growth that can only come from a high adventure opportunity.



Service to the New River Gorge National River is the focus of SummitCorps, but the fun from recreation, brotherhood, and being in the wilderness will make the experience that much richer.

For more information click here <http://event.aa-bsa.org/events/summitcorps2011/serviceadventure.htm>

THE NEW RIVER - The site of the SummitCorps – The New River Experience is a part of the National Park Service of the US Department of the Interior. More than 70,000 acres surrounds the New River where there is an abundance of flora and fauna, recreational opportunities, and natural surroundings to enhance the experience of Arrowmen attending SummitCorps in 2011.

For more information click here <http://event.aa-bsa.org/events/summitcorps2011/index.htm>

THE PROJECT - Dust off your mattock and McLeod rake the Order of the Arrow is doing what it knows best trail improvements. The main focus of SummitCorps will be improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species.

For more information click here <http://event.aa-bsa.org/events/summitcorps2011/project.htm>

STAFFING - At SummitCorps 2011, the weeklong projects will be supported by the Instructor Corps and support staff. The Instructor Corps are selected and hired employees of the Boy Scouts of America for the duration of the event (all 4 weeks). The second group of

staff are at SummitCorps for one week which include logistics, administrative services, dining staff, medical staff, recreation staff and more.

SummitCorps will be offered in four identical one-week sessions (July 3-9, 10-16, 17-23, and 24-30). The program will be centered on trail building and environmental conservation projects and is intended for arrowmen and adults who are healthy and able to provide cheerful service throughout the day in an outdoor environment. Philmont health and weight standards apply.

Lodges are able to send contingents to the program week of their choice (space available, of course). Each one-week session is \$250 per participant, plus the cost of transportation. Participants must register and travel as part of a council/lodge contingent. Visit the SummitCorps 2011 national event site at www.event.oe-bsa.org.

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Order of the Arrow Indian Summer August 1-6

Indian Summer 2011 will be held at the Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, N.C. the week of August 1 – 6, 2011.



Lodges will travel as a contingent to the conference site for this one week opportunity to learn about the American Indian culture and Order of the Arrow Inductions and Enrichment.

Lodges will be responsible for the travel costs to and from the Ridgecrest Conference Center. The conference costs are based on the style of lodging for the conference:

- \$325 per Arrowman for dormitory style rooms (4-8 per room) with air conditioning and 1 bathroom.
- \$425 per Arrowman for hotel style rooms (2 per room) with air conditioning and 1 bathroom

The conference fee includes meals, lodging, training sessions, evening activities, program recognitions, recreation, crafts, and more.

AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES - Indian Summer 2011 will expand your understanding of the American Indian culture. Opportunities will be focused on learning to dance, making outfits and crafts, singing and many other areas of the American Indian culture.

You will have an opportunity to gain hands on experience with some of the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.

For more information click here <http://event.oe-bsa.org/events/is2011/aia.htm>

OA CEREMONIES AND INDUCTIONS - Indian Summer 2011 will target the youth Arrowmen and adult adviser in the Inductions process and ceremonies team.

For OA ceremonialists, highlights will include acting skills and techniques workshops taught by real-world theater professionals.

Plus, individuals as well as lodge teams can receive one-on-one coaching for any OA ceremonies part, and even receive a DVD of their performance and evaluation to take home. Take this opportunity to network with other Arrowmen and learn new ideas.

For more information click here <http://event.oe-bsa.org/events/is2011/ice.htm>

ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION - While Indian Summer 2011 will focus on building your dance or ceremony skills, there will also be plenty of time to participate in other recreation.

The Activities and Recreation Committee will sponsor a number of programs and events throughout the conference for all Arrowmen to enjoy.

Participants will be divided into nations, each having their own specific tribes and clans. Clans will consist of members of like ages while also being very diverse, giving you the chance to network and gain knowledge from several Arrowmen across the country.

For more information click here <http://event.oe-bsa.org/events/is2011/arc.htm>

INDEPENDENT STUDY - New to Indian Summer in 2011, arrowmen can participate in trainings related to

both American Indian Activities and Order of the Arrow Ceremonies and Inductions.

This independent study will allow arrowmen to work on both tracks and develop their own training schedule based on their interests. Whether you are uncertain which program area is right for you, or if you want to experience both, the independent study will guide you, based on your preferences, in creating a well-rounded and meaningful Indian Summer experience.

HOW YOU CAN ATTEND - Attend Indian Summer by adding your name to the list at the Scout Office with a \$100 deposit.

From the Training Corner

By Donna Copeland, Council Training Chairman

On the journey to excellence, training is one of the basic elements in providing a quality program for our youth, retaining those youth, and engaging adults who have vast experience and wisdom to share.

Unit leaders should encourage their adults to do the on-line training that is easily done at home or at the Scout Service Center (<http://olc.scouting.org/>)



Once those basic courses are accomplished and recorded, send an updated list to Donna Copeland (donna@copelandappliance.com). That list will assist in looking at possible additional or advanced training that could be done right in your home unit at your convenience.

Once appropriate prerequisites are recorded, many of your adults will be eligible to take Wood Badge (<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/WoodBadge2011.pdf>). Wood Badge will show leaders the model troop and how it can be translated into their own units.

You may contact Wes Hurd (wesley.hurd@scouting.org) or Doug Banner (douglas.banner@scouting.org), your District Executives, to request training or Donna Copeland (donna@copelandappliance.com), Council Training Chair. We want to assist you as you work hard to lead your youth on this journey to excellence we call Scouting.

Next Year's Schedule Released

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

The Council has released the schedule for 2011/2012 Scouting year. This is posted on the Council web site (<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/2011-2012-calendar.pdf>). It is also available in the Scout Office.

Something new on the schedule this year is a Venturing event that those in the crews should enjoy. Training additions in the calendar for the coming year include an adult Wood Badge training course and an NYLT youth training course.

Earn the BSA National Outdoor Awards

From short day hikes to challenging wilderness expeditions, Scouting opportunities for adventure are almost without limit. Master the skills of the outdoors, add plenty of time along trails, on open water, and in camp, and you've got the perfect recipe for becoming a seasoned backcountry traveler.



The National Outdoor Awards recognize Scouts who have demonstrated extensive knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, and adventure. Requirements for each badge are full of exciting possibilities.

For example:

- The *camping badge* asks for a minimum of 25 nights under the stars.
- The *hiking badge* requires at least 100 miles on the trail.

- The swimming and lifesaving merit badges and Mile Swim, BSA are the gateway to the *aquatics badge*.
- Hundreds of miles on a horse or bicycle carry you toward the *riding badge*.
- The *adventure badge* combines backpacking with rock climbing and your choice of canoeing, rowing, or sailing.

Complete these and the rest of the requirements for each badge, then add the embroidered bar to the main patch. Silver and gold devices attached to the bars indicate even more time in the field.

National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

Ready for even more? Then set your sights on the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement, the highest recognition a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor.

Begin by completing the National Outdoor Awards camping badge with a silver device, and two more National Outdoor Awards badges, each with a gold device. Other requirements include:

- Earn merit badges for Backpacking, Emergency Preparedness, Nature, and Wilderness Survival.
- Complete approved training in Wilderness First Aid (16-hour course).
- Become a certified Leave No Trace trainer (16-hour course).



- Plan and lead qualified adventures for Scout units.
- Complete at least one of the following: - Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader,

an adventure activity identified in the National Outdoor Awards badge for adventure for your troop, team, patrol, or squad. - Successfully complete a season on a council summer camp staff in an outdoor area, such as aquatics, Scoutcraft, nature/environment, climbing, or COPE.

Do all of that and more, and you'll be closing in on the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement, sure to become one of Scouting's most respected awards.

For full requirements, click here

<http://usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/outdoor-medal.asp>

Scouting's National Championship Canoe Race

Scouting's National Championship Canoe Race will be held this July 27-30 in the beautiful Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. Come join one of scouting's most unique and challenging events.

Each year teams from across the country test themselves and the White River over 3 days and 120 miles. The race is open to all scouts ages 14 to 21, male or female, experienced or novice. Each finisher of the race will receive an award and trophies are given to the top three finishers in each class.

For a \$35 entry fee, each scout or paying adult/advisor receives a race t-shirt, four evening meals, free camping in nicely equipped parks, a race patch, and chances for door prizes.

The event is more than just a race as there are activities for everyone and memories that will last a lifetime.

Teams from Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, and Arkansas are expected this year.

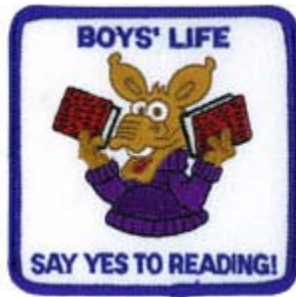
Canoes, paddles and life vests are available for loan for new teams.

Contact the Event Chairman or Race Director for more details at www.whiterivercanoerace.com If you register on-line by July 1, you can save \$5 per scout.

2011 Boys Life reading contest

<http://boyslife.org/home/1053/enter-the-boys-life-reading-contest/>

Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the *Boys' Life* 2011 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.



The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words — 500 words tops. Enter in one of these three age categories:

- 8 years old and younger
- 9 and 10 years old
- 11 years old and older

First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product in the Boy Scouts official retail catalog. Second-place winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place winners a \$50 certificate.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the one on this page. (And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn different patches.

The contest is open to all *Boys' Life* readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry.

Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest
S306
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2011 and must include entry information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Winners of the 2010 reading contest will be announced in the May 2011 issue of *Boys' Life* magazine.

[Click here to read the winning essays in the 2009 contest.](#)

Have You Updated Your Unit Google Pin?

How Units Manage Leads

Leads! That's what will make your unit grow. BeAScout helps generate leads.

A "lead" is someone who shows an interest in Scouting. Leads (mostly parents) look for units in their neighborhoods and then send a message to find out more about the unit.

The goal of the BeAScout campaign is to turn leads into registered members. To do this, one or more people must manage the leads.

Both councils and units are responsible for managing leads.

Who can manage unit leads?

From MyScouting, certain people will have access to BeAScout to manage unit pin and unit leads. They are Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, or Crew Advisors, along with Unit Committee Chairs, Chartered Organization Representatives, and the primary and alternate contacts set up in Step 1 below.

Unit Leader Tasks

1. **Update the Pin.** After July 23, all registered units will appear as pins on the Google map. Unit leaders will want to make sure that their unit information is correct on the pins. To do that, if you have the role mentioned above, log into MyScouting, select BeAScout, then Unit Pin Management. Change the "Fields Displayed on Google Pin" from Council Information to Contact Person. Then add primary and alternate unit contacts and any other unit information you want.

You can also select the information to appear on the Google pin.

If you don't update your pin, then only council information will show on the Google bubble.

2. **Manage the Leads.** Once you've completed Step 1, your primary and alternate contacts will be notified when a lead is interested in your unit. They must follow up with these leads. To do this, from MyScouting > BeAScout, go to Unit Lead

Management. Select your unit to view the leads for that unit.

All of the necessary information to contact this parent is on this page. You can view the information the lead submitted (Edit), the lead's name, address, phone, and e-mail; the date when they first made contact; questions or comments they submitted (a red flag means it needs follow up); the number of youth interested in Scouting; the status of this lead; notes that you or other people who work leads can enter (so you know what each other has done); and how they heard about Scouting.

Q&C. Clicking on the red flag opens a box allowing an e-mail contact with the parent.

Status. Once contacted, the leader should update the Status field. The goal here is to have the Status column marked C or J. The status codes stand for: NC = Not contacted; F = Follow-up needed; C = Contacted; J = Joined.

Check your Unit Lead Management often so that no leads are neglected.

Upcoming Webinars

Two webinars are scheduled per day on the following days:

July 29

August 3

August 25

August 30

It's easy to sign up! Just click on this link <http://programimpact.kintera.org/beascout> and follow the simple instructions. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you've completed your registration. (If you do not receive a confirmation, you have not completed the registration process. Be sure you receive a confirmation.) The webinar links and teleconference information will be sent to you in a separate e-mail within 24 hours of the start of the webinar session.

Resources

Materials are posted on <http://www.scouting.org/training/adult/supplemental/beascout.aspx> for unit leaders.

150th anniversary of Taps in 2012

For those of you looking for a special event for a ceremony next year, 2012 is the 150th anniversary of the bugle call Taps!

The call was composed by Union General Daniel Butterfield in July, 1862, and had spread through out the Union and Confederate armies by the end of the Civil War. It is a truly American bugle call.

For more information, see <http://taps150.org/>

Cranston Launches "A Scout is..." BSA® Collection



Quilting Treasures, by Cranston, launched its new Spring collection of BSA® fabrics entitled "A Scout is...". Included in this patriotic assortment of cotton fabrics are 14 complementary designs.

These are ideal for quilting projects as well as craft and home décor items.

The inspiration for the collection came from iconic Norman Rockwell illustrations and the 12 points of the Scout Law: courteous, friendly, kind, loyal, thrifty, cheerful, helpful, obedient, trustworthy.

For more information, please visit www.quiltingtreasures.com. The products are also available at Hancock's of Paducah, Keepsake Quilting, and Fabric Depot.

DecoPac Introduces BSA® Cupcake Pics and Pinewood Derby® Edible Cake Topper



DecoPac introduced BSA® cupcake pics and a specially created Pinewood Derby® edible cake decoration for Scouting celebrations. These are available at Sam's Club and online at cake.com and decopac.com.

Commemorative Brands Adds BSA® Birthstone Pendants



Commemorative Brands introduced BSA® pendants with birthstones to their line of women's jewelry. Designed for mothers of Scouts and female leaders, these pendants are offered in 10k, 14k, white or yellow gold, or sterling

silver and with a birthstone. Each pendant comes on a black leather cord with silver fastenings.

For more information and to purchase this product, please visit joyjewelry.com.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

- April 7 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- April 8-9 – Cub and One Campout
- April 14 – GL Roundtable
- April 15-17 – OA Section Conclave
- April 22 – Scout Service Center closed
- April 28 – OH District Committee
- April 29-May 1 – OA Spring Fellowship
- May 5 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- May 12 – GL Roundtable
- May 13-14 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- May 26 – OH District Committee
- May 30 – Scout Service Center closed
- Jun 2 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- June 7-10 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp
- June 9 – GL Roundtable
- June 15-17 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp
- June 30 – OH District Committee
- July 28 – OH District Committee
- August 1 – OH Popcorn Kernel Training
- August 4 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- August 8 – GL Popcorn Kernel Training
- August 11 – GL Roundtable
- August 19-21 – OA Fall Fellowship
- August 25 – OH District Committee
- September 1 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chaptermeeting
- September 8 – GL Roundtable
- September 16-18 – Wood Badge 1st weekend
- September 24 – OH Cub Fun-o-Ree
- September 24 – GL BALOO Training
- September 29 – OH District Committee