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2013-2014 Council Calendar

The 2013-2014 council calendar has been posted to the council web site. Links are available in the center section of the home page as well as in the drop-down list under Council Calendar.

http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2013-2014_CAC_Calendar.pdf

Journey to Excellence 2012

Congratulations to the following units on their JTE success in 2012!

BRONZE

Troop 1

Troop 777

SILVER

Crew 2000

Pack 29

Pack 32

Troop 2

Troop 33

GOLD

Pack 5

Pack 15

Pack 30

Pack 108

Pack 150

Troop 3

Troop 5
Troop 6
Troop 32
Troop 43
Troop 2000

Information about 2013 Journey to Excellence including score cards, support documents, PowerPoint slide decks, and FAQs

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

~~APRIL 5-6~~ DATE CHANGED TO MAY 17-18
CAMP MCCLINTOCK
6:00 PM FRIDAY TO 9:00 PM SATURDAY

Cost \$20 includes 3 meals on Saturday

The **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** course is a hands-on adult program that teaches practical Troop and outdoor skills needed to lead Scouts through all aspects of the Boy Scout Program. It is required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters for your Journey to Excellence ratings and it is NOT available online.

Spend the weekend camping, cooking and learning as a Troop using the patrol method. You will camp Friday night as a part of the course, and may do so without charge on Saturday night after the course is completed if desired (course personnel leave Saturday evening.)

More information about what to bring

http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/Introduction_to_Outdoor_Leader_Skills.pdf

Reservations must be made through the Scout Service Center: email registrar@cherokeesba.org or call the office 918-336-9170.



NRA Range Safety Officer Training APRIL 6 OR MAY 18

Camp McClintock - Cost \$42

This is a one day training course. Participants may attend either date.

The objective of the course is to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.

To register, contact the Scout Service Center.



GL Pinewood Derby

APRIL 6

9 AM REGISTRATION - 10 AM RACE STARTS

The derby has been moved to the Grove Upper Elementary gym. The school is located off 7th street by the football stadium. Seventh Street is one way going east, so enter from Leisure Lane which is the stop light on Hwy 59 as you enter Grove from the north.

All Cub Scouts Race at no charge.

Open Class race: \$3/car

Two divisions: under 13 and 13 and up.

Concessions will be available for lunch.



Washita Lodge News

Washita Lodge has sixteen new members. The Ordeal/Helpful Day was great. We had several service projects taken care of for Camp McClintock. The new swinging bridge is in so we were able to take logs across and set trails and also clear out trails so that scouts can explore safely and make our camp better.

The next events are Fellowship and Section Conclave.

Spring Fellowship – Register by April 10th

Try out the [new online registration process](#) or register with the usual registration form.
<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/oa/2013SpringFellowship.pdf>

Section Conclave - Early bird deadline midnight April 5th

<http://www.sr-8.org/conclave.html>

**SM/ASM Leader Specific Training
APRIL 17 AND 18
SCOUT SERVICE CENTER, BARTLESVILLE
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM BOTH EVENINGS
COST \$10 FOR THE TWO SESSIONS**

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training is designed for any adult accepting the invitation to serve as a Scoutmaster or assistant Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop. Troop committee members and other adults who expect to play a supportive role in the success of a troop are also invited to attend. Webelos leaders preparing to move on to a leadership position in a Scout troop are encouraged to enroll.



This course addresses the needs of adults who have accepted the responsibility of delivering the Scouting program to youth by serving as Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters. For many, this will be an introduction to the rewards and challenges of troop leadership. Others may have held leadership positions in Cub Scouting, Venturing, or on troop, district, or council committees, and have come to this training well versed in what Scouting has to offer.

The sessions of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training are thorough and comprehensive. They are also fun. Participants will be enthused to discover the essentials of their leadership positions and to realize that they can easily become successful Scout leaders. Discussions, group activities, and video clips will keep the sessions lively and create a fellowship of learning.

The goal of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training is fourfold. All participants who finish the sessions should:

- Have the confidence that being a Scoutmaster is a manageable challenge.
- Understand that they have abundant available resources.
- Know that the structure of the Boy Scouts of America ensures that they are part of a supportive team working to deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth of America.
- Have a short action plan to apply what they have learned during the three sessions of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training.

Reservations are made by e-mailing registrar@cherokeebbsa.org or calling the office 918-336-9170.

A MINIMUM of 6 registrants is required to hold this course, so you will be notified if the course does not reach the minimum number needed, and thus it is critical that you pre-register to make sure that the course will be held.

**Cub and One
APRIL 19-20**

The annual Osage Hills District Cub and One will be held on Friday, April 19-Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Camp McClintock. Cost is \$10 per person attending. Cost includes cracker barrel on Friday night, breakfast on Saturday morning as well as prizes for the fishing derby on Friday night.



Check-in begins at 5:00p.m. Friday (no supper provided but a cooking fire will be available if no burn ban) and camp ends by 3:00p.m. on Saturday. Breakfast is provided Saturday. You will need to bring your own tent, camping gear, personal items, water bottles, etc. Please don't bring electronic items and games. Don't forget your binoculars!

Following is the schedule for the event:

Friday:

Check-in begins at 5:00p.m.

Fishing Derby begins at 7:00p.m.; please bring fishing poles and tackle.

Opportunity to earn the Astronomy Belt Loop

Cracker Barrel to follow

Saturday:

Rise and Shine and be present at the morning flag ceremony by 7:45a.m.

8:00a.m. breakfast in the dining hall.

9:00a.m. breakout for BB's and Archery (events will continue until 12noon). Yard games will also be available.

Please break camp by Noon; however, camp will be open until 3p.m.; bring a lunch if you are planning to stay.

Please register NO LATER THAN Tuesday, April 16th at the Scout office.

Registration form -

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/districts/oh/2013Cub%20and%20One.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call Alice-Ann Shiflet, 918-694-5136, or Kim Cowherd at 918-336-9170.

Council Camporee

MAY 3-5

Peoria Tribal Pow Wow Grounds - Miami

Theme: Wilderness Survival and Patrol Competition

Cost \$10 per person includes a patch, supplies, cracker barrel, breakfast, and dinner. Other food is the troop's responsibility

Activities include:

- Wilderness Survival merit badge
- Cooking without utensils
- Fire building contest
- Signal contest
- Height and width judging contest
- Spear throwing contest
- Survival Kit contest
- Shelter set up
- Survival bracelet kit

Since food is being provided register early!

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/2013SpringCamporee.pdf>

Questions? Call Randy Asbery @ 918-314-7241 or Doug Banner @ 918-344-4085

BALOO Training

MAY 4 – NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM APRIL 6

Grand Lake District has set a venue and date for BALOO training – **May 4th starting at 9:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Grove.**



The afternoon session will be held at Honey Creek State Park for hands-on instruction, including Dutch oven goodies!

See the [flyer](#) on the council web site for more information

Lifesaving Merit Badge

MAY 4

No Boy Scout will ignore a plea for help. However, the desire to help is of little use unless one knows how to give the proper aid. The main purpose of the Lifesaving merit badge is to prepare Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies



Phillips 66 Aquatics and Boy Scout Troop 6 are offering Lifesaving Merit Badge to qualified Scouts. Trained Red Cross Lifeguard Instructors will be instructing the class.

Cost is \$35.00 for all participants.

Class will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. May 4. Lunch break: 11:30-12:00 p.m. Class will last until 5:00.

Please make sure you can show proof of the following prerequisites:

Swimming Merit badge, First Aid Merit Badge, and Canoeing or Rowing Merit badge

Before attending, read through Lifesaving Merit Badge requirements.

1. Swim continuously for 400 yards using each of the following strokes in a strong manner for at least 50 continuous yards: front crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke.
2. Remove street clothes in 20 seconds or less and use a non-buoyant aid, such as a shirt or towel, to tow the subject to safety.
3. Recover a 10-pound weight in 8 to 10 feet of water using a feet-first surface dive.

Clean street clothes and Bathing suits required.

For more information contact Ashley Clowdus at 918-815-4652 or Charles Lewis at 918-331-6053.

E-mail charlielewis@yahoo.com to sign up for this offering. **Advanced registration is required.**

All participants must sign a facility use [waiver](#). Those 18 years and older can sign their own waiver; minor dependents under the age of 18 must have their "own" parent sign the waiver for them

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/BVL%20Dependent%20GuestWaiver.pdf>

Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

MAY 11

Camp McClintock- Cost \$10 includes NRA materials, ammo, targets & lunch

Scout attending this merit badge class will receive NRA First (Firearm Introduction, Responsibility, and Safety Training) Steps Rifle training approved by BSA to reach rifle shooting merit badge.



To register, contact the Scout Service Center.

Maximum class size is 16.

OH District Cub Scout Day Camp

JUNE 4-7

Who: All Cub Scouts entering first through fifth grade are invited to attend the Osage Hills District Cub Scout Day Camp for 2013.

When: **Cub Scout Day Camp** will be held **June 4th through June 7th** at Camp McClintock. Walking Leader training will be on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 PM at the Scout Service Center OR Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM at Camp McClintock. Walking leaders need to attend only one training session. This is where you will learn about expectations and responsibilities as well as the daily schedule. Please do not miss this as it will make your 1st day of camp easier for all!

Check-in at camp will be at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4th. The program will last from 8:45 AM through 4:15 PM (everyone will be able to depart from camp by 4:15 PM) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Check-in on Friday will be at 12:30 PM with program starting at 12:45 PM. There will be a family picnic at 5:30 PM for all Cub Scouts and their families, followed by an awards campfire at 7:00 PM on Friday. Families may plan to arrive at 5:00 p.m. Friday and should bring a picnic dinner and chairs.

Program: Each day will have a "Knights of the Roundtable" theme with lots of fun activities. The Cubs will go to the archery and BB range and fish (weather permitting) each day. The program will also focus on age appropriate activities that qualify toward advancements.

Cub Scouts must register as a Pack. The Pack's Day Camp Coordinator will turn in applications, health forms and money to the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville by May 7th. **Cost is \$45 per Cub.**

Each Pack must provide Walking Leaders for their Cub Scouts with at least one Walking Leader for every five boys registered in each age group. **First grade Tiger Cubs MUST have a parent or guardian over 18 with them each day**

What to wear and bring: Cub Scouts and Leaders should wear shoes that enclose the toe (no sandals), the camp T-shirt, a belt and a cap. Don't forget sunscreen and bug repellent.

Please bring a sack lunch each day. Packs should provide proper storage for their lunches. Cups and drinking water will be provided. You may want to provide a snack for your child.

Registration material has been mailed to every registered Cub Scout. The registration form and health form are also available on the council web site

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/districts/oh/2013OHDayCampRegistration.pdf>

OH District Cub Scout Day Camp Boy Scout Staff

JUNE 3-7

To be on the staff of the Cub Scout Day Camp you must be a registered Boy Scout or Venture Crew member. Staff will be assigned to one of several program positions. Staff will be expected to be at camp from 1:00PM, Monday, June 3rd, through Friday night at 9:00PM June 7th.

Boy Scouts serving on staff are expected to camp at the Cub Scout Day Camp. **All staff members staying the night need an Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C. You will not be allowed on camp property without this form.**

All those selected to serve on staff will be expected to serve as an example to the Cub and Webelos Scouts present at the camp. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. In addition, those on staff will be expected to wear a Day camp T-shirt whenever Cubs or Webelos are in camp. Field uniforms ("Class A") will be required for ceremonies; otherwise Troop T- Shirt or other Scouting T-shirt will be acceptable at all other times. A Day Camp T-shirt and cup will be provided.

This year we will be allowing a limited number of Junior Staff (Boys ages 11 to 13) to be on staff. Junior staff positions will receive all of the same benefits of regular Boy Scout staff. Junior staff positions include den chiefs and runners. Only older staff will be allowed in the BB gun range and Archery range.

This will be a fun and exciting camp with the opportunity to use program equipment after Cubs leave. We will also go swimming one night at Osage Hills, so bring a swimsuit.

The Day Camp Staff application is due in the Scout Office by May 3rd.

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/districts/oh/2013OHDayCampStaffApplication.pdf>

If you are selected for Camp Staff you will be notified on or before May 10th.

24th Annual Scouting Golf Tournament

JUNE 7

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- Scoreboard: \$1,000 - 1 team + name on scoreboard
- Premium: \$500 – hole sign + 1 team
- Beverage: \$500
- Team: \$400
- Hole Sign: \$200



For more information, contact the Scout Service Center at 918-336-9170

GL District Cub Scout Day Camp JUNE 12-14

Who: All Cub Scouts entering first through fifth grade are invited to attend the Grand Lake District Cub Scout Day Camp for 2013.

When: **Cub Scout Day Camp** will be held **June 12-14-14** at the Peoria Tribal Pow Wow Grounds in Miami. Walking Leader training will be on Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 PM OR Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 PM at The Pow-Wow Grounds. Walking leaders need to attend only one training session. This is where you will learn about expectations and responsibilities as well as the daily schedule. Please do not miss this as it will make your 1st day of camp easier for all!

Check-in at camp will be at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. each morning and program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Where: Grand Lake Day Camp will be held at the Peoria Tribal Pow-Wow Grounds located East of Miami on 90th road. Packs will be responsible for arranging transportation for their Cub Scouts. Tour plans are not required.

Program: Each day will have a “Knights of the Roundtable” theme with lots of fun activities. The Cubs will go to the archery and BB range and fish (weather permitting) each day. The program will also focus on age appropriate activities that qualify toward advancements.

Cub Scouts must register as a Pack. The Pack’s Day Camp Coordinator will turn in applications, health forms and money to the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville by May 28th. **Cost is \$45 per Cub.**

Each Pack must provide Walking Leaders for their Cub Scouts with at least one Walking Leader for every five boys registered in each age group. **First grade Tiger Cubs MUST have a parent or guardian over 18 with them each day**

What to wear and bring: Cub Scouts and Leaders should wear shoes that enclose the toe (no sandals), the camp T-shirt, a belt and a cap. Don’t forget sunscreen and bug repellent. Please bring a sack lunch each day. Packs should provide proper storage for their lunches. Cups and drinking water will be provided. You may want to provide a snack for your child.

Directions: To arrive at the Peoria Tribal Pow Wow Grounds, head east on Hwy 10 in Miami (Just past the exit/entrance ramp for the turnpike gate.) Travel east till you reach the intersection of County Road 137 and head north (Shawnee Grocery will be on the SW corner.) Travel north till you reach County Road 90 and turn west and travel ¼ mile. The site is located on the North side of the road.

Registration material will be mailed to every registered Cub Scout. The registration form and health form are also available on the council web site
<http://www.cherokeesba.org/districts/gl/GL-Day-Camp-2013.pdf>

GL District Cub Scout Day Camp Boy Scout Staff JUNE 12-14

To be on the staff of the Cub Scout Day Camp you must be a registered Boy Scout or Venture Crew member. Staff will be assigned to one of several program positions. Staff will be expected to be at camp from June 12-13-14 from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. and attend at least

one staff training session held on June 9 at 2:00 p.m. OR June 11 at 7:00 p.m.

All staff members staying the night need an Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C. You will not be allowed on camp property without this form.

All those selected to serve on staff will be expected to serve as an example to the Cub and Webelos Scouts present at the camp. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. In addition, those on staff will be expected to wear a Day camp T-shirt whenever Cubs or Webelos are in camp. Field uniforms (“Class A”) will be required for ceremonies; otherwise Troop T- Shirt or other Scouting T-shirt will be acceptable at all other times. A Day Camp T-shirt and cup will be provided.

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<http://www.cherokeesba.org/districts/gl/GLStaffApplication2013.pdf>

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Eagle Class of 2012-2013



Front row (Left to right): Brian Deal (T32), William Boyle (T5)

Middle row (Left to right): Joseph Trudeau (T32), Dakota Jester (T43), Blake Parkinson (T55)

Back row (left to right): Mikey Glenn (T3), Joe Thomas (T33)

Not pictured: Jacob Anderson (T6), Austin Vaclaw (T101)

Youth Religious Award 2013



Front row (Left to right): Michael Fuhrmeister (T50), Nicholas Krauss (T2000), William Shiflet (T2000), Nickolas Copeland (T2000)

Middle row (Left to right): Russell Boyle (T5), Trevor Janda (T5), Daylin Gray (T5)

Back row (left to right): Vinny Facione (P32), Logan Brownell (P150), Ryan King (T6), Lukas Copeland (P150), Jonas Horne (P150)

Wood Badge Beading

Congratulations to Randy Stayton, Bryan Boyles and David McKee! They've completed their tickets and received their Wood Badge beads March 14th in Nowata.



Also congratulations to Jon Copeland who received his Wood Badge beads March 25th.



Keep on working Wood Badgers!!

Camp Suspension Bridge Update

Without a doubt the top memory of Scouts and Scouters alike is the “swinging bridge” at Camp McClintock. Generations of Scouts for over 80 years have enjoyed this landmark.

Due to concerns about the age and possible safety issues the council elected to close the bridge several years ago. The call to restore this icon was heard loud and clear and efforts to bring the bridge back into use have been ongoing. Funding to make this effort possible was provided as part of the recent capital improvements campaign (along with the many other projects identified as desirable and needful) to make Scouting even more fun and more accessible in our council.

After many consultations, inspections and discussions of a variety of possible solutions a Tulsa engineer with experience in this field was located and he agreed to take on the task of drafting a plan to make our bridge usable again.

Many hours of work went into creating the necessary plans for each part of the structure's rehabilitation.

- Ben Cramer's concrete company helped with pouring the concrete island surrounding the east side tower.
- Challenge Quest not only created our climbing tower and zip line, they also were instrumental in stringing the new main cables and vertical cable drops for the suspension bridge.
- One of our own Scouters, Randy Wilkins, created the walk grid design and welded the assemblies.

- Wilkin's crew worked many hours in the disassembly of the old bridge parts including the walkway and supports, often while hanging from safety lines strung for that purpose. They then reinforced the tower on the west side of Sand Creek with new pipe cross bracing and painted the whole thing.

Putting the walkway together was a bit like hanging doors – only horizontally and some twenty feet above the water while suspended from a safety cable!

The resulting suspension bridge is beautiful and much improved. The all metal walk grids not only provide sure footing, they also serve to clear dirt and debris from our boots as we walk and will not deteriorate like the old wooden planks. This maintains a neater, more usable crossing and will extend the useful life of the structure. Four foot high side fences keeps everyone on track as they cross over the creek. Although there is still a bit of bounce as you cross, the swing in the swinging bridge is largely eliminated with this new design.

With the still to be completed concrete ramps on either end, the best part of Camp McClintock is once again ready for present and future generations of Scouts to build memories that last a lifetime! And now the trip back from a fast zip line ride across Sand Creek will be a good deal shorter, allowing for more rides on the popular zip line.

A big Thank You! goes out to all who had a part in making this possible. This includes the donors and the crews who lent their support, expertise and hard work to restore this camping tradition.

BSA Adopt a School

Meet your "2013 Journey To Excellence" service hours while helping meet the needs of your local community schools!

http://youtu.be/3kLV2j_1WYc

More information -

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/Adopt-a-School.pdf>

OA High Adventure spots still available

OA High Adventure is one of the premier youth opportunities for Arrowmen to participate in during the summer months. This program offers Arrowmen the chance to go any of the high adventure bases for a fraction of the cost, and be able to provide service to that base.



There are still spots available for all of the high adventure bases. If you are looking for something to do this summer seriously consider this program. Also check with your section to see if they provide a scholarship fund for OAHA attendees, most do!

For more information and how to apply please click here <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Announcing the 2013 Jamboree on the Air/Internet dates

(Reprinted from Bryan on Scouting: A Blog for BSA's Adult Leaders March 22, 2013
<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/03/22/jota-joti/>)

Mark your calendars today for the 2013 editions of the **Jamboree on the Air** and **Jamboree on the Internet**, held this fall. As the names imply, the events give Scouts a chance to communicate with fellow Scouts from across the country or around the world through the power of amateur radio or the Internet.

This year's JOTA and JOTI are set for Oct. 19 and 20, and if last year's numbers are an indication, turnout should be big.

Worldwide JOTA participation in 2012 totaled nearly 700,000 Scouts, operating from more than 13,500 amateur radio stations in 142 countries. JOTI had almost 16,000 Scouts and leaders registered in the worldwide database in 146 countries!

THE 56TH ANNUAL JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Through JOTA, Scouts use radio technology to talk with one another and share information that broadens their perspective on other cultures, on geography, and on the

technology and hobby that provides the means for their communication.

Now's the time to reach out to your local amateur radio clubs and get your council involved in the largest Scouting event in the world. You don't have to spend a ton of money to hold a JOTA event. If you need help identifying ham radio clubs in your community, check out the Amateur Radio Relay League <http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club> Get lots more info at the BSA's JOTA website <http://www.scouting.org/joti.aspx>

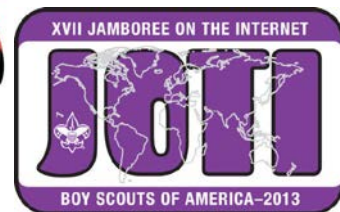
THE 17TH ANNUAL JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET

JOTI, JOTA's younger brother, uses the Internet to allow Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the world and share more information than just "Hi." The exchanges can include such information as name, location of event, Scout rank, age, and hobbies. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships. Learn more at the BSA's JOTI site, <http://www.scouting.org/joti.aspx>

OH YEAH, THERE'S A PATCH

Because no Scouting event is complete without one, right? Take an early look (below) at the 2013 designs for these collectible patches.

They can go on your right pocket — the place for temporary insignia — or onto a patch jacket or quilt. Either way, they'll serve as permanent reminders of the connections you and your Scouts make with Scouts thousands of miles away.



Need to Know: Two's Company

(Reprinted from Scouting March-April 2013 pg 8)

This summer, the *Scoutmaster Handbook* will reach retirement age after 14 years on the job. In use since

1998, the handbook will give way to a two-volume aimed at all Scout leaders, not just Scoutmasters.

Titled *The Troop Leader Guidebook*, the new version – more than two years in the making – began when Donald Shepard, youth development team leader, surveyed more than 125 Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters from across the country to determine whether the current handbook was still relevant to today’s leaders. The resulting feedback made it clear that it was time for a change.

Shepard says the first volume will be aimed at new leaders just coming on board. “This will help them learn about the patrol concept, patrol leaders, the flow of the year for troop programming, how to conduct troop meetings, how to relate to kids with disabilities, and more,” he says.

The second volume is for more experienced leaders who understand basic troop operation but want in-depth information about high adventure, as well as advanced training for youth and adults.

Mark Ray, a frequent contributor to *Scouting* magazine, author of *The Scoutmaster’s Other Handbook*, and longtime Scouter, has been writing volume 1. “The typical new troop leader probably just moved over from a Cub pack his or her son was in,” Ray says. “We talk about the programs’ similarities and differences, how dens and patrols differ, how they’re organized and led. I’ve also got a long section on ages and stages, looking at kids from early to late adolescence.”

Veteran author Bob Birkby, who wrote the current handbook, will handle the second volume. He notes that the title of the old book may have misled some people into thinking it was for Scoutmasters only; the new edition, he says will help assistant Scoutmasters and any adult leaders involved with a troop. “We want to invite them into a conversation about Scouting on a more advanced level,” Birkby says. “You’ve worked hard to learn the basics. You’ve had some success along the way. Now, here’s a volume that gives you veteran experience.”

And how long will this new guidebook remain relevant for Scouting’s leaders? “I was surprised that the 1998 edition has such a long shelf life,” says Birkby. “But the core approach to being a troop leader hasn’t changed that much in the last 103 years.”

Upcoming Key Dates

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

Apr. 4 – OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

Apr. 6 – NRA Range Safety Officer Training

Apr. 6 – GL Pinewood Derby

Apr. 11 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

Apr. 11 – OH District Eagle Boards of Review

Apr. 12-13 – OA Spring Fellowship

Apr. 17-18 – SM/ASM Leader Specific Training

Apr. 19-20 – Cub & One Campout

Apr. 26-28 – OA Section Conclave

May 3-5 – Council Camporee

May 4 – Lifesaving Merit Badge

May 4 - BALOO

May 11 – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

May 17-18 – Outdoor Leader Training

May 18 – NRA Range Safety Officer Training

June 4-7 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp

June 7 – Council Golf Tournament

June 12-14 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp

June 28-30 – First Class Weekend

July 15-24 – National Jamboree

July 20 – Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge

July 26 – Drillers Game and Sleep Under the Stars