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## Scout Service Center holidays

The Scout Service Center will be closed for the holidays starting at noon on December 22nd, and all day on December 23rd and 24th.

The Scout Shop will be closed for inventory the week of December 27th through December 31st.

The Scout Service Center will also be closed on Friday, December 31st for New Year's Eve.

Both the Scout Service Center and the Scout Shop will be open beginning Monday, January 3rd.

## 2012 Philmont reservations

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

Philmont has begun to accept online 2012 reservations for 7- and 12-day treks and will continue to do so through December 4th, 2010.

Only one reservation request can be made per unit, and a computerized random drawing will occur following the close of the registration period. Units which have been on the waiting list for 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 will be selected first, and then others will be selected.



For complete information, download the reservation information at

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/2012PhilmontRegistrationPkt.pdf> or follow the links on the council web site at [www.cherokeesbsa.org](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org).

# 2012 Council Philmont Expedition

By Carol Whitebook, Council Scout Executive

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The Scout Office has been notified by the Philmont Scout Ranch that we have received reservations for 24 participants (two crews) for 2012.

The departure date will be July 19, 2012. The fee for each 2012 participant will be \$740. The Council Contingent reservation fee of \$100 per participant will be due in the Council office on or before April 15, 2011.

**All Troops interested in these Philmont treks must notify the Council office before December 15, 2010**

A drawing will be held after December 15, 2010, if more than two troops express an interest in these treks.

Troops that have not attended Philmont in 2010 or 2011 will be given preference.

## Rechartering

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Recharter packets have been distributed. Units who get their recharter paperwork in to the Scout Office by December 3 will receive an "early bird ribbon".

**The drop dead date for having recharters in to the Scout Office is December 17.**

**Be sure that all registered adults have completed the appropriate training – position specific, Fast Start, and Youth Protection. Registered adults without Youth Protection Training will be dropped from the units.**

Units with questions about rechartering should contact Wes Hurd or Ray Peaster in the OH District or Tim McMillan or Paul Fuhrmeister in the GL District.

## Historical Merit Badges

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

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Just a quick reminder that anyone working on any of the four historic merit badges offered for the 100th

anniversary of BSA must complete all of the requirements in calendar year 2010.

If a Scout took the tracking merit badge at Camporee, he will need to complete the requirements by the end of this month to earn the merit badge.

The four historical merit badges are not offered after December 31st, 2010.

## Friends in Deed December 25, 2010

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Join Friends in Deed on Christmas Day! Dinner will be served free of charge for those who wish to share in the festivities.

The dinner will be held at the Adams Blvd. Church of Christ (3700 Adams Blvd.) in Bartlesville from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To make reservations, request transportation, or to volunteer to help, please call 333-2796. Please do not call the church.

In the event of bad weather, listen or call Bartlesville radio stations at 336-1400.

This event is non-denominational driven by community volunteers (friends in deed) dedicated to preserving the true meaning of Christmas.

## OA Lodge Leadership Development and Winter Banquet January 7 and 8, 2011

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OA Lodge Leadership Development will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Vinita. All Lodge and Chapter officers and advisors should attend.

The OA Winter Banquet will be held on January 8 at the Masonic Lodge in Vinita.

Watch December issue of the *Washita Warrior* for more information.

# Bartlesville & Dewey Scouting for Food

January 22 & 29, 2011

Units should be ready to help with Scouting for Food on the last two Saturdays of January. January 22nd will be the day that door hanger deliveries are made to the area selected, and January 29th will be the morning for food pickup.

This is a great service project for units and has high visibility in the community for a good turn for Scouts. And the most important thing is that it helps the food pantries in the area at a time when the need is at its peak.

Be sure to sign up for your area at the January roundtable.

## Silver Beaver

If you know a volunteer that has been active at the Unit, District and/or Council and demonstrates the characteristics seen in a quality leader, please take the time to complete a nomination form.



A list of past recipients can be found on the Council's web site

[http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=226](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=226)

The Silver Beaver nomination form is available here  
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>

**The Silver Beaver committee will accept applications through Friday, January 28, 2011.**

## 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:

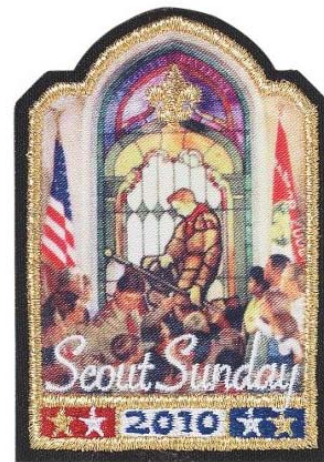
- ▶ Chris Sanders – Troop 2
- ▶ Kenneth Sandoval – Troop 5



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

## Scout Sunday February 6, 2011

BSA designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.



An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

A suggested observance for Scout Sunday can be found on the BSA web site here

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/media/relationships/ascoutisrevernt.aspx>

Program covers and inserts can be ordered through the Scout Shop

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Media/Relationships/ascoutisrevert/ss15.aspx> Orders should be placed soon to ensure receipt in time for your unit's Scout Sunday observance.

## Winter Merit Badge Festival

February 26, 2011

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

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Be sure to put the Winter Merit Badge Festival on your unit calendar for Saturday, February 26, 2011.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. while the merit badge sessions will start at 8:00 a.m. The event will be over by 5:00 p.m.

The class schedule should be released by mid-December. Registration will begin in January.

Final merit badge sessions are being filled by counselors at this point, so if anyone wants to help, please contact Bill Alexander at [baalex9999@aol.com](mailto:baalex9999@aol.com) to volunteer.

Adult training sessions will be offered this year including a morning Red Cross CPR/AED class for anyone needing certification for high adventure. Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training will be offered, which is a good course for any adult leader who goes on an outing. BALOO will be offered for Cub Scout Leaders.

Check the council web site for registration information.

## National Youth Leader Training

March 13-19, 2011

By Dale Copeland

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National Youth Leader Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience you can use in your home troop and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. It is also a requirement to attend NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience) at Philmont Scout Ranch.



**National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)** is an intense, 5½ day, outdoor leadership training experience for Scouting youth leaders. This course is available to currently registered Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts who have completed the required unit level training [note: Boy Scouts must be at least 13 years old, be a First Class Scout, hold a troop leadership position and have parental permission.] Its principle function is to help unit leaders by training their top youth leaders in the skills of leadership. This course is a National BSA-developed course that closely parallels the material provided in the 21st Century Wood Badge training for adults. **NYLT** is limited to 48 candidates.

For many years, junior leader training (JLT) was an important part of the leadership training continuum of BSA local councils throughout America. In 2003 and 2004, a task force of leadership experts and hundreds of Scouts in pilot courses across the nation reviewed and tested every aspect of the new NYLT syllabus, which incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Built on the legacy of past JLT successes, the new NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants

will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Don't delay; space is limited, so contact the Scout Service Center today to sign up!

## Wood Badge Course

September 16-18, 2011

October 21-23, 2011

By Jerry Wells

An important part of providing a Scouting program is to have trained leaders. BSA recommends that all adults take Wood Badge within the first two years of being a Scout leader.

Wood Badge is leadership training for all Scout Leaders who are involved in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity



Scouting, and Venturing, as well as council and district leaders, and professionals. This new contemporary training program focuses on leadership and "people" skills, and not Scoutcraft or outdoor skills. Participants will learn techniques to make them better leaders, and also how to lead groups to achieve objectives.

Wood Badge is offered over two weekends in the fall of 2011. The application provides more detail <http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/WoodBadge2011.pdf> Enrollment is limited to 48 adults, so be sure to fill out the application and submit with your \$50 deposit so that you are ensured a slot on this fun and rewarding event.

## Youth Protection DVD available at Scout Shop

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

BSA requires that anyone registering as an adult leader complete a youth protection course prior to being registered as a part of their continuing program to

provide a safe environment for the Scouting youth. BSA also requires youth protection training must have been completed within the last two years for tour permits or rechartering of the adult leaders.

This training is accessible online 24/7 for anyone to take if they have access to the Internet. For units that want to have this available directly at meetings, the Scout Shop has youth protection DVDs that can be purchased for \$3.99. These can be used along with a quiz to also complete the youth protection training, and then the Scout Office needs to be notified that the training has occurred so that it can be recorded in the records.

## Free Advancements Policy

Achieve the following and your unit will receive free rank patches (does not include Eagle kit\*):

- Unit participation in the Friends of Scouting Campaign
- Participation in Popcorn Sales with minimum sales totaling of \$100 times number of youth members [example: unit with 6 registered youth members x \$100 = \$600 minimum sales]
- Submit a clean and transmittable charter renewal by December 31
- Achieve Quality Unit

To receive Free Merit Badges and 50% Cost of Eagle Kit\* units will need to qualify for free rank patches (see requirements above) and achieve the following:

- Have unit adult leader representation at 75% of all roundtables
- Send at least one leader to Wood Badge Training (if applicable)
- Unit achievement of the National Camping Award (troops only)
- Have Unit Leader and Committee Chair fully trained and all leaders youth protection trained.

Tracking: The Scout Shop will maintain a list of units eligible for free rank patches, merit badges and 50% cost of Eagle Rank Presentation Kit\*

Appeal Process: Unit leaders are encouraged to follow the below listing (in ascending order) to resolve any

discrepancy with the master list. 1) District Executive 2) District Advancement Chair 3) District Chair 4) Council Key 3

\*The Eagle Kit consists of: Presentation case, Eagle rank patch, Eagle rank ribbon for pocket, Mother's Eagle pin, Father's tie tack, Eagle Mentor pin

## Postal Cachets to Council Museum

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

Thanks to Chris Cook for the donation of a set of five postal cachets to the museum. Chris was on staff at Jamboree and our council sent a contingent of 40 youth and adults to the National Jamboree at Fort A.P.Hill in Virginia.

The postal cachets highlight Scouting history over the years as celebrated through the issuing of US stamps. They are cancelled at the Jamboree Postal Station and are a nice addition to the museum collection.

The museum committee is working to get the museum re-established in the Scout Service Center with the funding that will become available through the current capital campaign.

## Eagle Project Opportunities

Rob Mills has possible Eagle Projects for Scouts at Oolagah Lake. These projects are to help handicapped people.

If Scouts are interested, they should call the project office at 443-2250 and ask for Rob.



## Antique Scouting Collectibles in Scout Shop

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

The Scout Shop has obtained a limited set of antique Scouting collectibles that are for sale. These can make

ideal gifts for your Scout for Christmas. These are very reasonably priced to make them affordable for anyone.

They include Scouting fiction books from the 20s and 30s, old Scout handbooks, various literature items from the past such as knots and program aides, and many more items.

Be sure to get into the Scout Shop and check these out before they disappear. This is not something that can be ordered, so it's the early bird gets the worm.

## Barons Scout Night

The OKC Barons are hosting a Scout Night on Saturday, January 29. Tickets are \$15 and include a Barons Boy Scout Puck.



The first five groups registered receive choice of:

- ▶ High-5 tunnel experience (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods)
- ▶ Ice-level seating during warm ups in penalty boxes, home and away benches
- ▶ Post-game picture available.

For more information, contact Neal Harvey at 405-232-4625 ext. 115 or Stacie Rathburn at 405-232-4625 ext. 111.

## Additional Journey to Excellence webinars

In order to accommodate volunteers and professional staff who were not able to attend one of the Journey to Excellence webinars in October or November, BSA has expanded the schedule into early 2011 with more dates and times.

The final Journey to Excellence forms are posted online at <http://www.scouting.org/>. They can be accessed by clicking on "Volunteers" and looking under the "Quick Links" heading <

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Awards/JourneyTo>

[Excellence.aspx](#)> . This is also where the recorded webinars are located.

All times shown below are Central time.

#### **Council Webinars**

- \* Wednesday, January 26 at 9 a.m.
- \* Tuesday, February 1 at 4 p.m.

Council webinar link:

<http://journey-to-excellence.kintera.org/council-staff-volunteers>

#### **District Webinars**

- \* Wednesday, January 26 at 11 a.m.
- \* Thursday, January 27 at 8 p.m.

#### **Pack Webinars**

- \* Wednesday, January 26 at 7 p.m.
- \* Wednesday, February 2 at 10 a.m.

#### **Troop Webinars**

- \* Thursday, January 27 at 11 a.m.
- \* Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m.

#### **Crew Webinars**

- \* Thursday, January 27 at 9 a.m.
- \* Wednesday, February 2 at 1 p.m.

District and unit webinar link:

<http://journey-to-excellence.kintera.org/district-unit>

## Ideas for Christmas

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

An ideal special Scout and/or Scouter gift for Christmas would be one of the patch sets at the Scout Shop. There are only five sets of the Centennial Sets left (Frankoma plate, postal cachet, poster, and patches), and there are 100th Anniversary Jamboree Patch sets for sale.

The Scout Shop also has a variety of items of interest to Scouts and some unique Christmas items such as a patch ornament or Red, White, and Blue centennial ornament.

The items can fit any budget, so consider this as one of your stops for your holiday shopping. It's also a great time to get items for the Scout for that high adventure next summer.

## Sequoyah Council Auctions 100th Anniversary Car

The Sequoyah Council in Johnson City, Tennessee, is going to auction off a special 100th anniversary car that they had designed and have driven in their council this year.

The car is a 2008 Dodge Avenger that has had the 100th anniversary logo put on it. The car will be put on eBay motors for auction beginning December 6th and will run through December 27th.



If someone from your council is the lucky bidder your council will get 10% of the total sale.

For more specific details feel free to contact the Sequoyah Council at 423-952-6961 or [sequoyah713@scbsa.org](mailto:sequoyah713@scbsa.org)

## What is a Trained Leader?

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A Scout leader is entitled to wear the Trained leader emblem when he or she has completed some basic but important training courses.

Need to know what are the requirements to be fully trained? This sheet explains the training requirements for all top leaders

[http://scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/What\\_makes\\_a\\_trained\\_leader.pdf](http://scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/What_makes_a_trained_leader.pdf)

## New BSA Landmark

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For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has served the country's youth with programs that promote character development and principled living. Some of the most exciting and fulfilling experiences a Scout can have are attending one of the BSA's three national high-adventure bases or participating in the national Scout jamboree, the BSA's iconic event. These experiences reflect the skills and values of Scouting: appreciation for the outdoors, physical fitness, environmental conservation, and understanding of our national heritage.

As part of our 100th Anniversary, the BSA has embarked on our largest and most ambitious project since the organization's founding in 1910 – The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

For more information, including a video, FAQs, and a Fact Sheet about planning The Summit, check out the BSA national web site at

<http://scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/TheSummit.aspx>

## *Cherokee Scouter* publication schedule

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Do you have news to share? Please submit your news and information to the Cherokee Area Council. You can e-mail [cherokeebsa@cherokeebsa.org](mailto:cherokeebsa@cherokeebsa.org)

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Issue Deadline</b>
January	December 27
February	January 21
March	February 18
April	March 23
May	April 20
June	May 24



## Upcoming Key Dates

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

December 2 – OH District Banquet

December 9 – GL Roundtable

December 17 – OA Vigil Weekend

December 22-24 – Scout Service Center closed at Noon on Dec. 22 for Christmas holiday

December 27-30 – Scout Shop closed for inventory

December 31 – Scout Service Center closed for New Year's holiday

January 6 - OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

January 7-8 – OA Lodge Leadership Development

January 8 – OA Winter Banquet

January 13 – GL District Banquet

January 22 – Scouting for Food in Bartlesville

January 27 - OH District Committee

January 29 – Scouting for Food in Bartlesville

February 3 - OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

February 10 - GL Roundtable

February 15 - Friends of Scouting Patron Dinner

February 24 – OH District Committee

February 26 – Winter Merit Badge Festival

March 2 - OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

March 4-6 – Spring Camporee

March 10 – GL Roundtable

March 13-19 – National Youth Leader Training

March 22 – Council Banquet

March 24 – OH District Committee

March 25-27 – Outdoor Leader Training and OWL

April 8-9 – Mom and Me

April 15-17 – OA Section Conclave

April 29-May 1 – OA Spring Fellowship

