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## Camp Closure

Camp McClintock is currently closed. Camp should reopen by April 1, and may actually open before that date. Updates will be posted on the council website [www.cherokeebbsa.org](http://www.cherokeebbsa.org)

## Eagle Scouts

Only 5 percent of the Scouts have achieved Eagle rank, Cherokee Area Council ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

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



- Troy Helms - Troop 3 (Delaware County Fairgrounds Ext Office Xeriscape Landscape)
- Preston Garrett - Troop 1 (Storage garage of FCC refurbishing paint)
- Hollis Holcomb – Troop 1 (Repaint east parking lot First Christian Church)
- Andrew Sterk – Troop 2 (Benches and artwork for Youth Canteen)
- Colin Henthorne – Troop 21 (Jane Phillips Elementary Playground Area)
- Cody Potts – Troop 32 (The Book Samaritan)
- David Turinetti – Troop 43 (Paw Prints Across a Bridge)
- Jonathon Nachreiner – Troop 110 (Operation Road de-flood)

Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts.

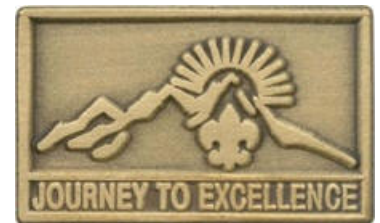
## Carol's Corner: Going for the Gold

By now, most of you realize units, districts and the council all have Journey to Excellence (JTE) goals. In 2011 JTE replaced earlier quality standards as research tells us if groups focus on various key indicators they are more likely to be retained. You ask, "Why should I care about my unit, district or council's success?" Typically, I give two answers when asked that question.

1) Every Scout and leader deserves the best program possible! Groups that are not growing, having fun, doing good, supporting themselves or delivering program with trained leaders seldom survive. If they do endure an entire year, is it the type of unit you would want your child or the future leaders of our world to be a part of? Scouting has many amazing principles, let's help impart its leadership training and character education to the next generation through units, districts and a council that is putting their best foot forward!

2) Do you want to see our small, mighty council thrive? In my tenure, the number of Boy Scout Council's across the nation, have diminished from 297 to 288. Some died due to lack of funding, some not enough members, and some merged with a metropolitan council. For Cherokee Area Council, I believe these all to be inappropriate options. Ask Grand Lake participants how fun it is to drive 2 hours to attend an event! Making Scouting convenient is essential to helping all youth have an opportunity to be involved!

Gold is the top award when it comes to JTE. Currently, for 2013, there are only 8 gold councils in the nation. Cherokee Area Council achieved Gold in 2011



and 2012 and, had JTE been in place in 2010, we would have been one of just over 20 Councils who would have achieved the gold standard. Below are some things you can do to help put our small, mighty Council in Northeastern Oklahoma on the JTE map, as sadly we are not currently gold, silver or bronze. Also, these things will help you make your unit and district stronger. While on the subject, new from National in 2014 will be

a JTE District Scorecard. This will allow Districts to electronically track their progress.

- Our biggest need right now is **MEMBERSHIP** and it must be in by December 31, 2013. Have your youth **and parents** reach out to friends and invite them to your next meeting. If you meet in a Church, have you told Sunday School classes what fun you have and how you'd love to have their involvement? If the Church has a bulletin, have you invited members to get plugged in? If you are a PTA member, have you shared with other parents? Rather than mark youth off your charter because they aren't showing up, has anyone called them to tell them they are missed? Did you know 50% of youth say they were never invited to Scouts? Recently an Eagle Scout stated he kept his school life separate from his Scout life. My comment is always that Scouting is more fun when done with a friend. Why is it one of the best kept secrets? Plus, parents, don't you want to see others grow in the confidence and leadership skills you see your child taking in?



- Continue to care about delivering a **FUN**, vibrant program and help every youth recruited, and their parent/guardian feel welcome. In fact, every new youth should receive a call within 2 weeks. Also, designate someone within your unit to call all members who are absent on a weekly basis. We currently lose about 40% of all recruited youth. As schools get harder to gain access to, wouldn't it be easier to keep the youth that come and sign up?



- Get all your leaders fully trained and should you need help making this happen, call or e-mail your District Executive or our Council VP of Training. (Scout Office: 918-336-9170; Grand Lake District Executive: Douglas Banner, [Douglas.Banner@scouting.org](mailto:Douglas.Banner@scouting.org); Osage Hills District Executive: Kimberly Cowherd, [Kimberly.Cowherd@scouting.org](mailto:Kimberly.Cowherd@scouting.org); Council VP of Training, Paul Huttenhoff, [pchuttenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:pchuttenhoff@gmail.com)) Did you know several people in your unit now have the authority to go into your "my scouting account" and check to see if all training is accurate, and, if it is not they can fix it?



- Make sure your unit advancements are up to date in the system. This can be accomplished through your "my scouting account" as well. Did you know the JTE dials move due to a youth advancing in a given year, not how many advancements they receive? So, if a Scout achieves Bobcat and Tiger in a School year, the Bobcat should be entered in 2013 and Tiger, or whatever other rank they achieved, in 2014. That way, the computer computes advancement for both years. Should you need any guidance with this, our Council VP of Advancement is Beth Huttenhoff ([mamahutt@gmail.com](mailto:mamahutt@gmail.com)).



- Enter your unit's service hours and if you have no idea how to accomplish, reach out to our VP of Service Hours, Henry Robin ([okrobin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okrobin@sbcglobal.net)). If you would prefer the council to enter under their service hours we can; however, for JTE credit, your unit will eventually want to handle.



- Make a Friends of Scouting (FOS) pledge if you haven't this year, or consider increasing your gift by making a year-end donation.



Also, think about honoring someone with a James E. West endowment contribution. Those start at \$1,000 and names of those honored are kept on the plaque at the Scout Service Center. We need \$3,000 to achieve our endowment goal. Many have honored a key volunteer, an Eagle Scout or, most recently, a brand new granddaughter. For FOS information, contact Merl Whitebook ([mawlaw@aol.com](mailto:mawlaw@aol.com)), the Council FOS Chair. For endowment information, please reach out to John Howk, VP of Endowment ([jhowk@bokf.com](mailto:jhowk@bokf.com)).

In closing, thank you for all you do to ensure our area youth receive a strong, vibrant Scouting program. I am convinced we are already Gold, but, there is a lot of paperwork that needs to be done to help National see our reality.

## **CAC now recruiting Staff for 2014 NYLT Course**

### **December 7 or December 11**

In 2014, the Cherokee Area Council will deliver the National Youth Leadership Training course. NYLT is an intense, six-day leadership training program and is the premier youth leadership training offered by BSA. NYLT will be delivered at Camp McClintock June 8-14.

Course Director, Paul Huttenhoff, is now recruiting youth to serve on our Council NYLT Staff. To serve on the NYLT Staff, a Scout must have previously completed the NYLT course and be under age 21 at the time of the course. We are especially interested in speaking with any Scout that has previously served on an NYLT Staff.



A second round of interviews for NYLT Staff will be held at the Council Service Center on Saturday,

December 7 (9:00-11:00 AM) and Wednesday, December 11 (7:00-8:30 PM).

To schedule an interview time, contact Paul Huttenhoff at 918-397-7048 or [pchuttenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:pchuttenhoff@gmail.com) or call the Council Office 918-336-9170.

## **Recharterers**

### **IT'S RECHARTER TIME (AGAIN)!**

Every year, every member of the Boy Scouts of America, youth and adult, must re-register and pay the \$24 membership fee. This process is called rechartering.

Again this year, units will recharter using the Internet Rechartering System. Internet Rechartering is a Web-based method for units to renew their charters from any online location. Units will receive a roster listing all youth and adult leaders currently registered in their unit. If you have youth or adult leaders who are active in your unit, but are not listed on that roster, please submit completed applications with appropriate registration fees to the Scout Office so we can get them registered before you begin the online recharter process. Remember, adult applications must include all signatures.

Recharter and JTE assistance is available from your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner and District Executive. **Recharterers are due in the Scout Office by December 16.**

## **2013 Popcorn Sale**

**Incredible Pizza \$1000 Popcorn Club Party** on December 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Youth selling \$1000 or more in popcorn earn: one ticket in a drawing for additional prizes, an additional \$200 in popcorn sold gets Scout another ticket in the drawing. The Top Seller in the Council earns first choice of any prize and is also entered in the drawing. **Scout MUST BE PRESENT to win.**

**The Incredible Pizza party is open to all units at a discounted price.** See the flyer for more information. <http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/Incredible2013.pdf>

Popcorn Money Due at Scout Office.....December 6

**Payments received after December 6 will result in a 5% commission loss each week payment is past due.**

Couple of tax notes: If your Scout sold popcorn and earned money for his Scout account, this may be taxable income. Also, contributions to a chartering organization intended for the benefit of a specific Scout are unlikely to be deductible [contributions to the chartering organization for general purposes ARE deductible, assuming the Chartering Organization is a 501c3 organization]. In case of doubt, consult your tax advisor.

The Scout Office has additional popcorn available for purchase.

- (C) 24 PK Extra Butter
- (D) 24 PK Variety
- (E) Supreme Caramel
- (F) Chocolate Caramel
- (G) 15 PK butter
- (J) Kettle corn
- (L) Caramel
- (P) 3-way cheesy
- (S) 20 PK SS Fat Free

Contact the Scout Office if you are interested in purchasing additional popcorn.

## District Award of Merit

Volunteer Recognition Banquets in both districts will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nominations are now open for the District Award of Merit.

Previous recipients of the District Award of Merit are listed on the each district web site.

Grand Lake District

[http://www.cherokeesba.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=118&Itemid=227](http://www.cherokeesba.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=118&Itemid=227)

Osage Hills District

[http://www.cherokeesba.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179](http://www.cherokeesba.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179)

The nomination form is available here

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

**District Award of Merit nomination forms are due in the Scout Office by December 16.**



## Unit Leader Award of Merit

Nominations are also open for the Unit Leader Award of Merit. This award will be presented at the District Volunteer Recognition Banquets

The Unit Leader Award of Merit encourages units to be strong and viable by attaining certain benchmarks characteristic of strong units. Seven requirements must be met with nomination by the top youth leader if for a troop, team, or crew. The nomination is certified by the unit commissioner.

This award can be earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors.

The nomination form is available here

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf)

**Unit Leader Award of Merit nomination forms are due in the Scout Office by December 16.**

## THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Do you know a Scouter who goes above and beyond in living and teaching the Scout Oath and Law? Do you know a Scouter who not only gives to Scouts but to their community? You may know a Silver Beaver! It is time to recognize this individual.

The Silver Beaver Award, is one of the more prestigious awards made by the Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented by the National Boy Scouts and is the highest award that a local council can bestow on a volunteer for rendering outstanding service to Scout Youth.

Nominations are sought annually for Scouters within the District, Council and community who are worthy of this high honor. The criteria for selection go beyond a history of service in Scouting, and include notable service to the community (business, professional, civic, religious, veteran, fraternal, veteran, rural, and other fields) in addition to exceptional service to Scout youth.

### HOW TO RECOMMEND A SCOUTER FOR THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

1. Any Scouter may nominate another Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award. Other year's



nominees, who were not selected, can be re-nominated. Nomination forms are available at the Cherokee Area Council Office, or <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>.

2. Complete the form by getting the information regarding your nominee without his or her knowledge. Additional pages should be added as required to demonstrate the nominee's qualifications.
3. Since there are many worthy Scouters being nominated each year, the committee will give additional weight to a nominee's tenure as a registered Scouter and his involvement in other community youth activities.
4. The Silver Beaver Award is not the type of recognition that Scouters seek or apply for themselves.
5. The Council Executive Committee will approve the appointment of a Silver Beaver Selection Committee. At least one of the members of the Selection Committee will not have served the previous year. The Selection Committee will be representative of each geographical area of the Council and a committee member will be asked during the selection process to secure further information from a district if it becomes necessary.
6. **The DEADLINE for submittal is JANUARY 31, 2014.** The Silver Beaver will be awarded at Council Banquet, March 27, 2014.

### SILVER BEAVER AWARD INFORMATION

What is the award and what rules and regulations govern its presentation? The following is taken from Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 of the "Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America."

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- A. This award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than 30

days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.

- B. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Boy Scouter, Cub Scouters and Explorer Leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- C. As evidenced of the award, there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor, and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- D. It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- E. These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public function."

Please submit applications by mail or facsimile to the:

Silver Beaver Selection Committee  
Cherokee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America  
520 S. Quapaw  
Bartlesville, Ok 74003  
Fax: 918-512-4789

### **"Duty to God" Patch Contest** **Submission deadline December 31**

Here's a chance for a Scout to design a new patch!

The patch will be presented at the Council Recognition Banquet each year to those Scouts who have earned their Duty to God religious award during the previous year.

All Scouts are eligible to enter the contest by designing a patch honoring the "Duty to God" theme.

The template and guidelines to design the new patch are available here

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/Duty-to-God-Patch-contest.pdf>

Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2013.

## First Aid / CPR Certification Training

January 16

Venture Crew 911 Leaders are offering Scouters a CPR/ First Aid Certification Class, January 16, 2013 at 06:00.

Cost is \$20.00 for a 2 year certification.

Class is limited to the first 20 participants.

For more information or to register for the class please email: [charlielewis@yahoo.com](mailto:charlielewis@yahoo.com).



This is a special discount class not offered to the general public.

## University of Tulsa Basketball January 25

Cheer on the Golden Hurricane Men's Basketball team on Boy Scout Day against UAB, and participate in the Pre-Game Scout Festival on the concourse and court of the Donald W. Reynolds Center.



PRE-GAME SCOUT FESTIVAL STARTS AT NOON!

\$6 per person includes:

- Game ticket
- Vendor Fair
- Pinewood Derby Racing
- Chance to earn Merit Badges

Private Autograph Session Post Game with TU Men's Basketball Team Players!

DEADLINE: TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH. BY UNIT LEADER. To order tickets for your unit, complete the form at <http://okscouts.doubleknot.com/event/1453752>

and submit with payment via e-mail, mail, or fax. Order may also be placed by calling (918) 743-6125.

## Scouting for Food January 25 and February 1

Units will pick an area of the city on the map located in the Scout Office to distribute fliers.

Distribution of fliers to neighborhoods on January 25. Then return to pick up food on February 1. Drop the food at our drop off location, Doenges Family of Autos Ford Dealership from 10am to 2pm



## Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training February 1-2

Wilderness First Aid is again coming to The Washington County Red Cross and is being taught by Venture Crew 911.

Wilderness First Aid is a 16-hour training course, which is now required by BSA for Philmont and other backwoods activities. It also offers enhanced content to meet OSHA's *Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training Programs*. Wilderness and Remote First Aid training is also strongly suggested anytime a group is more than 20 minutes from Professional Medical help.

This course includes instruction, participant interaction, and many scenarios. Participants should be at least 14 years old; knowledge of First Aid and current CPR is a prerequisite for this class.



Cost for this Course is \$65, lunch is included. A 25-question test requiring an 80% or better and satisfactory completion of all skills are required for completion.

The dates for the course are: February 1- 2. Participants must attend both classes in order to complete the course. Class will start at 08:30 am and be completed before 6:30 pm each day. The class will be limited to the first

24 participants, for further information and to sign up email Charles Lewis at [charlielewis@yahoo.com](mailto:charlielewis@yahoo.com).

**Registration will end on January 27.**

## Scout Sunday February 2

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 as Scout Sunday. However, a chartered organization or local religious organization may choose to celebrate on another day.

The Presbyterian Church and United Methodist Church celebrate Scout Sunday on the second Sunday of February. In the Jewish faith, Scout Sabbath is celebrated on the Saturday after February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day.

February 8, 1910 was the founding of the Boy Scouts of America by W. D. Boyce and the first Scout Sunday was in 1914.



The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

Resources for a Scout Sunday observance - [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scout\\_Sunday](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scout_Sunday)

A patch for Scout Sunday 2014 is available for purchase at the Scout Shop.

## Harlem Globetrotters February 7

Indian Nations Council is sponsoring special Scout prices for the Harlem Globetrotters at the BOK Center in Tulsa.



Order form is available here:

<http://www.okscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Harlem-Globetrotters.pdf>

Deadline to order is February 5th

## Winter Merit Badge Festival February 15

The schedule of merit badges that will be taught is now available. Registration is open NOW!

Troops register by filling out the Troop Registration page. The completed Troop Registration form should be e-mailed to

[cherokeesba@cherokeesba.org](mailto:cherokeesba@cherokeesba.org) After emailing the Troop Registration form, contact the Scout Service Center to arrange payment.

The following Eagle-required merit badges are being offered: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Sustainability, and Swimming.

- Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, and Swimming are 2 sessions (all morning or all afternoon).
- Transportation to and from the pool for the Swimming MB will be provided. Scouts meet at the North entrance of TCTC at 7:45 for the morning session and at 12:45 for the afternoon session.
- Family Life will not be offered in a separate session, but will be discussed during the Personal Fitness and Personal Management sessions.
- Sustainability has pre-requisites that **MUST** be completed prior to attending the class and brought to class.

New merit badges being taught this year include: Architecture, Art, Collections, Crime Prevention,



Electricity, Graphic Arts, Painting, Plumbing, and Skating.

Everyone will have lunch at the same time. Troops should gather at their assigned area by 12:10

In-council registrations should be submitted no later than January 15th. Note that there are there are a limited number of spots available. Troops not registered by January 15th might not be able to participate.

A drawing will be held on January 16th for out-of-council registrations to fill any remaining open spots.

**Registration closes January 31st or when the maximum number of registrations has been reached. No late registrations will be accepted.**

## **FOS Patron Dinner February 27**

To honor all FOS patrons, and encourage new, the Council is pleased to announce the 2014 Patron Dinner. FOS patrons constitute the backbone of financial support for Scouting in Northeast Oklahoma. Over 3600 youth and leaders are counting on its patrons to carry on its traditional values.

Table sponsorships are available: \$800 and up. Other sponsorships are:

- Eagle Class: \$1,000
- Gold Eagle Class: \$2,500
- Platinum Eagle Class: \$5,000
- Second Century Society: \$25,000 and up

Eagle Scout Brigadier General Hopper Smith, Oklahoma Army National Guard, will give the keynote address for this year's FOS Patron Dinner.

Brigadier General Hopper T. Smith graduated from Tulsa Memorial High School in 1980 and enlisted as an infantryman in C Co, 1-179, 45th Infantry Brigade in Bartlesville, OK in 1981.



He attended Oklahoma State University (BS Geology) and was commissioned through ROTC in 1983 as an Infantry officer.

He was assigned back to the 1-179 Infantry, where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, Battalion Support Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Rifle Company Commander. While in the 1-179 he served as Battalion Intelligence Officer, then moved to 45th Brigade staff as the Assistant Intelligence Officer, Intelligence Plans Officer, and Brigade Intelligence Officer. He then moved back to the 1-179 Infantry as the Battalion Operations Officer and finally, the Battalion Commander.

As Battalion Commander, then LTC Smith was mobilized with the 45th Infantry Brigade in 2003 to deploy to Afghanistan, and his battalion leadership was reconfigured as the 1st Embedded Training Team under Task Force Phoenix and assigned as Combat Advisors to 1st Brigade, Afghan National Army.

Upon return, BG Smith was assigned to Joint Forces Headquarters and received an appointment to the Joint Military Intelligence College, where he earned an additional functional area as FA-34, Strategic Intelligence Officer. BG Smith later took command of the 189th Regiment (RTI) and received an appointment to the U.S. Army War College.

BG Smith then moved back to Joint Forces Headquarters as the State Director of Public Affairs as he completed the War College.

In 2011, BG Smith was again mobilized to serve as a Combat Advisor to the Afghan National Army in conjunction with the mobilization of the 45th Infantry Brigade. His Stability Transition Team was assigned to 201st Corps, Afghan National Army in Forward Operating Base Gamberi and operated throughout the 7 provinces of eastern Afghanistan.

BG Smith returned in May 2012 and now serves as the Assistant Adjutant General, Army, Oklahoma Army National Guard.

## A note from the Council Advancement VP

As we approach the New Year and are receiving information from National I wanted to share with you the 2013 Guide to Advancement

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

The first few pages cover most of the new changes in Advancement. It makes for interesting reading and should help you address a number of issues that have needed clarification for many years.

We have also been reminded to review our Merit Badge Counselor (MBC) list. Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) need to renew their willingness to serve yearly. If they have not then they have been taken off the Council list.

I want to help you make sure that all of your merit badge counselors (MBC) are properly registered. The current list of counselors that we have on file in Cherokee Area Council is available here <http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/CAC%20MBC%202011-20-2013.pdf>

A MBC must have these items on file with the Council:

- MBC Application <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
- BSA Adult Application with the MBC position code 42 <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>
- Current Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The MBC application and BSA Adult Application will need to be filled out for any of your MBCs that are not on the Council list. Hopefully they are already YPT trained.

As we are busy trying to get this updated I would ask that you send me a list of all of your MBCs. This way we can help make sure we do our best to avoid any interruption in service to our youth.

As a reminder: ALL adults who are serving as merit badge counselors must be registered. I am here to help! If you have any questions please call me.

Beth Huttenhoff  
Cherokee Area Council VP Advancement  
281-380-6213 (cell) - [mamahutt@gmail.com](mailto:mamahutt@gmail.com)

## 2014 NESA scholarship window opens

Eagle Scouts, get your typing fingers ready.

The application window for the prestigious and highly competitive National Eagle Scout Association scholarships is officially open.

For the first time, NESA will only accept applications submitted online. So forget the printer and stamps and switch on the laptop.

Also new this year is a minimum SAT or ACT score for academic scholarship applicants (1800 SAT or 28 ACT). Like last year, applicants must be members of NESA to apply, but it's easy to

[purchase or renew a membership.](#)

NESA will award Eagle Scouts more than 200 academic and merit scholarships, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$50,000 each. As always, many will apply but only a select few will receive scholarships.



Before you send the [2014 scholarship application link](#) to Eagle Scouts in your family, troop, team, post, ship or crew, read the following requirements carefully. Some of these have changed from previous years.

### 2014 NESA Scholarship Requirements

- These scholarships are not available to students attending trade schools, two-year colleges or any of the U.S. military academies, because at these academies expenses covered by NESA scholarships are already paid by the U.S. government.
- Academic scholarship applicants must apply during their senior year in high school unless the Eagle Scout board of review was held after Dec. 31, 2012. In those cases, the applicant must apply by Dec. 31, 2013, even if he is already attending college.
- All academic scholarship applicants must have a minimum 1800 SAT or 28 ACT score to apply. A

“superscore” may be used to meet the minimum 1800 SAT requirement

- All applicants must be current members of the National Eagle Scout Association to apply. Applicants with memberships that expire on Dec. 31, 2013, are still eligible to apply and invited to renew.

**Application deadline: Dec. 31, 2013.** Winners can expect notification in summer 2014.

Find more by sending your Eagle Scouts to [this link](#).

## Opportunities for Advancement Administrators

### January Sea Base Advancement Conference: Last Call to Register!

This is the last call to set sail for the 2014 Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA) at the Florida Sea Base Conference Center, January 12-17, 2014. Don't miss the boat! **Registrations close on December 20.**

The 2014 CEAA is your chance to soak up some warm Florida sun while hearing firsthand about the latest developments in BSA advancement. You, the experienced council, district, and unit advancement volunteers, and professionals will review and evaluate the current educational material produced by the National Advancement Committee. Participants also will be invited to collaborate in determining and designing the next set of advancement educational topics.

During the weeklong conference participants will have an afternoon off to explore the Keys. Spouses are welcome to come with you and participate in a special spouse program that includes snorkeling, kayaking, and boat trips.

Information on the Sea Base and a flyer describing the CEAA may be found at [www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org). To register, go to [www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx).

What are you waiting for? Anchors aweigh!

## Aggie Eagle Program

<http://corps.tamu.edu/aggie-eagle-program>

The Aggie Eagle Program (AEP) offers high school juniors and seniors and transfer students who are Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award, or Stars and Stripes Award recipients a first-hand experience with the Corps of Cadets.

Traditionally, the Corps has over 300 members who hold the BSA Eagle Scout rank or the GSUSA Gold Award. AEP recognizes the same traits that motivate a youngster to join scouts also encourage them, as collegians, to join the Corps.



While at AEP, students will:

- Meet current cadets and learn about their experiences in the Corps
- Stay in the Corps dorms on campus
- Meet Eagle Scouts in the Corps and from other high schools
- Learn about the university admissions process, financial aid, scholarships and academic support
- Attend an A&M sporting event - football in the fall or basketball/baseball in the spring (subject to ticket availability)
- Attend a recognition ceremony

**Dates and Schedule:** AEP is offered once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. The next program will take place on February 21-22, 2014. Check-in for the AEP is at the Sanders Corps of Cadets Center from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. on Friday. The program concludes Saturday after the sporting event.

**Scholarships:** All qualified cadets attending AEP are eligible for a \$2,400 scholarship, which carries no military obligation and may be used in conjunction with other scholarships. If a Corps Scholarship is awarded to a student who is not a resident of Texas, the recipient may qualify for in-state tuition.

**Registration:** AEP costs a non-refundable \$35 per student. To register and learn more about attendance requirements, click on the link above and complete the online registration. After completing the online registration, your qualifications for attending the program will be reviewed. Very qualified Venture, Explorer, Sea Scouts as well as those scouts who are very close to completing their Gold / Eagle Scout / Stars and Stripes awards will be considered for attendance.

A confirmation packet will then be mailed to you with the required forms. Your registration is not complete until we receive your required forms by fax or email. Due to a limited number of spots, prompt return of the forms is encouraged.

If traveling by bus or plane, please make your arrival/departure destination Bryan, Texas (bus) or College Station, Texas (air). Texas A&M will ONLY provide transportation to and from the Bryan Bus Station or the College Station airport (CLL), Easterwood Field. A commercial shuttle service from Houston Intercontinental and Houston Hobby Airports to College Station is available (GroundShuttle.com).

If you are traveling by bus, air, or shuttle, please make that known as early as possible so we can be sure to plan for your arrival and departure.

**Parents:** Parents are welcome to attend portions of the program. An information session is held on Friday afternoon and parents are invited to join their students at the recognition ceremony on Friday evening.

Students will be housed on campus but parents will need to arrange their own accommodations.

Hotels/motels in Bryan/College Station may fill up during football weekends. Parents should make reservations as soon as possible. More on possible locations can be found here:

<http://www.visitaggieland.com/Where-to-Stay>

For more information, contact Lt. Col Rod Matte at (979) 845-9232 or [jmatte@corps.tamu.edu](mailto:jmatte@corps.tamu.edu), or call the Corps Recruiting office at 1-800-TAMU-AGS.

## Merit Badge Counselor Resource Page Available

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A new BSA Web page is available for merit badge counselors searching for just the right resources. Recently posted, it contains informational fliers on all the newest merit badges—including Sustainability, Programming, Cycling, and Game Design.



You will find information on upcoming merit badges, a section on how to propose new merit badges, plus the latest news about competitions and scholarships. In addition, there are links to specific sites supporting merit badge requirements.

The “Introduction to Merit Badges” link takes the Scouter on an informative walk through the merit badge process and then displays all the merit badges with links to requirements.

For access, visit

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx>

**Come Catch the Fun with Us**  
**Be a part of the BSA contingent to the**  
**2015 World Scout Jamboree!**

**Kirara-hama, Japan - July 28–August 8,**  
**2015**

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Unity and harmony, friendship and peace -- All that and more is reflected in Japanese culture and in the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree.

Make plans now to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, where Scouts and Venturers from around the world will meet at the intersection of tradition and innovation to explore energy, technology, and harmony.



## **ABOUT THE JAMBOREE SITE**

Japan is an island country in the Pacific Ocean, where natural beauty and modern cities coexist. Here you'll find a rich mix of traditional and modern culture and a history that dates back thousands of years. Yamaguchi Prefecture is located on Honshu Island in the western part of Japan facing the calm Seto Inland Sea. It exemplifies many aspects of contemporary Japan, including modern cities, beautiful natural areas, traditional performing arts, historic buildings, and modern industries.

The jamboree site, Kirara-hama, is reclaimed land in Yamaguchi City, which is located in the western part of Honshu. Equipped with developed facilities and parks, it was the site of Japan Expo Yamaguchi in 2001.

### **Climate**

You can expect sunny weather with occasional showers and clouds and perhaps strong winds. August temperatures in Yamaguchi City average 82 degrees F, and rainfall averages 6.2 inches.

## **WHO MAY ATTEND?**

### **Participants**

Eligible participants must be registered with BSA as a Boy Scout or Venturer and have been born between July 27, 1987 and July 28, 2001.

### **International Service Team (IST)**

To join the IST at the jamboree, you must have turned 18 at the start of camp, July 28, 2015.

### **Leaders**

All BSA leaders must meet the requirements listed on the adult leader web page at <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>. In addition, councils must first give their approval to applicants. Selection will then be made under the direction of each regional director.

## **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT**

Registration and payment of fees will be done online. The cost of participation in the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree is as follows:

- Adult leader and youth participant - \$5,750
- International Service Team - \$2,000

Registration will be open in January 2014. Watch the World Scout Jamboree web site for more information <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>

## **THE PROGRAM**

Scouts will experience the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree through module activities, subcamp life, arena events, and interaction and exchange with Scouts from all around the globe. Here are some highlights.

### **Module Activities**

Module activities will include exploration of global, cultural, and peace- and community-related issues, participation in recreational water sports, hands-on experiences with science and technology, and nature excursions. In their free time, participants will also be able to choose from a wide variety of programs in their subcamps, at the World Scout Center, and in the Faith and Beliefs zone.

### **Other Activities**

During free time, participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of programs in their subcamps and at the World Scout Center. The Faith and Beliefs area will always be available for participants to practice their own faith and learn about other religions. Participants can also sign up to be Young Correspondents and help tell the jamboree story to the world.

### **Peace Memorial Ceremony**

On August 6, 2015, a delegation of jamboree participants will attend the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. This moving ceremony will give them – and through them all jamboree participants -- the chance to think about peace and about how they can promote peace around the world.

## **PRE-JAMBOREE TRAINING WEEKEND**

Leaders and youth should participate in a pre-jamboree training experience to ensure a safe and fun trip for everyone. During this weekend, they will get to know one another and come together as a unit. The jamboree

fee does include the training weekend itself, but not the travel to and from the training sites.

### **JAMBOREE TRAVEL AND TOUR**

The BSA contingent will meet at a series of “gateway cities” in the U.S. before departing for the jamboree. The jamboree fee includes round-trip airfare from attendees’ home-city airport, the jamboree fee, administrative expenses, and costs associated with the specially arranged tour immediately before or after the jamboree.

### **German National Jamboree August 6th–14th 2014**

About 4000 scouts and guides gather on a camping site in the midst of the biosphere reserve "Swabian Alb" 50 km south of Stuttgart to hold the German National Jamboree.



### **FULL STEAM – THE SLOGAN OF THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

During the jamboree we want to take up the spirit of the 19th century and experience technical progress and inventions of the era of the industrial revolution. We want to sense the unlimited euphoria of progress, the dawn of a new era and at the same time address the social implications of the industrialization.

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM (IST)**

We invite all scouts and guides older than 18 to get involved in the jamboree as part of the International Service Team (IST). You can come as individual, with a friend or in a group. As member of the IST you will work together with the German camp staff in an international team to make the camp an unforgettable experience for all participants. Of course you will also have the opportunity to enjoy the jamboree yourself and participate in various activities when you are off duty.

For more information see the German National Jamboree web site - [www.volldampf2014.de/vcp-national-jamboree](http://www.volldampf2014.de/vcp-national-jamboree) or e-mail Simon Schutz, International

Team for the National Jamboree at [international@bundeslager.vcp.de](mailto:international@bundeslager.vcp.de)

### **On Increasing Advancement**

With 2013 drawing to a close, many units are taking stock of where they stand on their Journey to Excellence scorecards and looking for last-minute ways to “Go Gold.” One such way is through participation in more service projects—Item 7 for packs, Item 8 for troops and teams, and item 5 for crews and ships.

In addition to boosting a unit’s JTE score, service projects are an inherent part of each youth’s personal Scouting journey. Every time a youth repeats the Cub Scout Promise, the Scout Oath, or the Venturing Oath, a pledge is renewed to help other people.

Fall is filled with great opportunities for seasonally-related service projects. Now is a good time to look at your community’s annual events calendar—and your 2014 JTE scorecard—and plan ahead.

The unit’s advancement chair should keep track of individual levels of participation and be sure unit records reflect that information. If a service project satisfies a Scout’s specific rank requirement, remind him to be sure it gets recorded in his handbook. Finally, to ensure that the unit gets proper JTE credit for its efforts, make sure all projects and hours are entered on the Journey to Excellence website. This can be done via the Unit Tools menu in your MyScouting account.

Individual advancement and unit JTE recognition are certainly worthy goals, but most importantly, service projects provide opportunities for our Scouts to be active and involved in their units and communities, and have fun at the same time. In doing so, we support the aims of Scouting:

- Character development by learning to help others.
- Citizenship training by learning how involvement can help the community.
- Personal fitness through the activities involved in the service project.

Isn’t that what it is all about?

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

December 5 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

December 7 – OA LLD and Winter Banquet

December 7 – NYLT staff interviews

December 11 – NYLT staff interviews

December 12 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

December 23 – January 2 – Scout Shop closed

December 24-25 – Scout Office closed

December 31-January 1 – Scout office closed

January 9 – OH District Banquet

January 9 – GL District Banquet

January 16 – CPR/First Aid certification

January 17-19 – Trappers Rendezvous, near Newton KS

January 25 – Scouting for Food, flyer distribution, Bartlesville

February 1 – Scouting for Food, food pickup, Bartlesville

February 15 – Winter Merit Badge Festival

February 27 – FOS Patron Dinner

March 7-8 – OA Ordeal

March 8 – Helpful Day

March 27 – Council Banquet

March 29 – Pinecar Derby

March 29 – OH Cub Scout Fun-o-Ree

April 1 – Camp McClintock reopens

April 4-5 – OA Spring Fellowship

April 9-10 – SM/ASM Leader Specific Training

April 11-12 – Cub and One

April 12 – Boy Scout recruitment event

May 2-4 – Council Camporee

May 2-4 – OA Section Conclave

May 3 – GL BALOO Training

June 3-6 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp

June 6 – Golf Tournament

June 8-14 – NYLT

June 11-13 – GL Day Camp

June 27-29 – First Class Weekend