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New Council web site

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org>

A new Council web site was launched the end of last month. The new web site includes an improved Council calendar and Council Photos.

New information has been added under "Resources" including information about the BSA Physical Fitness Award and Scouter Knots.

Comments about the Council's new web site should be sent to cherokeesbsa@cherokeesbsa.org

Change of Headgear Requirements for Scouts

The BSA has clarified requirements in a new rule about gear. "Appropriate personal protective equipment is required for all activities. This includes the recommended use of helmets for all participants engaged in winter sports such as sledding... The use of helmets is **required** for the following activities: downhill skiing, snowboarding, and operation of snowmobiles (full-face helmets)."

Also, a reminder: Whenever units engage in winter sports, they should use only designated areas where rocks, tree stumps, and other potential obstacles have been identified and marked, cleared away, shielded, or buffered in some way. When choosing a helmet, Scouts should find one designed for recreational snow sports, not one meant for skateboarding or bicycling. And if you're heading to a ski resort, call ahead to determine if it has enough helmets to cover your group.

(Reprinted from the Jan/Feb 2010 Issue of *Scouting* magazine.)

2010 Requirements update

By Paul Wolf

The annual review of the new BOY SCOUT REQUIREMENTS 2010 booklet and information on all of the known changes to Merit Badge and Rank requirements has been uploaded to the US Scouting Service Project web site. Included is the new definition

and explanation of the procedure to be used for identifying "ACTIVE" Scouts.

Note that the stock number for the requirements booklet, which for many years was 33215x, and last year was changed to 33216, has once again changed, this time to 34765.

A summary of all of the changes can be accessed on the US Scouting Service Project web site at:

<http://usscouts.org/advance/changes/advchanges10.asp>

Color highlighting has been used in the summary to identify exactly what wording has changed. There are links from the summary to the full requirements for each badge, both with and without highlighting, and from the new requirements to the old requirements for those still using them.

BSA has clarified the positions of responsibility lists for Star/Life/Eagle to specifically include Webmaster and LNT Trainer as valid for all three ranks in any unit (Troop/Team/Crew/Ship), and that Bugler is valid for Star/Life; it is NOT an eligible position for Eagle (correcting an error in the new Handbook).

New requirements include a Life Scout requirement to teach using the EDGE method one of a selection of six different sets of skills from the 2nd and 1st Class ranks to a Scout.

BSA also reworded the Eagle "Scout Spirit" requirement, but that is not noted on the inside cover. And the "age requirement" for joining was clarified, but not listed as a change.

Eighteen merit badges have changes. Of those, four have major changes (Architecture, Computers, Fishing, Fly Fishing) and the other 14 have just a few changes (some of those are really quite minor in scope or just editorial). Some of the changes bring the book into conformance with merit badge books issued in the past few years (such as Graphic Arts).

New Merit Badge pamphlets are available for eight subjects: Communications, Computers, Fishing, Fly-Fishing, Home Repairs, Medicine, and Oceanography, plus Scuba Diving.

The summary also includes the requirements for the four historical Merit Badges available this year.

Membership Challenge Now Is the Time

By Randy Weatherly, Council VP for Membership and
Carol Whitebook, Council Executive

Now is the ideal time to be recruiting for your unit. BSA has been putting out information about the 100th anniversary of BSA and we have been having local centennial events.

February is the actual anniversary, and so even more visibility will happen this month. Advertising has brought Scouting to the forefront, and you need to take the next step by inviting people to join your unit.

The Council will provide a *new unit flag* to the unit that recruits the most new members for their unit, during the period March 2010 through June 2010. (*Note – Or, deposit equivalent money in their Scout Shop Unit Account. **Minimum of 5 new youth to qualify for unit incentive***)

Also, any Scout that recruits one friend will receive a recruiter patch. Scouts who recruit 3 or more friends during our March to June recruitment drive can choose one of the following cool items: spinning rod and reel, knife, water bottle stuffed with items, Lego packs, compass, 4" miniature Coleman lanterns (battery driven), pen with knife inside, small game set, head lamp, Down & Derby DVD, binoculars, and more.



There are sufficient prizes for everyone, though some choices noted may not be available as prize selection occurs.

This is also an ideal time for Boy Scout units to be attracting new members, as Cub Packs will be doing their Blue & Gold Banquet, and 2nd year Webelos will be looking for a Troop to join. We want to make sure that all of the Cubs make the transition to Boy Scouts, and the Troops can be a big help in this effort.

Nothing works better than your Scouting youth to just simply ask their friends to come to a meeting and see what fun Scouting is. Take them on an outing as well, so that they can experience Scouting first hand. Once they come and see what is happening, the program will sell itself.

Remember, units need to be recruiting around 25% of membership each year to have a stable program, and more to actually be growing. Now is the time to encourage recruiting, and you can help in your unit by also offering an incentive to the den or patrol that recruits the most people, or give a special event (maybe a party, lock-in, or pie in the face) if they meet your recruiting goal numbers in this time period.

By taking the "Now Is the Time Challenge" everyone wins as you end up with new people in your unit, ensure the continuation of the unit, and the new people win by having fun in Scouting.

Eagle Scouts

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

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

- Kaleb McNickle – Troop 6
- Robert Lake, Jr. – Troop 50
- Jonathan Harrison – Troop 2000
- Kade Skoog – Troop 21
- Sreeram Krishnan – Troop 3
- Richard Courtney – Troop 21
- James Robert Wilkins – Troop 50
- David Leroy McKee – Troop 777

Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts'

achievement, and ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

Silver Beaver Nominations Due February 15th

Nominations for the 2010 recipients of the Cherokee Area Council Silver Beaver Award are due on Monday, February 15th. These can be submitted at the Scout Office or sent electronically to the Scout Service Center at registrar@cherokeesbsa.org.

The award is made for noteworthy service or exceptional character to youth by registered Cub Scouters, Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council. The Silver Beaver award can only be made to adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters.



This is a good way to recognize those Scouters who have done a super job and have not been recognized in the past with the Silver Beaver. A list of those who have received the Silver Beaver is available on the Council web site at here <http://tinyurl.com/y93lcns>

The nomination form is available on the BSA National web site here <http://tinyurl.com/ydb2dqy> **Nominations are due in the Scout Office no later than February 15.**

Please contact the Scout Service Center if you have any questions about what is needed. The awards are presented at the annual council banquet in March.

Wilderness First Aid February 23, 25, March 2, 4 By Charlie Lewis

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



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Wilderness First Aid is a 16-hour first aid training course, which is now required by BSA for Philmont and other backwoods activities. This course 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 15 years old; knowledge of First Aid and CPR is very helpful for this class.

Cost for this Course is \$40. A 50-question test requiring an 80% or better and satisfactory completion of skills is required for completion.

The course will be held February 23rd, February 25th, March 2nd and March 4th. You must attend all classes in order to complete the course. Class will start at 6:00pm and be completed before 10:00pm 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. **Registration will end on February 17.**

Winter Merit Badge Festival February 27

By Bill Alexander, Council VP for Program

Merit Badge Festival Registrations Due Feb 19th

Units need to submit their MB Festival registrations by Friday, February 19th. This year the forms are posted online in Excel spreadsheet form with one file and 4 tabs. Two of the tabs are the front and back of the Scout registration form. One tab is for the adult training registration, and one tab is for unit registrations. When filling out the unit registration form, it can be e-mailed to the Scout Office and the fee can be paid from the unit account or called in with a credit card to make it easier for registration. Registration information is available on the Council web site here

<http://tinyurl.com/yarhms8>

An adult CPR registration is offered in the morning for leaders that need a current CPR/First Aid registration.

This will be a Red Cross certification. The cost for the CPR class is \$15 in addition to the \$6 adult registration fee.

BALOO (no additional cost other than the \$6 adult registration) is being offered along with Cub Leader Specific training, so Cub Leaders can be trained at the festival as well. Adult leaders are encouraged to register for sessions so that planning for materials can be done.

The event patch emphasizes the number of merit



badges required for each of the ranks: Star, Life, and Eagle rank. All of the Eagle required to achieve Eagle rank are offered at the festival, so it is a great time for Scouts to be able to work on their Eagle required merit badges.

There will be a Jamboree meeting of youth and parents after the festival which will be done by 6 pm.

Council Camporee March 5-7

Theme: Mountain Man



Location: Spring Creek Ranch South of Jay on Hwy 20

Tentative Schedule:

Troops welcome to arrive from 2 p.m. on Friday -
Departure after Chapel Service Sunday a.m.

Campfire: 8 p.m. Friday

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Meeting after campfire

Cracker-barrel - immediately following SPL meeting (all are welcome)

Saturday: Patrol competitions

Sunday: Chapel Service

Troops: Responsible for unit food & camping gear

Webelos are welcome to attend.

Cost: \$5 per person

Tulsa Trade-o-Ree

March 12-13

This year's event will be held at the EconoLodge at I-44 and 11th Street in Tulsa.

Friday the Trade-o-Ree will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

On Saturday, the Trade-o-Ree hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Sunday, there will be a live auction with the proceeds benefiting the Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge

For more information, see the event flyer

<http://tinyurl.com/yeemzjh>

Council Banquet

March 23

Your attendance is requested for a memorable evening to honor council volunteers, new Silver Beavers, our 2010 Eagle Honoree and the Eagle Class of 2009.

Date: Tuesday, March 23rd

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Highland Park Baptist Church

Fee: \$12.50 per person

Eagle Scout Sponsorship: \$20.00

Sign-up Deadline: Thursday, March 18

For reservation call: 918-336-9170 or 1-888-269-1328

Mom & Me Campout

April 9-10

By Ellen Weigant, Event Chairman

There is a council Mom & Me Campout at Camp McClintock starting Friday April 9 and ending Saturday April 10th after lunch. Moms are invited bring their Cub Scout(s) to do an overnight campout.

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

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

A flyer about this event has been posted on the Council web site <http://tinyurl.com/y8phaok>

Scouting for Food

By Tom Perrine, Scouting for Food Chairman



Eighteen Scout units participated in Scouting for Food in Bartlesville on January 30.

Food was collected for Concern, Salvation Army, Mary Martha, Vision Onward Transitional Housing, and Agape Mission. Each agency left with a pickup truck load of food. *(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)*

Washita Lodge News

Vigil Honor

Washita Lodge held its Vigil Weekend on November 20, 2009, when the existing Vigil Honor members increased their numbers by six more brothers. They include Truman Reeves, Aaron Lewis, Travis Payne, Randy Ellis, Randy Wilkins, and Linda Cole.

These members were also formally recognized at the Lodge's Winter Banquet in January, have received their blankets and sashes, and will receive their certificates shortly.

If you see any of these brothers please take the time to congratulate them on this momentous occasion. It is an honor that should be celebrated.

Founder's Award

The Founder's Award is given annually to those Arrowmen who have proven to be exemplary brothers in cheerful service. The award can be given to two Arrowmen per year based on long record of service and dedication to the lodge, the Council, and their home troops. Additionally, a strong component of the award is that the recipients live their lives as the founders, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson would have lived. The recipients for 2009 are Ben Robin and Peggy Rocky. Additionally, the first recipient of 2010 is Steve DeFrees.

Section Conclave

This year Washita Lodge has the great privilege of hosting this year's Section Conclave, April 23-25. It will be held at the Osage County Fairgrounds in Pawhuska. This is significant because Pawhuska was also home to the first Boy Scout Troop in America.

Spring Fellowship

As a result of us hosting Section Conclave this year, our Spring Fellowship, March 26-28, will be at the Pawhuska Fairgrounds. Work projects and other activities will be shaped around preparing for Section Conclave. Any ideas, questions, or concerns can be directed to the Section Host CVC Ben Robin.

Arrow of Light Ceremonies

Packs that want to schedule an Arrow of Light ceremony should contact Sean Urban at seandurban@cableone.net

Unit Elections

Troops should contact Sean Urban about holding OA elections in time for newly elected OA candidates to go through Ordeal at Spring Fellowship. Contact Sean Urban at seandurban@cableone.net

New FOS CSP for 2010

By Bill Alexander, Council VP for Program

Approximately 35% of the support for Cherokee Area Council comes directly from the Friends of Scouting

gifts. This is an important way that Scouters support our youth program.



The picture above shows the new 2010 FOS CSP that is given to anyone who contributes \$100 or more to the Cherokee Area Council FOS program.

This is the 8th CSP in the Scout Law series representing Cheerful.

The CSP is modeled after the Norman Rockwell cover for the 6th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook (printed from 1959 to 1965). It features a Scout walking with a day pack, and a cheerful smile on his face. You can see this handbook cover in the Centennial Timeline pamphlet that comes with the 2010 12th edition current handbook.

If you are missing any of the earlier FOS CSPs, there are still a few left that can be obtained for donations of \$100 for each. A cheerful giver is certainly one way "to help others at all times."

Overnight Snow Skiing trip?

By Bill Alexander, Council VP for Program

So can it really be possible to go on an overnight snow skiing trip for less than \$100 from the Cherokee Area Council. The answer is not only yes, troops are doing this every year.



(Photo courtesy of Bill Alexander)

The picture shown is at Snow Creek (near Weston, MO) from a January trip of Troop 3 from Bartlesville.

Snow Creek has helmets to rent, so you can comply with the new BSA guidelines that all must wear helmets for snow sports.

The trip is just over 5 hours from Bartlesville, which is a doable Friday late afternoon departure. Staying in one of the churches, YMCA, or similar place in Weston for minimal cost puts you at the slopes early on Saturday morning.

Lessons are available for all of those who haven't been skiing before (adults included). They also have snow boards and tubing at the facility. A group of 15 or more will get you discounts of 15% or 25% depending upon your payment option. Overall, you can do this for less than \$100 per person and actually learn to snow ski on the real stuff! God makes some of the snow, and the machines make up the rest, so they generally have snow covered slopes through February.

Check out their website www.skisnowcreek.com for information on costs, conditions, planned events, etc.

"Boy Scouts of America: Today" National Photo Contest

Coffee table book will be a visual representation of modern-day Scouting

IRVING, Texas (January 12) - As the Boy Scouts of America's members, alumni, and admirers prepare to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary, they want to see what Scouting looks like in the communities across America. Anyone with a passion for photography is invited to submit photo entries for a new book, to be published in October 2010. *Boy Scouts of America: Today* will show Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers engaged in activities that represent the 12 points of the Scout Law.



Eligible participants may enter the contest by submitting photographs in any or all of the 12 categories to visually depict the 12 points of the Scout Law—trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Affiliation with the BSA or any of its programs is not necessary to submit a photo for consideration. Winning entries will be printed in the book *Boy Scouts of America: Today*, and winners will receive a copy of the book and a \$50 gift card for official Scouting merchandise purchased through Scoutstuff.org or at any participating Scout shop.

"The image should not just create a visual reaction, but must evoke a feeling about the point of the Scout Law for which it represents," explains Roger Morgan, official BSA photographer. "We're looking for photographs that create an emotional response."

The *Boy Scouts of America: Today* photo contest begins January 12, 2010, and entries must be received by March 31, 2010. Photos must be representative of Scouting activities but are not limited to any specific event. Photographs submitted for consideration must have been taken within one year of entry. Visit <http://scoutstuff.upickem.net/engine/Welcome.aspx?contestid=12834> for more information including how to submit photos for consideration.

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National Venturing Event September 24-26

The Venturing Officers' Association of the Greater St. Louis Area Council is proud to announce that the Fall Fun Rally has been designated as the first National Venturing Event. The Greater St. Louis Area Council is proud to sponsor this event and to open it up to Venturers from across the country to attend.

The Fall Fun Rally is the largest gathering of Venturers held each year in the country, now in its 37th year. The Greater St. Louis Area Council has the facilities, the staff, and the experience to host a couple thousand Venturers for this 3-day event. In 2008 it was the Central Region's 10th Anniversary event for Venturing. Venturers from throughout the Central Region attended. This event is centrally located in the USA.

The Fall Fun Rally is a youth lead event. The Council's V.O.A., the 9 District VOAs and hundreds of other Venturers staff the event each year. Venturing is many things, but of uppermost importance is youth leadership development. Planning for the 2010 event started at last year's event.

This is the first time that a National Venturing event is being done and it is the youth of the Venturing program that are doing it.

Date: September 24-26, 2010

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation, High Ridge, MO (Just 45 minutes SW of downtown St. Louis)

Who can attend: Venturers, Explorers, & Sea Scouts along with their adult leadership

Events: Volleyball Tournament, Tug-of-War Competitions, Rifle Range, Shotgun Range, Archery, Climbing Tower, Slacklining, Wild Caving, Mountain Men Village, Blacksmithing, , Helicopters, , Kickball, Crab Soccer, Wiffleball, Dodgeball, Hillbilly Golf & Washers, National Venturing Fencing Competition, Pool Noodle Jousting, Police & Military Demonstrations, Table Top Competitions, Dutch-oven Cooking Competitions, Skit/Talent Competition, Fear Factor Event, Horseback Riding, Adult Venturing Training, Venturing Officer Association Elections, Game/Trivia Night, Movie Night, Twister for 50, Karaoke Night, Award Show, Dance, Model Rockets, Backyard Games, Obstacle Course, Frisbee Golf, Sea Scouting Activities, Drunk Driving Simulator, All Star Sports Challenge, Crazy Building Competitions, Dunking Booth, and much more.

These events are events from the previous years. We anticipate some change as the youth of the VOA decide on the final events in the coming months.

Details: In the coming weeks details will be posted on the Fall Fun Rally Website including location specifics, schedule, as well as things to do in St. Louis.

Websites: www.nationalventuringevent.org or www.fallfunrally.org

Join the *National Venturing Event Facebook Group* to keep yourself informed. Facebook Group: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=207652002378>

Mark your Crew's calendar now to attend the first National Venturing Event. Registration and leader's information will be posted and updated through the website.

Cost will be approximately \$15 for the weekend and will include an event t-shirt.

Hall of Leadership Deadline Extended

Thousands of terrific stories about Scouting leadership have been submitted to the National Hall of Leadership nomination database, but there are many more great stories out there yet to be shared!

So, the nomination deadline has been extended to April 2, 2010. The goal is to get the broadest representation possible from councils across the country, and allow enough time to encourage people to submit their nominations.

Based on this new schedule, the final group of inductees — one from each local council and one from the national council — will be announced July 31st as part of the 100th Anniversary events at the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. For more detailed information, see the revised judging timetable.

<http://tinyurl.com/yqx67yz>

Submit your nomination today! <http://tinyurl.com/adhj7a>

Don't miss this one-time opportunity to recognize outstanding leadership by a Scout, registered Scout leader, or Scouting volunteer who made a significant difference in the life of another by the extraordinary service they have given ... and the Scouting virtues they have modeled.

Historical merit badges celebrate Scouting's past

A merit badge called Computers would sound just as crazy to a 1910 Boy Scout as a merit badge called

Tracking sounds to Scouts today. That's because the BSA's list of available merit badges has evolved through the years as the interests of boys have changed.

In honor of the BSA's 100th Anniversary, though, today's generation of Scouts will get the unique opportunity to experience some of the activities their predecessors enjoyed. That's possible thanks to the BSA's new **Historical Merit Badge Program**, a set of four discontinued merit badges that today's Scouts can earn.



Boys can earn any or all of these merit badges. According to Bill Evans, Youth Development team leader with the BSA, these merit badges **will** count as electives for rank advancement.

Signaling

- First offered in 1910 and discontinued in 1992.
- Sample requirements: build a simple buzzer or blinker capable of sending Morse code messages, and send a message of at least 35 words; send and receive messages using semaphore flags at a rate of at least 30 letters per minute.
- Requirements
<http://www.ussscouts.org/mb/signaling.asp>

Tracking

- First offered in 1911 (as Stalker merit badge) and discontinued in 1952.
- Sample requirements: recognize the tracks of 10 different animals; give evidence to show you have tracked at least two different kinds of birds or animals, documenting their speed and direction.
- Requirements
<http://www.ussscouts.org/mb/tracking.asp>

Pathfinding

- First offered in 1911 and discontinued in 1952.
- Sample requirements: be able to guide people to important places within a three-mile radius of your home; submit a scale map of your community.
- Requirements
<http://www.ussscouts.org/mb/pathfinding.asp>

Carpentry

- First offered in 1911 and discontinued in 1952.
- Sample requirements: demonstrate the use of tools, such as a miter and bevel; build a simple piece of furniture for use at home.
- Requirements
<http://www.ussscouts.org/mb/carpentry.asp>

Sounds like a blast, right? But there's one catch: **Boys must start and finish all requirements within the year 2010.** Don't delay—after Dec. 31, 2010, these merit badges will go back on the "retired" list.

BSA suggests you track down merit badge counselors soon. For Carpentry, contact a local cabinet-making business. A nearby Homeland Security office could help you with Pathfinding. Signaling would benefit from the help of a local amateur ham radio group. And for Tracking, try your state's department of natural resources. Those are merely suggestions. Be creative!

For more information, look for a special Web site and a printed guide by the end of the month. That's where you'll find the [complete requirements for each patch](#). The BSA also plans to deliver a guide that will help councils and districts host a historical camporee or similar event to offer these merit badges.

The Historical Merit Badge Program gives you the perfect chance to organize exciting activities for your Scouts, while connecting them with the BSA's rich past. It's another example of the BSA's devotion to *Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey*.

(Reprinted from the Cracker Barrel, Scouting magazine's blog

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2010/01/historical-merit-badges-help-boy-scouts-celebrate-scoutings-past.html>)

2010 Centennial Rank Advancement Badges

The National Council has announced that all rank patches for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for 2010 will feature special designs. The patches called the '2010 Centennial Rank Advancement Badges' feature 2010, Boy Scouts of America, and the rank in text.



View the [designs of the 2010 Centennial Rank Advancement Badges](#) (pdf).

The 2010 Centennial Rank Advancement Badges should be available in Scout Shops by the beginning of February. Make sure you honor your Scout's rank advancement with these 100th anniversary rank badges.

BSA Physical Fitness Award

A Program for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders

Two important challenges in preparing youth for the 21st century—particularly in today's increasingly automated and sedentary culture—are physical fitness and good health. Every adult leader should set the example and contribute directly to the health and fitness of today's Scouts by completing requirements for the BSA Physical Fitness Award.

The award's objectives, developed by the Council Services Division of the National Council and the national BSA Health and Safety Committee, are as follows:

- Encourage youth fitness in the BSA by providing positive role models and by enhancing youth awareness and understanding of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.
- Encourage physical fitness among Scouters by enhancing their awareness and understanding

of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.

- Reduce the rate of stress- and fitness-related incidents throughout Scouting.

People who earn the recognition can receive a special certificate and can purchase and wear the unique BSA Physical Fitness Award patch. In addition, upon completion of the Fitness Award requirements, Scouts and Scouters may wear a special recognition pin and patch that can be purchased through their local council.



This award is a national program of emphasis designed to heighten fitness awareness and to help change the lifestyles of American youth and adults regarding exercise and a healthy diet to improve the quality of their lives.

This award has been developed to

- Encourage the development of attitudes, knowledge, and skills that promote fitness and safe conduct.
- Lay a skill, knowledge, and attitude foundation of the seven major components of fitness.
- Improve health, fitness, and quality of life through daily physical activity

The BSA Physical Fitness Award's core requirements are the seven major components (<http://tinyurl.com/yer9f5a>). They are used to measure an individual's improvement over time, not to establish an arbitrary minimum level of activity.

One of the founding purposes of the movement is to emphasize physical fitness. This program is intended to have significant grassroots involvement without encumbering a district or council. The target audience is the youth and adult members of the units.

Application form and requirements for the BSA Physical Fitness Award <http://tinyurl.com/yj6s7y6>

Unit Leader Award of Merit

The Unit Leader Award of Merit replaces the Scoutmaster, Varsity Team Coach, and Venturing Crew Advisor award of merit programs.

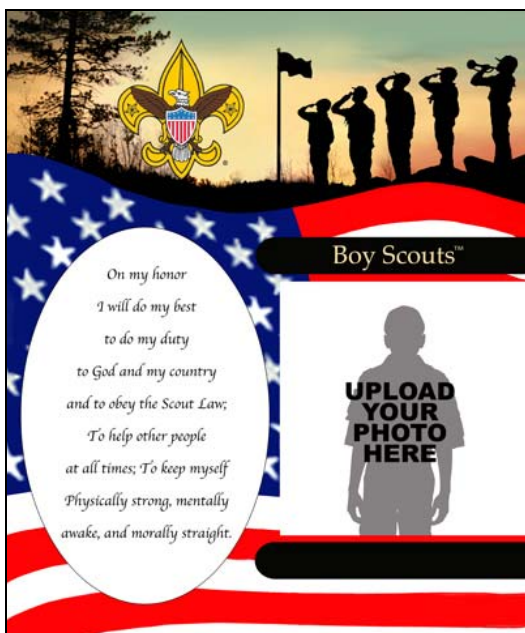
This new recognition has revised requirements and may be earned by Cubmasters as well.

Requirements and application -

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf

BSA® Fleece Blankets at Wal-Mart

Available in spring 2010, Manual Woodworkers and Weavers will introduce an officially licensed line of personalized BSA® fleece blankets at participating Wal-Mart stores.



To personalize the blanket, customers can visit any Wal-Mart photography kiosk to upload a photo. Once submitted, the image is sent to a photographic studio and delivered to Manual Woodworkers and Weavers to create the final product. Generally, customers should expect one week to have the blanket produced and sent back to Wal-Mart for customer pickup.

Customers will be able to choose among a variety of different BSA® designs to customize their blanket including Cub Scouts® designs, Boy Scouts™ designs, and an Eagle Scout™ design. For more information,

please visit the store associate at your local Wal-Mart Photo Lab.

BSA® 100th Anniversary Pocketknives Collection



To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, Taylor Brands will launch the Schrade® Old Timer and Shrade® Uncle Henry pocketknife collection in a variety of different styles. Using BSA® nostalgic photography, Taylor Brands has designed a unique collector's tin for each collection. Additionally, all the pocketknives have stainless steel blades with the BSA® 100th Anniversary logo etched on the blade and bone handles.

For purchasing, these products will be distributed to specialty stores, mass market, regional chains, and national chains and should be available beginning in February 2010.

For more information on this collection, please visit Taylor Brands' catalog at www.taylorbrandsllc.com.

BSA® Rash Guards

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Remington® BSA® Collectible Pocketknife

Coming soon in April 2010, Remington is launching the first authentic recreation of the original RS4233 Boy Scouts of America/Remington pocketknife since 1940 in their second installment of Remington's Authentic Recreation collection.



Also included will be a 4" x 6" reproduction of Norman Rockwell's painting, "I Will Do My Best", circa 1945.

Cherokee Scouter publication schedule

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

Issue	Issue Deadline
March	February 27
April	March 27
May	May 1
June	May 29
August	July 26

Upcoming Key Dates

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

- Feb. 2 – FOS Banquet (note date change)
- Feb. 4 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Feb. 7 – Scout Sunday
- Feb. 8 – Scouting Anniversary Day
- Feb. 11 – GL District Roundtable
- Feb. 13 – Scout Sabbath
- Feb. 15 – Scout Office closed
- Feb. 25 – OH District Committee
- Feb. 27 – Winter Merit Badge Festival
- Mar. 4 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 5-7 – Council Camporee, GL District hosting
- Mar. 11 – GL District Roundtable
- Mar. 23 – Council Banquet
- Mar. 25 – OH District Committee
- Mar. 26-28 – OA Spring Fellowship, Pawhuska
- Apr. 1 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 2 – Scout Office closed
- Apr. 8 – GL District Roundtable
- Apr. 10-11 – Mom and Me Campout, Camp McClintock
- Apr. 17 – Generations Connection
- Apr. 23-25 – OA Section Conclave
- Apr. 29 – OH District Committee
- Apr. 30-May 1 – Outdoor Leader Training, Camp McClintock
- May 6 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- May 13 – GL District Roundtable
- May 22 – Pitch for Scouting
- May 27 – OH District Committee
- June 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- June 9-11 – Cub Scout Day Camps
- June 10 – GL District Roundtable
- July 26-Aug. 4 – National Scout Jamboree
- July 29 – OH District Committee
- July 31 – Celebrating 100 Years: Shining a Light