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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

The Silver Beaver nomination form is available here

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>

FOS Annual Patron Dinner February 15

The 2011 Friends of Scouting Annual Patron Dinner will be held on February 15 at the Bartlesville Community Center.

To honor all FOS patrons and to encourage new members, the Council is pleased to announce that the feature artist for the 2011 Friends of Scouting Annual Patron Dinner is Nicole Jackson, singer, songwriter, actress, performer extraordinaire.



Nicole Jackson began singing at the age of three. At the age of 10 she began to take her music very seriously by perfecting her songwriting style and vocal abilities as well as listening to and performing various musical genres. Her impeccable vocal skills first became well

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.



known and respected locally and she has since shared her gifts in many venues worldwide.

Nicole has performed live on numerous occasions with star studded bands of first-call stellar musicians whose credits include the Isley Bros., Chaka Khan, Rufus, The Gap Band, and other countless top recording acts.

Nicole toured almost 18 months as a singer/actor in a theatrical production written by award-winning Tyler Perry called "The Marriage Counselor" which received rave reviews worldwide.

Nicole recently performed with Tito Jackson on a European tour opening for Gladys Knight. In addition to being an exceptional recording artist, Nicole Jackson is also a phenomenal live vocalist where she expresses extraordinary soul, passion, vocal range and melodic ingenuity.

FOS patrons giving \$125+ for 2010 constitute the backbone of financial support for Scouting in Northeast Oklahoma. Your FOS patronage and attendance at the Patron Dinner on February 15, 2011, will raise a substantial amount of our local council's operating budget for the year. Over 2,500 youth in Northeastern Oklahoma and leaders are counting on your support to carry on its traditional values.

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:

- ▶ Bentley Heydt – Crew 50
- ▶ Joshua Myers – Troop 2000

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



BALOO offered at Merit Badge Festival

February 26

Cub Scout leaders are encouraged to take the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training that is offered during a four hour morning session at the Merit Badge Festival. For all Cub Scout outings, there has to be a leader with this training at the event.

This training is not offered online, so this is an important opportunity to get trained and help support your Pack or Den.

If you are going to attend, please be sure to register at the Scout Office

(registration forms are found on the council web site at the Merit Badge Festival

http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=107&Itemid=295) to ensure that there is room for you in the session and materials are prepared for everyone.



There are also afternoon sessions in the computer lab for training (such as Hazardous Weather) which are needed for someone filing a tour plan, and a session on Tour Plans and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Get trained, have a safer outing as a result, and have a more successful unit.

National Youth Leadership Training Scholarship

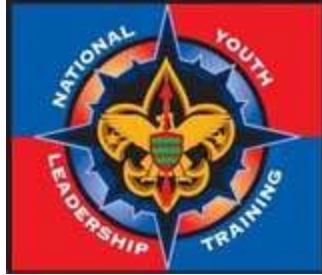
Application Deadline Feb. 28

By Dale Copeland

NYLT is the premier youth leadership training course offered by BSA councils and every Scout and Venturer will benefit from attending it. The council training team has been working to provide this training to our youth leaders and several excellent opportunities are now available so that every unit will have the chance to send their youth leaders to a NYLT course in the near future.

Having NYLT trained youth leadership will make any youth led unit run better and help prepare these young leaders for the future.

Earlier plans to conduct a course at Camp McClintock over spring break 2011 encountered several scheduling challenges and has been rescheduled to Spring Break 2012 (dates to be announced once school calendars are set). This will allow everyone time to get this important activity on their calendars. In addition, construction on several of the Camp McClintock improvements – dining hall construction, Cub Cabin toilet facilities, pavilion improvements, road repairs and more – should be completed to make our camp even better.



Our council places great value on training and will offer a scholarship program to selected youth to cover \$100 of the cost of course fees and an additional \$100 for staff fees for those selected to staff the CAC NYLT course in 2012. Please see details and the application form for this scholarship at <http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/NYLT-Scholarship-Application.pdf> . **Submission deadline is February 28, 2011.** This will allow even more of our youth to qualify for staff positions on our upcoming NYLT course.

Circle Ten Council (Dallas) has several NYLT sessions in March, July, and December. More information about Circle Ten's NYLT courses is available here <http://www.circle10.org/site/c.owL1KgN4LxH/b.1681359/k.9FFA/NYLTNationalYouthLeadershipTraining.htm>

Quivira Council (Wichita) will be conducting NYLT at Quivira Scout Ranch May 30-June 4, 2011. More information about Quivira's NYLT course is available here <http://www.quivira.org/Training/NYLT.aspx>

Indian Nations Council (Tulsa) will be conducting NYLT at their Bartlett Training Center near Locust Grove on July 11-16, 2011. This is very convenient for many of our units and Course Director Ron Bender has been most gracious in working with us. More information about Indian Nations' NYLT course is available here <http://www.okscouts.org/resources/training/nylt/>

NYLT is a great way for Scouts to learn new skills and enhance existing ones for use in their units and over their lifetimes. It also qualifies them to participate in the NAYLE program at Philmont each summer.

For more information you may contact the Scout Service Center or Dale Copeland.

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Wilderness and Remote First Aid

March 19-20

Wilderness and Remote First Aid is coming to the Washington County Red Cross once again, March 19 – 20, 2011; the course will be taught by Venture Crew 911.



Wilderness and Remote First Aid, which is now required by BSA for Philmont and other backwoods activities offers, enhanced content to meet OSHA's *Best Practices for Work place First Aid Training Programs*. Wilderness and Remote First Aid training is strongly suggested anytime a group is more than 20 minutes from professional medical help.

This course includes instruction, participant interaction, and training scenarios that allow participants to apply the information and skills obtained during the training course.

The WRFA course is 16 hours and attendance on both days is required to receive certification for the course. To participate in the course you must be 14 years of age. All participants registering for this course must have a current Standard First Aid and CPR certification.

Cost for this course is \$50 and must be paid prior to attending the course. To enroll for the course or for further information, please contact Charles Lewis, WRFA Course Coordinator at charlielewis@yahoo.com.

Class size is limited to 24 persons with a course enrollment deadline of March 14, 2010.

Council Banquet & Eagle Recognition Banquet

March 22

This year's Council Banquet will be held at Highland Park Baptist Church in Bartlesville. The Banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$12.50 per person.

The 2010-2011 Eagle Class will be recognized. Eagle Scout sponsorships are \$15. **Eagle Scouts should plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m. to be included in this year's Eagle Class picture.**

In addition, council volunteers, new Silver Beavers, and the Council's Eagle honoree will be recognized.

Please make your reservation by March 17 by calling the Scout Office at 918-336-9170 or 888-269-1328

Cub and One Campout

April 8-9

This year's Cub and One campout (formerly Mom and Me) will be held April 8-9.

The event will be \$5 per person and covers cracker barrel and Saturday breakfast. The archery range will be open on Saturday morning for all family members as well as a drawing for 2 marshmallow crossbows Friday night.

Registration forms will be available online soon. Check the web site and watch your e-mail for more information.

Tour Plan

Effective March 1

Effective March 1, 2011, what are currently known as local and national tour permits will be superseded by what will be called the tour plan. The online tour permit system will be suspended. This update is the accumulation of work by a cross-functional team of volunteers and staff including the Health and Safety Support Committee, Council Solutions, Outdoor Program Group, and Risk Management Advisory Panels.

Here is the definition of the tour plan in the Language of Scouting: "Units complete this form when planning for local, national, or international adventure. The plan helps ensure the unit is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure."

The plan is available here

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf

What's different?

- 1) The council is the reviewer of all tour plans; there is no regional review required.
- 2) The tour plan consists of a tour planning worksheet to be completed by the unit/contingent. It is retained by the council and a tour plan is returned to the unit after processing.
- 3) It's on standard 8.5 x 11-inch paper!
- 4) There is a 21-day advance notice requested for units to submit the plan for your review.
- 5) A single point of contact (not on the tour) for council use is included.
- 6) Defined reasons/times when a tour plan must be submitted for council review:
 - a. Trips of 500 miles or more
 - b. Trips outside of council borders not to a council-owned property
 - c. Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
 - d. When conducting the following activities outside of council or district events:
 - ▶ Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
 - ▶ Climbing and rappelling
 - ▶ Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - ▶ Shooting sports
 - ▶ Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of

the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)

- e. At a council's request (allows council to add review times based on local needs)

7) There is an updated Pledge of Performance.

What is not changed?

- 1) A council can define "local" tour plan review needs in addition to the above.
- 2) The Scout executive still needs to have in place a policy/procedure for tour plans.
- 3) Requirements for qualified supervision, training, insurance, etc., remain unchanged—for example, CPR and Wilderness First Aid requirements for high-adventure camps.
- 4) Tour permits can still be sent to the Scout Office electronically by scanning or faxing even though there is no online application process
- 5) Approved Tour Permits can be faxed or e-mailed back to the unit
- 6) The Council can now handle both National and Local tour permits in house

Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx>

Unit Commissioners

Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. They also oversee the unit charter renewal plan so that each unit reregisters on time with an optimum number of youth and adult members.

Roles Commissioners Play

Commissioners play several roles, including friends, representatives, doctors, teachers, and counselors.

Commissioners are **friends**. This is the most important role. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. Commissioners are advocates for unit

needs. Commissioners who are known and accepted in good times will be called to help in bad times.

Commissioners are **representatives**. Unit leaders are occupied working with youth. Some have little contact with Boy Scouts of America other than commissioner visits. To them, commissioners are BSA.

Commissioners help represent the ideals, principles, and policies of the Scouting movement.

Commissioners are **doctors**. In the role as doctor, they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

Commissioners are **teachers**. Commissioners have wonderful opportunities to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge. They teach not just in academic environments, but when it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know.

That is the best learning situation since it is reinforced by practical application.

Commissioners are **counselors**. As counselors, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.



How Commissioners Are Selected

Unit commissioners are appointed by the district commissioner with the approval of the council executive board. Unit commissioners should—

- Have excellent people skills
- Have a Scouting background or be fast-track learners
- Know and practice Scouting ideals

Commissioners should not be registered simultaneously as Direct Contact Unit Leaders. Commissioners may be registered as a unit committee member in the unit or have previous personal history in the unit, but their

principal Scouting obligation should be with commissioner service.

Some People Spend Time. Others Invest It.

Every day, thousands of business leaders and professionals are making a difference in the lives of young people by investing their time in Scouting. These men and women are using the same skills that have led to their success in the boardroom to deliver the values-driven programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting needs your talents. Find out how you can help. Because it's not just time—it's an investment.

For more information about being a Unit Commissioner, contact Ray Peaster arpeast@sbcglobal.net in the Osage Hills District or Paul Fuhrmeister pkf74-scouts@yahoo.com in the Grand Lake District.

Camp McClintock update



Work on the camp improvements is going great with the recent unusually warm weather. This roof for the dining hall is a much needed and overdue improvement. And there is much more going on too - the pavilion has a new roof now and the work on the new twin "ELoo" latrine for the Cub Cabin has begun. Everyone will appreciate the changes.

2011 FOS Council Patch

The ninth in the Scout Law series Council Shoulder Patches (CSPs) for our council has arrived. These are obtained by contributing \$100 or more to the 2011 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. This can be done at the FOS Patron Dinner at the Bartlesville Community Center on February 15th, at your local unit FOS

presentation during one of your programs, or at the Scout Office.



This unique series is focused on one point of the Scout Law each year. Some of the past FOS CSPs are still available for the first 8 points of the Scout Law.

5th Grade Essay Contest

In celebration of Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary, Cherokee Area Council sponsored an essay contest for 5th grade students in the Bartlesville schools. Students were asked to write an expository essay explaining, "What is the importance of developing good character?"

Classroom teachers selected the best essays from those submitted by their respective students. Those essays were then judged by a committee of Scouting volunteers and staff. Savings bonds were awarded to first (\$500), second (\$250) and third (\$100) place winners.

First Place went to Tasha Nash, student at Wilson Elementary. Second place went to Will Walton, student at Kane Elementary. Third place went to Allison Biddinger, student at Ranch Heights Elementary. The winning essays are reproduced below.

Character Speaks Again

By Tasha Nash

First, I would like to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary. I like how Boy Scouts teach boys to have courtesy, kindness, and helpfulness. Boys that go to Boy Scouts learn to be respectful and loyal. I know a few people that went to the Boy Scouts, and they have respect. Boy Scouts respect their teachers, flags, and leaders. They show loyalty to their country.

One of the character traits Scouts learn is courtesy. At my school, Wilson Elementary, we follow Great Expectations. The third rule is, "We will use good manners, saying 'please,' 'thank you,' and 'excuse me,'

and allow others to go first.” A person that goes to Boy Scouts will never be a bad apple. Their leaders will teach them to be polite.

To me kindness has a name, and its name is Miranda. She’s a girl at school, and she’s in my class. Miranda is a loving person to all people. She uses kind words to the four year old kids in our building. I know she has a good heart, and if I have children when I get older, and it’s a girl, I would name her Miranda.

Helpfulness is a big thing at Wilson, because I have never seen so many people that want to be helpful. Our theme is community, and people take it seriously at Wilson. Boy scouts are willing to help people. I also volunteer at the SPCA, and I donate food and toys. At home I cook on Fridays and Sundays. Mom said to me, “If you don’t know how to cook for yourself, how will you know when you get older?” Helpfulness is a good way to help your community grow love.

Your question was, “What is the importance of developing good character?” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his I Have a Dream Speech, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character!” My relative was actually there when he said these words. His dream was really important to my family because today we have equal rights with all people. I think his dream is coming true every day. When I work on having good character it makes the dream come to life.

5th Grade Essay Contest

By Will Walton

I think that it is very important to develop good character. I believe that I am friendly, helpful, and trustworthy. I think those are good traits to have. Everyone needs to develop good character. If not, you’ll have a hard time making friends.

Being friendly is a very good trait that I have. I think that I am a nice person and am good at making friends. Being friendly also means that you aren’t mean to people. Another word for friendly is harmonious.

Being helpful is another trait that is important for developing a good character. I have this trait. Being helpful means your good at making things better. For instance, let’s say your friend drops their books and you help pick them up, you just made things better.

Serviceable is another word that you can say instead of helpful.

Being trustworthy is another good trait that I, and so should you, have. I think being trustworthy is one of the most important traits to have. When you are trustworthy, you are more liked. When you are untrustworthy, not many people like you. For example, let’s say you ask your mom for money to buy your friend a present, and she says yes because she trusts you and knows you won’t go off buying video games for yourself.

Now, after reading all this I hope you have learned some of the reasons why it is important to have good character. Having good character will help you in life. For example, being friendly, helpful and trustworthy could get you a good job. You could also get a little job, but after awhile having those traits could get you promoted to where it is a good job. Those are some reasons why it is important to develop good character.

Character Essay

By Allison Biddinger

Becoming a person of good character is hard but these traits will help. Some of these good character traits are courtesy, loyalty, and cheerfulness. These are all important to a person with good character traits, and they also guide you through life. Having these traits will teach you to be nice, loyal, and also help you to have good friends. People will be extremely happy to be your friend because you have strong character.

One of the character traits is courtesy. Being courteous is just like being nice and doing favors for others. Courtesy is very important because if you don’t do anything nice for others then they won’t do anything for you in return. When my family was leaving a restaurant one day, an elderly couple was right behind us. I held the door open for them and they said I was “a sweet little girl.” I was being courteous by holding the door open. Courtesy is an important trait to develop.

Another trait that will help you develop into a person of good character is loyalty. Some aspects of being loyal are being faithful to a friend or any ordinary person. To keep your best friends close to you, you have to be loyal to them. Loyalty is very important to being a person of good character because if you aren’t loyal to anyone you know then you won’t have any friends and no one will be nice to you. One day when I was a

swimming practice my friend told me, "I'll come in your lane tomorrow," but she never did. I wasn't very happy with her after that because she was not loyal to me. Loyalty is very important to developing good character because if you are not loyal you will be miserable without any friends. To be loyal you should be nice to everyone and you will be happy.

The last character trait is cheerfulness. It is also the most important. To be cheerful you have to be in good spirits and always be happy. Cheerfulness is very important because if you are not full of cheer and you are upset then nobody will want to be around you. When my sister and I go to the SPCA to volunteer our time I get really excited. Whenever I am helping cats and dogs I always have a smile on my face. I am always cheerful when cats start purring and dogs lick your face. It makes me cheerful to know that I helped some animals out, and even when I help people too. These are the reasons why you should always be cheerful.

These are just a few of the most important character traits to guide you through life. They are all vital to developing into a person of good character. Courtesy will help you be nice, loyalty will get you more friends, and cheerfulness will help guide you to a better life. These traits will teach you how to live a healthy, happy life!

Diamond H Scout Ranch

Escape to the Cookson Hills! Take a trek through woods and fields, across creeks and deer trails, past bandit caves and peaceful waterfalls. You will fall in love with the oak-maple forest, the massive limestone outcroppings, and the hidden hollows of the 6,500-acre ranch. This wild tract is located just east of Lake Tenkiller, 79 miles from Tulsa and 53 miles west of Fort Smith.

What's nearby?

Adjoining the property is the 15,000-acre Cookson Wildlife Management Area. Terrapin Creek flows down to Tenkiller Ferry Lake, known as the clearest lake in Oklahoma with 13,000 acres of water and 130 miles of shoreline. The scenic Illinois River offers 70 miles of floating possibilities and 8 miles of trout fishing. The Cherokee Nation is headquartered in Tahlequah and offers several cultural attractions including the Cherokee Heritage Center.

A Guided Journey

Programs at Diamond H will be intense, physically demanding, and fun-packed. Staff will be there to guide participants every step of your adventure.

Paddle down Oklahoma's most scenic river while experienced guides help you navigate through the trees, past the cliffs, and around the rocks. Gear up for a breathtaking and challenging bike ride. Food on the trail is provided as well as several home-cooked meals at Base Camp.

The Central Lodge includes a kitchen, meeting hall, showers, restrooms, and air-conditioning.

Need some backpacking trips? Diamond H staff of veteran backpackers will mentor those with minimal experience while letting the expert trekkers lead the way. Whatever the experience level of your crew, Diamond H staff will provide the knowledge, techniques, and resources to help make your trek a positive adventure of a lifetime!

A Customized Program

What will you do when you're not hiking through the deep woods of Diamond H or dodging snags in the Illinois River? It's your call! Planning well ahead of time, Diamond H can provide an intriguing program based on the lore of the Cookson Hills and Leave No Trace, or you can use the trek for a program under your own leadership.

Consider a Troop Leadership Training, a Venturing Leadership Skills Course, or even a Kodiak. Diamond H staff will work with you to plan your ideal outdoor experience. Dates are flexible in the summer to allow your group a customized experience that no other camp can offer! Diamond H is your headquarters for adventure exploration in eastern Oklahoma.



Spring Break March 14-19, 2011

Spring Break is a tradition of fun and adventure featuring crew competition and a leadership course. The program includes backpacking, GeoCaching, archery, mountain biking, shooting sports, and campfires!

2011 Summer Programs

The [Last Frontier Council](#) organizes several programs throughout the year. A Diamond H program makes the perfect trip and provides great leadership lessons and outdoor skill development opportunities.

SCOUT RANCH

Themed outpost camps offer Philmont-style adventure available during seven weeks in June and July. Campers will trek between sites to enjoy shooting sports, backpacking, pioneering, fishing, COPE programs, and outdoor games.

CANOE BASE

Explore the Illinois River and Lake Tenkiller as you enjoy the freedom of canoe travel! Campsites along the river will allow you to float at your leisure as you enjoy the cooling summer waters.

HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

A 50-miler trek combines the adventure of canoeing, the thrill of mountain biking, and the challenge of outpost camping at theme campsites. It's the ultimate adventure!

2011 Trek dates are flexible!

June 5-11

June 12-18

June 19-25

June 26-July 2

July 10-16

July 17-23

July 24-30

How do I sign up?

You can learn more on the [Last Frontier Council](#) web site. Units may reserve summer treks with a \$100 deposit. Participants may sign up for Spring Break beginning in January. Each person participating in a summer or spring break program must complete a [BSA Annual Health & Medical](#) form parts A, B, and C.

Contact information:
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Scouting's Journey to Excellence

"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's new council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

While all of the live webinars about Journey to Excellence are over, several were recorded:

- ▶ Pack Webinar -
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/awards/webinar/pack-webinar/pack-webinar.htm>
- ▶ Troop Webinar -
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/awards/webinar/troop-webinar/troop-webinar.htm>
- ▶ Crew Webinar -
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/awards/webinar/crew-webinar/crew-webinar.htm>
- ▶ District Webinar -
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/awards/webinar/district-webinar/districtWebinarVideo.htm>
- ▶ Council Webinar -
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/awards/webinar/council-webinar/council-webinar.htm>

More information about the new Journey to Excellence program can be found on the BSA national web site here <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>. At this web site you will find requirements for each program area (Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams, Districts, and Council). There is also a Frequently Asked Questions document for units, districts, and councils.

Annual Health and Medical Record

The Annual Health and Medical Record has been updated to consolidate all records from the National Council and the three national high-adventure base forms, enabling a single medical form to be used across all BSA activities. The new form, bin No. 680-001, supersedes the previous, catalog No. 34605; this new item should be phased in immediately as it renders the old forms obsolete. The Annual Health and Medical Record are required for participation in all Scouting events, including day and resident camps and high-adventure bases. It should be updated no less than annually.

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high-adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Service projects or work weekends may fit this description. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle—accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

Part D is required to be reviewed by all participants of a high-adventure program at one of the national high-adventure bases and shared with the examining health-care provider before completing Part C.

For more information about the Health and Medical Record check the BSA National web site at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available here <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

North American Scout Associations to Host 24th World Scout Jamboree

Scouts from every corner of the world will soon have the experience of a lifetime at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia [\[http://www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit\]](http://www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit). The bid to host the 2019 World Scout Jamboree is a combined effort of the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada, and the Scout Association of Mexico. This will be the first time the World Scout Jamboree has been held in the United States in more than 40 years.



The bid to win the 2019 World Scout Jamboree was voted on by the World Scout Conference, which comprises 160 national Scout associations that represent 220 countries and territories around the world. The 160 associations make up the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, and each member association is able to send Scouts to represent their country at a world jamboree.

The North American bid committee began its work in 2009 and met six times to plan the bid process. A youth contingent from Canada, Mexico, and the United States submitted its bid to the World Scout Conference, and toured the West Virginia site. The group wanted to experience the site firsthand and gather photos and other testimonials to support its presentation to the World Scout Conference in Brazil in January.

For 12 days, thousands of young people from around the world gather in a tented city for activities and adventure during a world jamboree. Scouts have an opportunity to interact and participate with others from different cultures and to build solidarity and understanding across cultural and geographical boundaries.

The Summit, the Boy Scouts of America's newest high-adventure base and the permanent home for the BSA's national Scout jamboree beginning in 2013 and continuing in 2017, consists of 10,600 acres.

"Scouts who attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at The Summit will, for the first time at a world jamboree,

be able to participate in white-water rafting, rock climbing, and mountain biking. We are very pleased that the conference saw the wealth of new and exciting activities that will be available at this site and will make it available to young people in the program," said James Turley, international commissioner.

Aimed at 14- to 17-year-olds, Scouts attend the world jamboree in groups called contingents. They are encouraged to meet other Scouts from different cultures, religions, and countries, ultimately learning that strangers can become friends. The event is supported by thousands of international adult volunteers.

While Scouts Canada has hosted a world jamboree in the past—1955 and 1983—this will be the first time that Asociacion de Scouts de Mexico, Asociacion Civil will share hosting duties with Canada and the United States.

"The Asociacion de Scouts de Mexico is proud to join Scouts Canada and the Boy Scouts of America to host the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. The opportunity before us is magnificent because the Asociacion de Scouts de Mexico is a smaller Scout association and most likely would never host a world Scout jamboree on our own. Here, we will combine our talents and our cultures to bring what will prove to be one of the most incredible, successful jamborees ever!" said Presidente Nacional Omar Lugo Aguirre.

To enhance international contingents' visit to North America, some Scouts will begin this trip in Mexico, where they can immerse themselves in more than 3,000 years of Mesoamerican culture. Also available will be tours of Canada's vibrant cities and unspoiled wilderness. U.S. tours will include Washington, D.C., the Grand Canyon, and Hollywood.

"There has always been a wonderful relationship between Scouts Canada, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Asociacion de Scouts de Mexico," said Mike Scott, international commissioner for Scouts Canada. "The planning process for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree will help develop this friendship and spirit of cooperation even more. This event will involve and engage a huge number of our adult volunteer leaders and young people in a process that will immerse them in different cultures and cause them to be terrific ambassadors for Canada."

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Issue	Issue Deadline
March	February 18
April	March 23
May	April 20
June	May 24

Upcoming Key Dates

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

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 17 – OH District Committee ***NOTE DATE CHANGE

February 21 – Scout Service Center closed

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 22 – Council Banquet

March 24 – OH District Committee

March 25-27 – Outdoor Leader Training and OWL

April 7 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

April 8-9 – Cub and One Campout

April 15-17 – OA Section Conclave

April 22 – Scout Service Center closed

April 28 – OH District Committee

April 29-May 1 – OA Spring Fellowship

May 5 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

May 26 – OH District Committee

May 30 – Scout Service Center closed

Jun 2 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

June 8-10 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp

June 15-17 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp

June 23 – OH District Committee