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## Business & Home Show

February 8

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The Council will have a booth at the Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce Business & Home Show on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Dewey . Last year's show provided participants with direct contact to over 2,000+ attendees.



The Council would like volunteers to man the booth from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call the Scout Service Center to sign up for a slot or the entire day.

## Grand Lake District Pinewood Derby

February 22

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Miami Civic Center

1:00pm to 1:30pm Registration

1:30pm to 4:00pm Races

Come join us for the ***Big Grand Lake District Pinewood Derby*** race!

All Cub Scouts can race for free for a chance to win a trophy.

The open division will allow anyone else who would like to try their chance at racing to enter. The cost for Open Division Registration is \$3.00 for awards.

All cars must weigh less than 5 ounces and follow the construction instructions included in the box with each car.

If you have questions call Chris Brown 918-5417955 or Doug Banner 918-344-4085

## Friends of Scouting Patron Dinner

February 27

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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.

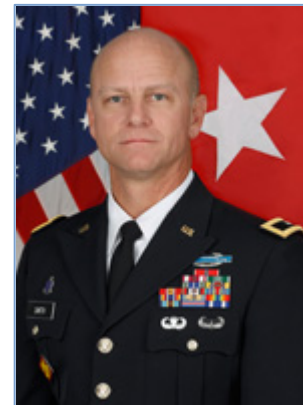
Table sponsorships are available: \$800 and up. Other sponsorships are:

- 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.

## Council Banquet

**March 25 – NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!**

The 2014 Council Banquet and Eagle Class Recognition will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. **Note the date change!**

This is a memorable event that will honor council volunteers, new Silver Beavers, and the 2013 Eagle Class!

Eagle Scouts earned in 2013 should plan to stay after the banquet to be included in this year's Eagle Class Picture. Additionally, please be in full uniform to include merit badge sash and neckerchief.

Details for this event are available here

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/2014CouncilBanquet.pdf>

Sign up deadline: March 17

Fee: \$10 per person

Eagle Scout/Duty to God Award Sponsorship: \$15

## Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and every leader deserves to be trained!

### Basic Leader Training for Cub Scout Leaders:

1. Youth Protection Training: *Online* @ [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)

2. **Leader Specific Training:** *Approximately 3 hours - classroom course OR Online @ [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)*
3. To participate in overnight camping, at least one member of the Leadership must complete *Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)*

### Basic Leader Training for Boy Scout Leaders:

1. Youth Protection Training: *Online* @ [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)
2. **Leader Specific Training:** *Class room course, divided into three sessions of approximately 2.5 hours each (total approximately 7.5 hours)*
3. *Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster should also complete **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills**, which is a 2 day outdoor course, usually offered over a weekend or on 2 Saturdays*

Note: To complete online training, you will need to create an account on [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org). You will need your BSA registration number as part of your [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) account setup. If you do not know your number, contact the council office at 918-336-9170.

For more information, contact Paul Huttenhoff at 918-297-7048 ([pchuttenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:pchuttenhoff@gmail.com))

## SM/ASM Leader Specific Training April 9 and 10

Scout Service Center, Bartlesville

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm both evenings

Cost \$10 for the two sessions

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



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

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

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

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

Reservations are made by e-mailing [registrar@cherokeesbsa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeesbsa.org) or calling the office 918-336-9170. The following information should be included in your registration:

- Name and address
- Phone and e-mail address
- Troop # and current position

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

## Cub & One April 12-13



Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring a sack lunch for Saturday.

The event fee (\$10 per person) includes all program materials, supper on Saturday, and breakfast on

Sunday.

Camp ends at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

You will need to bring your own tent, camping gear, personal items, water bottles, etc. Please don't bring electronic items and games.

Camp McClintock is located off of Highway 60 just east of Osage Hills State Park. Look for the white camp sign on Highway 60. Follow the road all the way into the camp.

**Please return the registration form to the Scout Service Center by April 4th, 2014**

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/CubAndOne2014.pdf>

A Health Form which is attached to the registration form needs to be completed and returned upon arrival to camp.

## Reminder!! National Youth Leadership Training June 8-13

Cherokee Area Council  
NYLT 2014 @ Camp  
McClintock

Cost \$200 / \$50 deposit at registration, balance due at Orientation (limited scholarships available)

Application on Cherokee Area Council Website

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2014NYLTParticipationApplication.pdf>



Space is limited – only 30 spots available this year!

**Important dates:**

May 1 - Registration Deadline

May 18 - Participant Orientation 1:00-3:00pm @Camp McClintock

June 8 - Check-in 12:00-12:30pm

June 13 - Closing Campfire 7:00pm Open to parents/Scoutmaster

For more information, contact Paul Huttenhoff @ 918-397-7048 ([pchuttenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:pchuttenhoff@gmail.com))

**Drillers Under the Stars  
July 18**

Come cheer on the Drillers, but don't forget your sleeping bag, as Scouts will spend the night in Driller Stadium.



There will be fireworks, hotdogs, and a movie while camping in Driller Stadium. Pre-registration will be required.

Watch for details on the Council web site, or sign up to get e-mail updates on Council activities.

**Osage Hills District Commissioner Service**

**Is your unit thriving?** Are you adding Cubs/Scouts/Ventures/Team Members to your roster each year? Do you know how to handle a re-charter? Are you prepared for succession planning in your unit? Do you have enough adults to run an effective year-round program? If your answer is no, not really or unsure... Then you need a Unit Commissioner!



We need to provide this service for your unit and we need help recruiting persons to fill that role. They

may be a former leader, concerned parent, a long time scouter or Committee person looking for a challenge. Whatever the reason, they should want to do it because it helps the unit, the leaders, and youth to have a successful program.

All commissioners will receive training to provide the skills needed to help the unit thrive. Time commitment is as little as 2 nights a month (a unit meeting and the District Commissioners Roundtable).

If you know of or are someone that's interested in the next step in the Scouting trail, please contact Ray Peaster [arpeast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arpeast@sbcglobal.net) or Kimberly Cowherd at [kcowherd@bsaemail.org](mailto:kcowherd@bsaemail.org) or call 918.336.9179 or 918.607.2466 to find out more about this incredibly rewarding position.

**Troop 78 Earned Electronics Merit Badge**

Troop 78 from Grove recently earned the Electronics merit badge at a recent series of classes. The Scouts each completed coursework and assembly of a printed circuit board soldering project.



*Members of Grove's Boy Scout Troop 78 show off their Electronics Merit Badge completed projects. The instruction sessions were sponsored by Northeast Rural Services. Photo courtesy of Carl Reichert*

The class was sponsored by Northeast Rural Services. The 22 Scouts studied electronics safety, component functions, schematic drawings, and applications.



*Scout Joel Martin shows the Electronics Merit Badge project he built in which transistors work as switches to blink LED lights. Photo courtesy of Carl Reichert*

After learning and practicing soldering safety and techniques, the Scouts each completed their printed circuit board assembly. Each project had 32 soldering points involving transistors, capacitors, resistors, battery and LEDs. The parts formed a blinking circuit with an R2D2 design mounted in a plastic case.



*Scouts Bailey Poage (L) and Garrison Hale demonstrate their projects for the Electronic Merit Badges they earned. On the pc board, the flash rate of the LEDs is controlled by capacitors. Photo courtesy of Carl Reichert*



*Scout Brodie Smith shows the Electronics Merit Badge project he built. The assignment had 32 soldering point. Photo courtesy of Carl Reichert*

Troop 78 is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Grove. The troop is led by Scoutmaster Randy Asbery. The Scouts are grateful to Northeast Rural Services for their assistance and sponsorship of this activity.

## **T-Town Trade-o-Ree** **March 14-15**

### **FREE ADMISSION**

Free Special "Limited Edition Ta Tsu Hwa " Patch for  
1st 200 Scouts/Scouters Attending

**FRIDAY 10AM TILL 10PM**

**SATURDAY 9AM TILL 3PM**

Live Auction 12 Noon Saturday

(Auction Proceeds Benefit OA Lodge)

at

Econo Lodge

11620 East Skelly Drive (I-44 at 11th Street)

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Questions: Larry Trook 918-636-5480

[besonleno@cox.net](mailto:besonleno@cox.net)

## Track Your Good Turn Service Hours

Every Scout is supposed to do a good turn for our community

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A good turn is a good deed and a service project is a special Good Turn that puts Scout spirit into action. Some Good Turns are big—saving a life, helping out after floods or other disasters, recycling community trash, working on conservation projects. But Good Turns are often small, thoughtful acts—helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbor, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, or welcoming a new student to your school.



Anyone can get involved in a Good Turn. If you would like to participate in a service project to benefit your community, contact your unit or District's leadership, or reach out to see what Council level service projects have been coordinated, like the Council's Scouting for Food drive.

Tracking service hours also supports Journey to Excellence (JTE). "Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

To report information about a service project in which your unit/group participated, use this online resource by clicking <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

## Cub Scout Angle Arrow of Light and Effective Webelos-to-Scout Transition

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Fifth grade Webelos Scouts experience a marvelous transformation each year as they earn the Arrow of Light, crossover to Boy Scout troops, and are soon presented their Scout badge.



The passage from Cub Scout to Boy Scout should be planned by packs and troops to be a smooth process with no time lost in "transit." By the time an Arrow of Light den is ready to crossover, the Cub Scouts and their families should be familiar and comfortable with their role in troop activities, and also the youth and adult leaders of the troop, and they should feel excited about beginning this new adventure.

The transition should begin with the Webelos Scouts having a final special moment with their pack: a meaningful Arrow of Light Award ceremony befitting Cub



Scouting's highest rank. The award should be presented during an impressive pack ceremony, perhaps as the highlight of the blue and gold banquet.

Working with the troop, pack leaders should then schedule and conduct a separate crossover ceremony to formally mark each boy's transition to a new level of Scouting, regardless if he earned the Arrow of Light Award. If it is desirable to conduct this ceremony at a monthly pack meeting, it should occur, ideally, not more than a month after the blue and gold.

By having separate ceremonies, the Webelos den leader can work in the interim with a leader from the troop, often an assistant Scoutmaster, to review the requirements for the Scout badge. This way, once the boys officially join a troop, everyone should be ready to earn his Scout badge as soon as possible.

Following this two-step plan will not only result in each Arrow of Light Scout being recognized for his achievements at the pack level, but will put the last Cub Scouting days of each Webelos Scout to valuable use by preparing him to earn his first award as a Boy Scout.

## REGISTRATION FOR 2014 PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER (PTC) CONFERENCES IS NOW OPEN

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) is the only national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1950, PTC has provided a unique environment for training volunteer and professional leaders and a fun family program for every member of the family.



PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Each year, more than 6,000 Scouters and family members attend PTC. Each conference features the latest tools and techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters.

All registered Scouters are invited to attend [2014 PTC CONFERENCES](#). *Note-council nomination or approval is no longer required.*

### National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience AND NYLT Leadership Academy Dynamic Training for Scouting's Youth Leaders

After you've completed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), take your leadership skills to the next level by participating in the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) and the NYLT Leadership Academy.

#### WHAT ARE THESE COURSES?

- NAYLE is an exciting program that will enhance your leadership skills. You will expand upon the team building and ethical decision making skills learned in NYLT. NAYLE emphasizes leadership,



teamwork, and selfless service using the core elements of NYLT to make these skills intuitive.

- The NYLT Leadership Academy will train you to be a world-class presenter, evaluator, and leader of your council's NYLT courses. During your week at the academy, you will hone your presentation and evaluation skills, meet successful leaders, participate in problem solving panels, learn best practices, and much more!

#### WHERE AND WHEN ARE THEY HELD?

- Six NAYLE sessions will be held at **Philmont Scout Ranch** in 2014: June 15-21, June 22-28, July 5-11, July 13-19, July 27-August 2 & August 3-9.
- Two NAYLE sessions will be held at **Florida Sea Base** in 2014: March 15-21 & April 12-18.
- Two NYLT Leadership Academy sessions will be held in **Washington, DC** in 2014: July 6-12 & July 13-19.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

Specific requirements to attend vary slightly from program to program, but in general you must be at least 14 years old (or 13 and have completed the 8th grade) and have completed NYLT.

#### HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information, including how to register, is available from the websites listed below:

- **Philmont NAYLE:** [www.philmontscoutranch.org](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org)
- **Sea Base NAYLE:** <http://2014NAYLEatFSB.kintera.org/>
- **NYLT Leadership Academy:** [www.nylt-leadershipacademy.org](http://www.nylt-leadershipacademy.org)

### Registration for 2015 Northern Tier Adventures Is Now Open

Northern Tier has an exhilarating variety of high adventures for youth. Spend autumn backpacking in the North Woods, explore millions of acres of wilderness in northern Minnesota and Canada, enjoy fishing and canoeing from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota to the Atikaki Provincial Park



of Manitoba Canada, and test your mettle in the Okpik winter expeditions.

A few things to remember as you prepare to register:

- All registration in online at <http://www.ntier.org/>
- Have your membership number available.
- Designate one adult to make your reservation.



If you have specific program questions or concerns please call 218-365-4811 prior to making your reservations.

## Florida Sea Base Lottery Registration Is Now Open

The lottery for 2015 high adventures at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base opened January 15. Below are key points to remember as you register.

The registration period for the lottery is January 15 to February 15.

- Access to the Sea Base lottery is obtained through the Sea Base website, [www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org).
- A Scout unit leader must create an account to access the reservation site. If the unit already has an account, another one can't be created.
- A unit can request any number of dates and adventures that interest its Scouts.
- Requests can be prioritized to increase the chances that the unit gets one of its top choices.
- Requests can be added, deleted, or reprioritized during the lottery period.
- Multiple crews can be requested for a specific date and adventure.
- When a date and adventure are awarded to a unit, the unit gets all the crews requested. HOWEVER, units can't mix and match different adventures on the same date.
- Units will be notified of the lottery results by March 1.

- Units have 30 days to send a \$100-per-person deposit to confirm reservations.
- All remaining vacancies will be made available on the reservation site on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All adventure materials will be mailed in the fall after the first-half payment is received.

Individuals and small groups under the minimum crew size may be able to participate using the Scout Connections tab on the Sea Base web site <http://www.bsaseabase.org/ScoutConnections.aspx>



## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- February 8 – Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce Business & Home Show
- February 15 – Winter Merit Badge Festival (Boy Scouts)
- February 22 – Grand Lake District Pinewood Derby (all units and their families)
- February 27 – Friends of Scouting Patron Dinner
- March 7-8 – Order of the Arrow Ordeal (Boy Scouts)
- March 25 – Council Banquet (all units and their families)
- March 28-29 – Outdoor Leader Training (all units)
- March 29 – Osage Hills District Derby Day (Cub Scouts and their families)
- April 4-5 – Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship (Boy Scouts)
- April 9-10 – Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (Boy Scouts)
- April 12-13 – Cub and One (Cub Scouts)
- April 25-27 - Council Camporee (Boy Scouts)
- May 2-4 – Order of the Arrow Section Conclave, Camp Simpson (Boy Scouts)
- June 3-6 – Osage Hills Cub Scout Day Camp (Cub Scouts)
- June 6 – Council Golf Tournament
- June 8-14 – National Youth Leadership Training (Boy Scouts)
- June 11-13 – Grand Lake Cub Scout Day Camp (Cub Scouts)
- July 18 – Drillers under the Stars (all units)



# Osage Hills District Cherokee Area Council Boy Scouts of America



Mark Your Calendar for These Fun Cub Scout Events in 2014!!

**March 29**

## **Derby Day**

### **Washington Park Mall**

**(Melanie Bayles, Chairperson)**

It is time to prove how fast your Pinewood Derby car really is! Come and compete with other Scouts in our District. You might be the next Osage Hills District Pinewood Derby Car Champion! Other games and events, including open class “grudge racing” for Scouts and friends of all ages, will be held along with this event.

**April 12-13**

## **Cub and One Campout Camp McClintock**

**(Karen Slagel, Chairperson)**

Cub Scouts and Webelos along with their adult companions are invited to Camp McClintock for an overnight Cub Scout experience. Lots of scout activities including shooting, archery, zip line, campfire, and more will be available. (pre-registration required).

**June 3-6**

## **Osage Hills Day Camp Camp McClintock**

**(Annabeth Robin, Chairperson)**

Plan now to attend Cub Scout Day Camp. It will be four days of scout fun. From fishing to crafts, Cub Scouts and Webelos will have a total scouting experience. Don't forget about shooting and archery! A Friday night campfire and optional family campout concludes the day camp experience. (pre-registration required).

**July 18**

## **Drillers under the Stars**

### **Driller Stadium, Tulsa, OK**

**(Council Staff)**

Come cheer on the Drillers, but don't forget your sleeping bag, as Scouts will spend the night in Driller Stadium. There will be fireworks, hotdogs, and a movie while camping in Driller Stadium. (pre-registration required).



**September 27**

## **Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival and Recruitment Day**

**(Chairperson TBA)**

Cub Scouts, Webelos, and their friends are invited to come to

Cooper Dog Park (across from Lowe's) to earn some Sports & Academics Belt Loops. A variety of common and some not so common belt loops will be available. Bring a friend to have a Cub Scout adventure at the Belt Loop Festival.

**October 11-12**

## **Cub Scout Spook-O-Ree Camp McClintock**

**(Charlie Lewis Chairperson)**

October brings a day of Cub Scout fun, scouting skills and games. As the evening approaches, there will be a midway of games and thrills, hay ride, and a campfire ending with an overnight campout for cubs and adults. Cub Scouts will have all the excitement October brings with it.



Flyers, information and pre registration, available at Scout Office.