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## Council e-mail list

Are you on the Council's e-mail list? You are if you receive information about council news and events from [cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org](mailto:cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org). The council has an e-mail list for each district (Osage Hills and Grand Lake) and each program area (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, and Exploring). If you're not getting information about council news and events, send an email note to [cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org](mailto:cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org) and include your name, unit, and city so we can add you to the appropriate e-mail list.

Are you on the Council's e-mail list, but you're getting information about Cub Scouts and your Cub Scout has already crossed over to Boy Scouts? To update your information, send an email note to [cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org](mailto:cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org) and include your name, unit, and city.

## Eagle Scouts

Only 2 percent of the Scouts have achieved Eagle rank, Cherokee Area Council ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

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



- Jakob Hartsock – Team 110 (moving rooms to new addition in Wayside)
- John Lard – Team 101 (Children's Musical Theatre)
- Austin Peters – Troop 2000 (Redeemer)

Lutheran Church landscaping)

- Michael Reece – Troop 3 (First Presbyterian Church painting)
- Johnathan Wood – Troop 3 (East Cross Methodist Church entrance sign landscaping)

Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievement.

## New Eagle Project workbook

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Just as a reminder....any Eagle project submission after December 31st, 2011, must be on the new BSA Eagle Workbook form. The new form is available here [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf)

Don't try to fill in the online copy without saving it locally, or it will be lost as you can't save it online.

BSA has also made their new Advancement Guidelines manual also available here <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

## Sea Base 2013 reservations

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**January 15th** is the date that online lottery reservations begin for Sea Base for the year 2013.

You can go online between January 15 and February 15 to enter your preferred dates for any of the Sea Base high adventures. These include snorkeling, scuba, and sailing adventures.

Some 2012 adventures are still available and can be reserved by going to [www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org).



## Dremel Pinewood Derby Days January 7 - February 18

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Beginning every other Saturday, from January 7, 2012 - February 18, 2012, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Dremel will launch its Pinewood Derby® Days programs at all participating Lowe's Home Improvement stores.



Pinewood Derby enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn how to shape their Pinewood Derby® racers with Dremel tools and accessories.

Each Pinewood Derby® enthusiast will get a Pinewood Derby® Days patch (while supplies last)!

More information on the Derby Days web site <http://www.dremelderby.com/>

## First Aid / CPR Certification January 19

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Venture Crew 911 Leaders are offering Scouters a CPR/ First Aid Certification Class, January 19, 2012 at 06:00. First Aid and CPR are recommended for any outing and is required for some - check out the [tour plan](#) for specifics on when this is a requirement for your outing.

Cost is \$35.00 for a 2 year certification. Class is limited to the first 12 participants.



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

This is a special Discount class not offered to the general public at this price.

### **Other training dates**

First Aid/CPR/AED – February 4, Tulsa, 9 am to 4:30 pm  
<http://www.okscouts.org/2011/11/first-aidcpraed-training-2/>

CPR/AED Red Cross Certification - February 25,  
Bartlesville, 8 am to noon at Winter Merit Badge Festival

## Scouting for Food in Bartlesville and Dewey January 21 and 28

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Scouting for food will take place on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>! All units are encouraged to participate.

Assignments are ready for units now, so please stop by the Scout office for your area of responsibility.

This is one of our largest community service events of the year and impacts local food banks tremendously. Last year around four tons of food was raised.

Units will distribute door hangers on January 21<sup>st</sup> at any convenient time. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, units will return to their areas and pick up any food left out and bring it to Doenges Bartlesville by 1:30 PM. Food Banks will be picking up at 2:00 PM.

Units can begin picking up their door hangers on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> until 5:30 PM at the Scout office or on Saturday morning by calling Wes Hurd at 918-914-1851. If you run out of door hangers during distribution on Saturday, please call Wes and we will bring them to you.

Again units can get their assignments now by visiting the Scout office.

This is our largest participation event of the year, so don't miss out!

## Scout Night at OWU Basketball January 28

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Come in uniform and get in free!

Be there at 2:45 p.m. to say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National



Anthem for the women's game that begins at 3 p.m.

Come at 4:45 p.m. to say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem for the men's game that begins at 5 p.m.

## Wilderness and Remote First Aid February 4-5

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

Wilderness First Aid is a 16-hour training course, which is now **required by BSA for Philmont** and recommended for all backcountry tours. It also offers enhanced content to meet OSHA's *Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training Programs*.



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

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

The dates for the course are: February 4th and February 5th. You must attend both classes in order to complete the course. Class will start at 08:30 am and be completed before 6:30 pm each day.

**The class will be limited to the first 24 participants.  
Registration will end on January 30.**

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

### Other training dates

Wilderness and Remote First Aid – February 11 & 18,  
Tulsa, 8 am to 5 pm

<http://www.okscouts.org/2011/11/wilderness-and-remote-first-aid-training-2/>

Wilderness First Aid Red Cross Certification - May 5 & 12, Tulsa, 8 am to 5 pm

<http://www.okscouts.org/2011/11/wilderness-and-remote-first-aid-training-may/>

Wilderness First Aid – May 5 & 6, Oklahoma City, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

<http://www.lastfrontiercouncil.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1013860>

## Scout Sunday February 5

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

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout

Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the

Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

A suggested format for your unit's annual Scout Sunday observance is available here

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/ascoutisrevernt.aspx>

Start planning your unit's Scout Sunday observance now.



## Winter Merit Badge Festival February 25

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The annual Winter Merit Badge Festival will be held on Saturday, February 25th at Tri-County Technology Center in Bartlesville.

Information on the event is posted on the council website.

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/wintermeritbadge/Flyer.pdf>

Units should register before February 1st to be assured of a slot. Be sure to send in your registrations early to have the best chance of getting your first choices for merit badges, as several of the sessions will fill before registrations are complete.

Registration material -

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/wintermeritbadge/RegistrationMaterial.xls>

Merit Badge requirements list -

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/wintermeritbadge/Requirements.pdf>

Attendance is limited to 300 Scouts, and everyone in the council can attend if they register prior to February 1st. After that date out-of-council registrations are permitted to fill any of the remaining open slots.

Several different optional merit badges are offered this year, along with 12 Eagle required merit badges that are sufficient to complete those needed for Eagle rank.

Free camping is available at Camp McClintock on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Adult training is also encouraged at the event, with sessions not offered online such as SM & ASM Leader Specific Training, American Heart Association First Aid and CPR/AED certification (extra cost for these two sessions), and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO for Cub Scout leaders). Leaders also have the opportunity to learn about religious awards, how to be a Campmaster at Camp McClintock, what a commissioner does and how it helps your unit, all about Journey to Excellence and how that can help improve your unit, Leave No Trace, and the latest new things in BSA such as the new Eagle project workbook and advancement procedures that are now in place.

There are a large number of online courses can also be completed, which will bring most people in the unit to a fully trained status, which is not only important for having a quality program, but it also is one of the items on the Journey to Excellence and helps units achieve the goal of free advancements.

Check out the council website for more information on the festival and other questions you have about local Scouting.

## Council Camporee March 2-4

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Location: Pow Wow Campgrounds in Miami off of I44

Theme: STONE SOUP

Activities: Sled building; knife/ax safety; Geology Merit Badge & Much More

Cost: \$10 per person

More information to come

## Tulsa Trade-o-Ree March 9-10

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### **ATTENTION CUBMASTERS, SCOUTMASTERS & DEN LEADERS!**

Bring your scouts to the Trade-O-Ree and see displays of Scouting memorabilia. At a Trade-o-Ree you can buy, sell, and trade Scouting patches and other memorabilia. It is also a great place to purchase a unique gift for, Eagle Scout, husband, wife, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or that special Scouter.

Scouts working on collections merit badge can see how collections are displayed and talk to collecting experts. There will be patches, uniforms, calendars, old books, pins, knives and many other scouting treasures. Admission is **FREE**.

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

Friday 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. - Saturday 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Live Auction 12 Noon Saturday

### **(Auction Proceeds Benefit OA Lodge)**

Econo Lodge - 11620 East Skelly Drive (I-44 at 11<sup>th</sup> Street) - Tulsa, Oklahoma

## Pinewood Derby March 10

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**Where:** Craig County Fairgrounds

**Who:** Open to ANY Cub Scout; also will be an Open Class for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or adults

The cars need to be built in this school year, and follow the rules that come with each kit.

Time of the Derby and cost will be announced soon!

## Council Banquet March 15

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The 2012 Council Banquet and Eagle Class Recognition will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Highland Park Baptist Church in Bartlesville.

This is a memorable event will honor council volunteers, new Silver Beavers, our 2012 Eagle Honoree, and the 2011 Eagle Class!

Cost is \$12.50 per person. An Eagle Scout sponsorship is \$15.

Eagle Scouts 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.

**Sign-up deadline: Noon, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

For reservations call 918-336-9170 or 888-269-1328

## Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills March 30-31

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This hands-on program gives adult leaders practical Troop and outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts through all aspects of the Boy Scout Program. This training course is not available on line.

"Adventure, learning, challenge, responsibility – the promise of Scouting is all this and more..." This is the big, big promise. It is a promise to the boys that we will help you keep by teaching you the things you must know, be and do.

Spend the weekend learning and experiencing the patrol method.

Complete the skills needed for leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. This program provides a great introduction to Boy Scout Camping and the patrol method. A must for all Scoutmasters



and Assistant Scoutmasters Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, and Outdoor Venturing Advisors, but it recommended for any leader to develop outdoor skills which would be helpful on any camping experience.

If you have any questions please contact Donna Copeland at 918-333-9439 or email [donna@copelandappliance.com](mailto:donna@copelandappliance.com)

**SIGN UP BY TUESDAY March 28th, 2012**

COST: \$20

Make reservations at the Scout Service Center 918-336-9170 or 888-269-1328

## Cub and One April 27 and 28

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### Attention all Cub Scouts!

The annual Cub and One camp will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Camp McClintock. All cub scouts and their parents are invited to attend this event.

We will be camping Friday night, have a free breakfast Saturday morning, and then games and activities during the morning. Camp will be dismissed around noon on Saturday.

Friday night will feature the second annual Cub and One Pinewood Derby race at 9:00 PM. Make sure to bring your cars to win cool prizes.

Everyone attending will need to fill out a brief health history form and the registration form available at the Scout office. **Please register before April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Cost of the event is \$10 per person and includes free breakfast, a late night snack, and prizes for pinewood derby winners.

Come join the fun!

## Tulsa Drillers Scout Sleepover July 27

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The Tulsa Drillers 2012 Sleepover Under the Stars will be held at ONEOK Field on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Cost of the Campout is \$18.50 and includes:

- Field reserved seat

- Meal coupon
- Camp out on the outfield grass
- Movie on the Tulsa Drillers Video Board
- Snack after the game
- Light breakfast the next morning

Order your tickets today! Call Geoff Beaty at 918-574-8309 or e-mail [geoff@tulsadrillers.com](mailto:geoff@tulsadrillers.com) or mail the order form to 201 N. Elgin Ave Tulsa OK 74120

Order form –

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/Tulsa-Drillers-Sleepover.pdf>

Individual field reserved seats at \$8.50 (sleepover/meal coupon not included)

## NOAC 2012 July 30-August 4 Michigan State University

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Sign up for the Council's NOAC contingent at the Scout office. A \$100 deposit is needed to secure your spot.

Questions? Call the contingent leader, Sean Urban, at 918-271-4816.

## Korea National Jamboree August 2-8

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Host: Korea Scout Association

Age: 14-18

Contingent size: 24 Scouts/Venturers + 6 adults

Contingent gathering: July 30, 2012

Location: Jamboree site in Goseong 17th World Scout Jamboree campsite, Gangwon Province, Korea (4 hours by bus from Incheon Int'l Airport)

Cost: \$2500 (includes travel, lodging, food, event fee, tent, patches, bags and more fun!!)

**Interested Scout, Venturers and adults must be nominated by International Representatives and local councils.**

BSA Contingent Nomination forms:

<http://www.scouting.org/international>

**Nomination Deadline: March 30, 2012**

## Family Friends of Scouting

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It is almost that time of year for Friends of Scouting unit presentations. The Scout office needs to know when your next Blue and Gold banquet or Court of Honor will be held so we can arrange for a speaker to be at your event.



Please keep in mind, Friends of Scouting is our major fundraiser during the year. The council is able to maintain a camp, a Scout Service Center, a full time staff, training materials, and more because of donations received from unit presentations.

You can schedule your event by calling Wes Hurd at the Scout office at 918-336-9170.

## Jamboree 2013 reservations

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Only 36 youth slots are available for the Cherokee Area Council for our 2013 Jamboree contingent going to the Summit in West

Virginia. This is a historic Jamboree since it is the first time the Jamboree will be held at the new Jamboree and high adventure site. The cost for the 2013 Jamboree should be less than previous

Jamborees since BSA is providing much of the equipment that the contingent needs to take to Jamboree.

National Jamboree only happens once every four years, so for most Scouts this is the only time that they can attend this event. You must go online to register at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org).



## Improvements Being Made Throughout Council Properties

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The Centennial Capital Campaign, launched in 2010, is nearing completion and improvements are being made throughout Cherokee Area Council's camp properties.

There has been a lot of planning/engineering work going into the bridges at Camp McClintock. Also the cases for the Museum at the Scout Service Center are nearing completion. When all projects are done we will have improved our properties by more than \$500,000 thanks to your support!

### Completed Items

- Dining Hall Roof
- Dining Hall Expansion
- Cub Cabin Latrines
- Shooting Sports Pavilion
- Sewer Line for Dining Hall

### Partially completed

- Shooting Sports Range
- Low Water crossing
- Purchase empty lot North of Scout Service Center Museum

### Open Items

- Pedestrian Bridge (Several engineers and experts have reviewed options.)
- Low Water Crossing
- Road behind Dining Hall
- Climbing Tower
- Museum lighting
- Property North of Scout Service Center

[See pictures](#)

## OA Winter Banquet

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Washita Lodge held its annual Winter Banquet on Saturday, January 7th. This annual event is the time for

our Arrowmen to gather and celebrate the achievements of the past year and to make plans for the year to come.

After a great meal prepared by Bruce Hendren and his excellent staff, our Lodge Chief, Tim Snow, asked the Lodge Treasurer, Preston Boyles, to present the 2012 Budget. The Treasurer's presentation was followed by our Lodge Vice Chief, David Castoe, presenting the 2012 Planbook. Both the Budget and Planbook were approved.

The 2011 Ordeal and Brotherhood members were also recognized as well as the Vigil Chief, Truman Reeves, presenting the 2011 Vigil class:

- David Castoe
- David Cragun
- Lloyd Guatney
- Tami Lewis
- Michael Tillett
- John Tobola

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Michael Tillett for his work on the Warrior and the Arrowman of the Year was presented to Aaron Lewis, the past Lodge Chief.

Past Lodge Chiefs, Aaron Lewis and Truman Reeves joined the current Lodge Chief, Tim Snow, in presenting a special award to Henry Robin for his service as Lodge Lay Adviser.



Previous Founders Award recipients Truman Reeves, Steve DeFrees, Scott Robin, Bob Sullivan, and Sean Urban were called upon to present the 2012 Founders Award to Aaron Lewis and Henry Robin.



The evening ended with the installation of the new Lodge Officers and their Advisors, and the Chief's address.



## Quivira Scout Ranch in 2012

Continue the journey at Quivira Scout Ranch in 2012. There will be plenty of new things to experience in 2012, but all of your favorites will be there too.



Introducing the [Quick Guide](#), a condensed version of the Leader's Guide with all of the essential information needed to register for summer camp in 2012. Find out what will be new in 2012!

Coming soon. The full Leader's Guide and the new Program Guide, with detailed information on each merit



badge, including costs, prerequisites and advance preparation requirements.

## 2012 CAMP SESSIONS & FEES

### CAMP SESSIONS (SUN-SAT):

- 1) JUNE 10 – 16
- 2) JUNE 17 – 23
- 3) JUNE 24 - JUNE 30
- 4) JULY 1 – 7
- 5) JULY 8 – 14

2012 Camp Fees Camp cost includes meals, program supplies, cup, patch. After 5 years with no increase in the base camp fee, a small increase was approved by the Camping Committee for 2012 to cover increased expenses for air conditioning, rural water supply, and electricity.

<http://www.quivira.org/Camping/Quivira%20Scout%20Ranch/Summer%20Camp>

Camper Fee Payment Schedule To maintain the stated camper fee, units are to submit their camper fee payments by the following schedule:

- \$50.00 per camper (or balance due) with unit registration
- \$70 .00 per camper (or balance due) by April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Total balance due by May 15<sup>th</sup>

Camperships available for Out of Council campers

### BACK FOR 2012!!

Quivira Council has obtained funds enabling [camperships](#) to be offered to campers from outside Quivira Council attending a Quivira Council camp.

**Deadline for 2012 campership applications is March 31st.** All forms must be received by this deadline for consideration. Mail to:

Quivira Council Program Department  
1555 E 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wichita, KS 67214

### New aquatics program for older scouts coming

A new aquatics program for older scouts is in the planning stages for 2012. Check the Quivira Scout Ranch web site for more information as it becomes available.

<http://www.quivira.org/Camping/Quivira%20Scout%20Ranch/Summer%20Camp>

## BSA Endowment Corner

### WHY WRITE A WILL?

Whether you are married, single, widowed, or divorced, you need a will. In many cases, it has nothing to do with how large or small your estate may be. Without a will, your estate will not be distributed to those family members and organizations that you care about. The State will decide who gets your assets, and probably keep a sizable chunk of it for itself. Without a will, the State can also decide who takes care of your young children when you are gone.

Without a will, your family and friends will suffer, but so will your church, your schools, and Scouting. Your bequest gift can make a real difference in the financial future of our council and the other organizations that are important to you and your family. Call us and ask for more information on the importance of a will and what it can mean to you.

You spent a lifetime building your estate. Now it's time to take a few minutes to protect that estate.

If you would like more information about this or other ways to make a charitable gift, please contact John Howk. You can reach him at 918-293-7572 or contact the Scout Service center to arrange an appointment.

*Please note: The information in this communication is not legal or tax advice. The BSA Cherokee Area Council # 469 is pleased to offer complimentary gift and estate planning assistance, however, we urge you to seek the advice of a competent professional before implementing any ideas we suggest to you.*

### ENDOWMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Boy Scouts of America offers three distinct recognition awards.

### THE JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and he served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to – and not replace or diminish – the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else – such as in honor of an Eagle Scout,

Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary – or in memory of a special individual.

\$1,000+	Bronze Member Level
\$5,000+	Silver Member Level
\$10,000+	Gold Member Level
\$15,000+	Diamond Member Level

### **SECOND CENTURY SOCIETY**

An outright gift of \$25,000 or more payable over five years, or a deferred gift of \$100,000 or more, to a local council, BSA Foundation, high-adventure base, or any BSA entity for operating, capital, or endowment

Donors making outright gifts of \$100,000 or more are designated as "Members with Distinction." Donors making deferred gifts of \$500,000 or more are designated "Legacy Members." Members in these categories receive special recognition and opportunities provided by the BSA Foundation.

### **PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Gifts to or through the BSA Foundation payable over five years, as part of an advised fund, designated fund, trust, or other Foundation fund structure are eligible for the Presidents Leadership Council. Gifts may be designated to benefit local councils, high-adventure facilities or other BSA entities.

## Venturing/Exploring Newsletter

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The FORUM is a monthly Venturing/Exploring newsletter and a friendly way to help Scouting Leaders exchange ideas and programs among our troops, crews, posts, ships, councils, areas and regions.

The FORUM is shared by Volunteers and Professionals. The newsletter has been published monthly since 2003. It is the Volunteers and Professionals newsletter. Help support our teenage program by sending us your Crew, Ship and Post Newsletters, By-Laws, Articles, Questions and Best Practices to share with others in the program.

Any one that wants to be on the FORUM email list should email the editor at [rmonto@aol.com](mailto:rmonto@aol.com) from the email account they want the newsletter sent. Use FORUM in the subject line.. Indicate the council name

and your full name so you can be placed in the correct email listing.

## JOTI Committee

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The World Scout Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) is an international Scout Meeting on the Internet which takes places every year on the third weekend of October. This is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

During that weekend, thousands of Scouts from all over the world meet and communicate with each other over the Internet, using any technologies locally available, from web browsers to e-mail, chat programs, microphones, scanners and digital cameras.

Most of the communication takes place over E-mail and in a chat network called IRC, the Internet Relay Chat. JOTI allows you to build friendships with Scouts in other countries and to find out more about their civil and Scouting life. Often, these contacts last for years and build the base for upcoming group trips and enterprises.

Since 1996, JOTI is an official WOSM event and has a permanent place on the Web Site of the World Scout Bureau.

Do you or someone you know enjoy participating in Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)?

The National Scouting organization would like to start a JOTI committee, led by National JOTI Organizer, Greg White, to help increase participation in JOTI.

If you would like to be a part of this new endeavor or know someone who does, please let the Scout Service Center know.

## Knots

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Ever look at a Scouter and wonder what that knot is? Maybe you wanted to know how to earn your own knots?

We want to encourage you to check out the youth and leader knots available to Scouts and Scouters. Some knots are worn to distinguish achievement like the Arrow of Light knot or Eagle Scout knot. Some are given for training like the Cubmaster knot or Scouters Key.

There are others that you can check out here

[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scouter\\_Awards](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scouter_Awards)

Learn how to properly wear your knots here:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/InsigniaGuide/10K.aspx>

## New e-Funding Website

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Supporting the Cherokee Area Council is now just a mouse click away. A new website, <http://aplacetogive.scouting.org>, provides the ability to support the Scouting programs here in the local community, to provide funding to send a youth to camp, and to support the development of the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, the BSA's newest national high-adventure base and the future home of the national Scout jamboree, with online donations.

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on the generosity of charitable donations to support ongoing operations and future capital expenses. Each gift, regardless of size, provides invaluable funding for BSA programs that benefit Scouts right here in the community. The introduction of this new website offers supporters of Scouting the ability to help nurture youth development in a convenient, meaningful way.

"The e-Funding website represents a quantum leap forward—both in the way it enables people to donate to Scouting and in the way it enables councils to customize their page to provide donors with a number of options," said Assistant Chief Scout Executive Brad Farmer.

"Despite tough economic times, supporters continue to graciously invest their time and resources to help the BSA develop young people into the leaders of tomorrow."

Most youth members' day-to-day experiences with Scouting come through their individual packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships. These units are overseen by nearly 300 local councils, including the Cimarron Council. Initially, when an individual navigates to the new e-Funding website, the site will identify where that individual is located and will automatically populate the information for the nearest BSA local council.

In addition to supporting local council programs, visitors to <http://aplacetogive.scouting.org> will be able to select the "Send a Kid to Camp" option, provide funding for the James E. West Endowment, and/or support the

development of the Summit by purchasing new trees and sponsoring walkway paving stones, wooden sustainability benches, and stone benches. Other options will be introduced in the future, providing donors with a variety of ways to personalize and individualize their gifts to the Scouting program.

"Our supporters and members want to see the amazing Scouting program continue to grow and thrive in meeting the needs of today's youth," Farmer said. "One of the ways we are doing that is by expanding our reach in the digital realm and giving supporters and members more ways to connect with Scouting."

## Two-fer You

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Scouting's offerings expand again this year with the Search and Rescue and Kayaking merit badges.

Doug Palmer, who has spent the past 22 years coordinating searches at Philmont, says the Search and Rescue merit badge introduces Boy Scouts to the science of Search and Rescue, focusing on preparedness for searches in wilderness, urban environments, and water.

"You're actually not looking for the person so much as you're looking for clues that will lead you to the person," Palmer says. "You can't be in the woods for long without leaving some sort of evidence out there."

As for Kayaking, Pat Noack, chair of the National Aquatics Task Force, says it's the fastest-growing paddle sports in the country, and youth in particular have gravitated toward it.

Noack says the Kayaking merit badge is designed for a flat-water environment. "We'll have everything from knowledge-based components such as materials and design to basic maneuvers and the various paddle strokes. As with any of the boating or swimming merit badges, there's a strong emphasis on safety."

Find materials for both badges by summer.

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## Scouting Resources

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### **Baloo's Bugle**

Baloo's Bugle is an unofficial Scouting resource for Cub

Scouts. Monthly Den and Pack meeting helps are right at your finger tips and aligned with the new Character Connection of the Cub Scout 2010 program. [Download the latest edition here.](#)

### **MeritBadge.org**

[MeritBadge.org](#) is a great, unofficial Scouting wiki with lots of good information and helpful hints.

### **Cub Scout Meeting Plans**

Need help planning out what to do with your Den or Pack? The Cub Scout 2010 program has some great resources to help you plan your year of Scouting. Check them out.

- [Cub Scout Den Meeting Plans](#)
- [Pack Meeting Plans](#)

### **ScoutCast**

Like podcast? Then ScoutCast may be for you. Each month a new edition is added and there is a resource for Cub Scouts, Commissioners and more. Check them out: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutcast>

## Conservation Awareness Takes Hold Across the Country

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What's better than completing a conservation project and earning one of the rarest awards known to Scouting? How does \$1000 in grant money to help fund the project sound?

The [William T. Hornaday Award](#) is presented to Scouts who complete certain requirements in addition to planning and executing a conservation project under the guidance of a Hornaday advisor. The award has different levels and is intended to advance awareness in environmental conservation. The award is also available to adult Scouters through the nomination process.

The original conservation program began in 1914 and the award was named the Wildlife Protection Medal by Dr. William T. Hornaday. He pioneered natural resource conservation and spearheaded a movement to save the American bison from extinction. After Dr. Hornaday's passing in 1937, the award was renamed in his honor and became a Boy Scouts of America award. Although the award has been around for 80 years, only about 1,100 medals have been awarded in its inception.

Those planning a Hornaday Award may also qualify to receive a \$1000 grant toward the completion of the conservation project. Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Scout Units may submit an application to the [National Environmental Education Foundation](#) (NEEF) for consideration. If you plan to pursue the Hornaday Badge or Medal, be sure to check the [Planet Connect Grant](#) web site for 2012 application, qualifications, funding restrictions, and other information.



The amount of time and effort it takes to complete a Hornaday conservation project is comparable to that of an Eagle project. Scouts and Scouters alike have worked extremely hard to obtain this prestigious award. However, it is even more rewarding to see the fruits of their labor and be able to appreciate the beginnings of sustainable and positive impact on the environment.

## 2012 Philmont Training Center Schedule

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Since 1950, Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico has served as the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America. Each summer, conferences are conducted at "PTC" by the various departments and committees of the BSA national council. In



2012 there are dozens of exciting conferences to choose from that cover all aspects and programs of Scouting! You are invited! Don't miss the chance to come to PTC next summer. Plus individuals who register by December 31, 2011 will qualify for the early bird registration price!

One of the most unique opportunities of a week at PTC is the chance to enjoy the magic of Philmont with your family. While you learn the "best methods" of Scouting in your conference, your family members will enjoy hikes into the Philmont backcountry, horseback rides, crafts, games, and so much more! You'll also have plenty of

opportunities to explore Philmont and the surrounding area together as a family. This will surely be a Scouting adventure you will never forget.

Besides the normal great Philmont Training Center Sessions, here are the new sessions for 2012:

- [The Mechanics of Advancement](#)
- [STEM and Scouting](#)
- [Building Strong Troops](#)
- [Orienteering and Scouting](#)
- [Be Prepared for High Adventure!](#)
- [Strictly for Cub Scouters](#)
- [International Representatives \(by invitation only\)](#)
- [Retaining Youth in Scouting](#)
- [Scouting in the Hispanic/Latino Community](#)
- [Local Council Fundraising Campaigns](#)
- [Administrative Commissioner](#)
- [Effective Roundtables](#)
- [Fiscal Management](#)
- [Major Gifts Seminar](#)
- [Delivering Training to Unit Leaders](#)
- [Membership Strategies and Best Practices](#)
- [Effective Annual Unit Program Planning](#)
- [Area Operating Committee Seminar \(by invitation only\)](#)
- [Council Executive Board Training](#)
- [FBI – The Faith Based Initiative](#)
- [Scouting in the Lutheran Church](#)
- [Scouting in the Presbyterian Church](#)
- [Recruiting and Serving Ethnic Populations](#)
- [American Heritage Girls](#)
- [Community Organizations and Scouting](#)
- [How to Grow and Sustain Venturing](#)
- [Delivering Training to Unit Leaders](#)
- [Sea Scouts, BSA](#)
- [Project COPE and Climbing Manager](#)

- [Camping and Outdoor Program Committee Administration](#)

For more details about Philmont Training Center, visit <http://www.philmonttrainingcenter.org/>. To register to attend PTC, log onto your MyScouting account at <http://www.myscouting.org/> and then click on the "event registration" tab.

## Lionel Adds Eagle Scout® Boxcar

Eagle Scout® boxcars are now available through Lionel dealers. Each boxcar is being sold separately to compliment other pieces in the Boy Scouts of America® O-Gauge Train Set.



The Eagle Scout rank is the highest rank attainable in Scouting. More than 2 million young men have earned the elite Eagle Scout title since 1912. The Boy Scout phrase "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle" lines the sides of the boxcar. To find an Authorized Lionel Dealer in your area, visit [lionel.com](http://lionel.com).

## Henry Repeating Arms: 150 Years in the Making

"Every single part in each Henry rifle is made in America, and engineered with features that other gun makers often charge twice the price for. For that reason, our corporate motto

is "Made in America and Priced Right", added Anthony Imperato, President /Owner of Henry Repeating Arms. The original Henry was



known as the gun you could "Load On Sunday and Shoot All Week Long".

"There is little innovation in our industry compared to others," said Imperato. "We still use the same kinds of mechanisms that existed 150 years ago because they work!"

Henry Repeating Arms has been able to reach a new audience as a Boy Scouts of America licensee, introducing rifles to those who were either not familiar with the Henry brand or had little knowledge of the company or its long history. The consumer who buys a Henry rifle can be purchasing them for a variety of reasons: collecting, target shooting, varmint, small game and big game hunting, as well as cowboy action shooters.

Currently, Henry Repeating Arms offers a limited BSA® Centennial Rifle (which will cease production December 31, 2011), an Eagle Scout® Rifle, and a Philmont® rifle.

"In 2012, we will introduce a lever action in caliber 45-70 and it is also the 150th anniversary of the original Henry rifle, and we will be doing something in honor of that milestone," explained Imperato.

Henry Repeating Arms takes its name from Benjamin Tyler Henry, the inventor and gunsmith who patented the first reliable repeating rifle in 1860. The Henry .44 caliber lever-action repeating design was heavily used in the American Civil War to give a single soldier the power of a dozen of muzzle-loading muskets. The first Henry rifles were produced for army use in mid-1862 and manufacturing slowed significantly after the War. The last Henry-designed rifle is believed to have shipped in 1915.



The Imperato family has been in the gun business since 1911, and in 1973, Mr. Imperato's late father Louis, bought the firearms company of Iver Johnson and began making versions of the M1 Carbine. The Henry name was reborn when the Imperato's took a gamble and resurrected the Henry Repeater in 1996. They started manufacturing the rifles in their Brooklyn, New York factory and in September 2008, the company moved its headquarters and manufacturing operations to a much

larger, 110,000-square-foot facility in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Henry Repeating Arms is a firearms manufacturing company, one of the top ten long gun manufacturers in the United States and the leading lever action manufacturer. Henry rifles can be purchased at sporting goods retailers and participating Henry dealers throughout the United States. To find a Henry dealer in your area, visit [henryrepeating.com](http://henryrepeating.com).

## Do-it-yourself Unit Websites



Does your unit need a website, but you don't have a web designer Scout-Dad? [Center Trail](http://www.centrail.com) (<http://www.centrail.com>) has just launched their new service to take the guess work out of building a website for your Pack, Troop, or Crew.

Three separate products are offered: [Cool Cubs](http://www.coolcubs.com/) (<http://www.coolcubs.com/>) for Packs, [Scout Lodge](http://www.scoutlodge.com/) (<http://www.scoutlodge.com/>) for Troops, and [Explored Trail](http://www.exploredtrail.com/) (<http://www.exploredtrail.com/>) for Crews. At two-week trial is available. Pricing for each product is a graduated scale based on the number of Scouts in the unit.

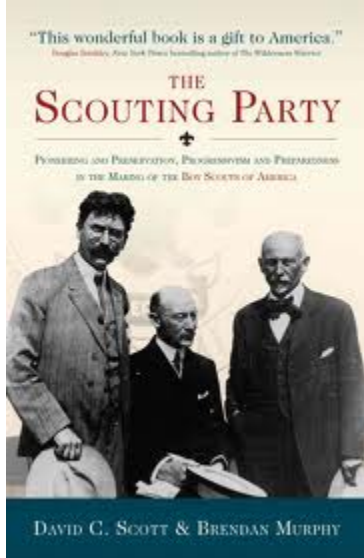
Your domain name and hosting is included and no programming is required. Point and click your way to upload a custom banner or unit logo, enter contact information, and display upcoming events. You can upload photos and documents as well.

A password protected "Secure Area" allows scouts and parents to access information without showing it to the public. This service was built with Youth Protection in mind.

So, if your unit is thinking about starting a website but doesn't know where to start, jump over to [Center Trail](http://www.centrail.com) and explore their two week free trial!

# Book Review: The Scouting Party

Set in the Progressive Era so dominated by President Theodore Roosevelt, [The Scouting Party: Pioneering](#)



[and Preservation, Progressivism and Preparedness in the Making of the Boy Scouts of America](#) tells the story of the strong-minded and at times conflicting individuals – including Roosevelt – who shaped the Boy Scouts of America as it was founded a century ago in 1910 and took shape within a few years.

[The Scouting Party](#) examines in particular the role of British-Canadian naturalist Ernest Thompson Seton, whose trailblazing Woodcraft Indians strongly influenced the British founder of Scouting, General Robert Baden-Powell. Seton became the intellectual mainspring of the Boy Scouts of America in its formative years. But BSA organizers preferred Baden-Powell's more conventional model to Seton's vision of a youth movement based on the culture and values of the American Indian.

Seton, well known to Americans for his best-selling book, [Wild Animals I Have Known](#), and his vivid lectures on wildlife, found himself increasingly at odds with BSA management between 1910 and 1915 over issues of organizational philosophy. He also clashed frequently with Daniel C. Beard, an illustrator for Mark Twain and founder of the Sons of Daniel Boone, a rival to Seton's Indians, over precedence in the field. Seton and Beard both wrangled with BSA Executive Secretary James E. West, who arbitrated their frequent wrangles while keeping BSA solvent as the organization rapidly expanded.

The exuberant personality of U.S. senior statesman Theodore Roosevelt looms large throughout [The Scouting Party](#) as an influential early patron – and at times critic – of BSA as it embraced pacifism in the initial years of the First World War. Upon U.S. entry into the

conflict in 1917, however, BSA threw itself behind the war effort, in the process becoming a quintessential American institution.

In relating the personal interactions that shaped BSA in its early years, [The Scouting Party](#) also provokes reflection on the path American Scouting might have taken if it had embraced Seton's notions of harmony with nature as an important factor in the development of human potential.

[Red Honor Press](#) was founded by three Eagle Scouts to produce works that support the Scouting program.

Some of the other Scouting books by Red Honor Press:

- [On My Honor, I Will](#)
- [We Are Americans, We Are Scouts](#) ([Scouting News Review](#))
- [In Our Own Way](#)

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- Jan. 2 – Scout Office closed for New Year’s holiday
- Jan. 7 – OA Winter Banquet
- Jan. 12 – OH and GL District Banquets
- Jan 19 – First Aid/CPR training
- Jan. 21 – Scouting for Food flyer distribution in Bartlesville
- Jan. 26 – OH District Committee
- Jan. 28 – Scout for Food pickup in Bartlesville
- Feb. 2 – OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Feb 4-5 – Wilderness & Remote First Aid training
- Feb. 5 – Scout Sunday
- Feb. 9 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Feb. 23 – OH District Committee
- Feb. 23 – Patron dinner
- Feb. 25 – Winter Merit Badge Festival
- Mar. 1 – OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 2-4 – Council Camporee
- Mar. 8 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 10 – Pinewood Derby
- Mar. 15 – Council Banquet
- Mar. 24 – Pinewood Derby
- Mar. 29 – OH District Committee
- Mar. 30-31 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- Apr. 5 – OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 12 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 13-15 – OA Spring Fellowship
- Apr. 27-28 – Cub and One
- Apr. 27-29 – OA Section Conclave