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the following Scout who has recently achieved Eagle rank:

- ▶ Jimmy White – Troop 33

Cherokee Area Council is proud of this Scout's achievement, and ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

OH District Unit Commissioner Training June 4

The Osage Hill District will hold Unit Commissioner Training on Saturday June 4 at the Scout Service Center.

All Commissioners are invited. The training session will run from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. The session will include pizza for dinner.

Donna Copeland, Council Training Chairman, and Randy Stayton, Council Commissioner, will be leading the discussion on Unit Commissioner Responsibilities, Unit Visit Tracking System, and the Journey to Excellence dashboard.

Cub Scout Day Camp June 7-10 and June 15-17

Osage Hills District

Osage Hills District will hold Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp McClintock, starting Tuesday, June 7, and ending after campfire on Friday, June 10. Cub Scouts and their families may camp overnight on Friday.

Registration material has been mailed to each Cub Scout and is available online as follows:

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



Participant registration:

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-OH-Cub-Day-Camp-Registration.pdf>

Staff application:

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-OH-Day-Camp-Staff-Application.pdf>

Grand Lake District

Grand Lake District's Cub Scout Day Camp will start on Wednesday, June 15, and run through Friday, June 17.

Participant registration:

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-GL-Cub-Day-Camp-Registration.pdf>

Registration material will also be mailed to each Cub Scout.



National Youth Leadership Training Scholarship deadline June 15

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.

The Cherokee Area Council NYLT course has been scheduled for May 27-Jun 2, 2012. Construction on several of the Camp McClintock improvements – dining hall construction, Cub Cabin toilet facilities, pavilion improvements, road repairs and more, will make our camp facilities at a level not seen for a number of years.

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. Details can be found at [http://www.okscouts.org/wp-](http://www.okscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/2011-NYLT-Information-Letter.pdf)

[content/uploads/2010/05/2011-NYLT-Information-Letter.pdf](http://www.okscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/2011-NYLT-Information-Letter.pdf) Other area councils are also conducting NYLT courses:

- [Quivira Council \(Wichita\) will be conducting NYLT](#) at Quivira Scout Ranch May 30-June 4, 2011.
- [Circle Ten Council \(Dallas\) has several NYLT sessions](#) in July, and December.

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](#). **Submission deadline is June 15, 2011.**

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 at 918-336-9170 or toll-free 888-269-1328 or Donna Copeland at Donna@CopelandAppliance.com or 918-333-9439 (cell) or 918-333-4488 (work).

God and Me Summer Program

June 13, 27, July 11, 18, and 25

Become best friends with Jesus and tell your story of God and Me together. Make a GAMEBOX (**God And Me Exploring BOX**) to help your family explore God's love together. In addition to participating in the meetings and completing family projects, youth are required to share what they have learned with a pastor before they are eligible for the award. This can be done with their home church pastor or the pastor on site, Rev. Sam Zepeda. This program is approved by most Protestant churches.

Introductory Meeting: 6:30 pm, Monday, June 13th.

For: Boys and girls entering or completing grades 1, 2 & 3

An adult must attend all sessions with each child.

Meeting Place: First Wesleyan Church Fellowship Hall, 1776 Silver Lake Road in Bartlesville

Program Meetings: 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Mondays, June

13, and 27, July 11, 18 and 25.

A final celebration pizza party will be held on August 1st for those who complete the program.

Cost: \$25 per student; OPTIONAL \$10 Adult Mentor program also available

Registration: Turn in your registration form <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2011-God-and-Me.pdf> and payment to the Cherokee Council Boy Scout Office or First Wesleyan Church no later than May 31st.

Contact: Vay Facione, 918-397-3326

This program is officially recognized by the Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA and the Girl Scouts of the USA as the religious awards program for youth in most Protestant churches. Youth in these organizations are particularly encouraged to attend.

NOTE: There are programs available for other faiths and other age groups. If there are interested adults that want to lead other age levels and/or faiths, please contact Vay Facione at 918-397-3326.

Unit Activity

June 8

Troop 8 is having a Car Wash June 18 10am-3pm at T-Total Exposure (intersection of Tuxedo and Washington Boulevard)

Wood Badge Course

September 16-18, 2011

October 21-23, 2011

An important part of providing a Scouting program is to have trained leaders. BSA recommends that all adults take Wood Badge within the first two years of being a Scout leader.

Wood Badge is leadership training for all Scout Leaders who are involved in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing, as well as council and district



leaders, and professionals. This new contemporary training program focuses on leadership and "people" skills, and not Scoutcraft or outdoor skills. Participants will learn techniques to make them better leaders, and also how to lead groups to achieve objectives.

Wood Badge is offered over two weekends. The application provides more detail <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/WoodBadge2011.pdf> Enrollment is limited to 48 adults, so be sure to fill out the application and submit with your \$50 deposit so that you are ensured a slot on this fun and rewarding event.

Autumn Adventure

Fall is one of the best times to camp at Philmont!

Experience the pleasure of hiking the Philmont backcountry in the beautiful New Mexico fall weather, when the aspen trees change to gold. A trained Philmont guide will accompany your group to areas where you can enjoy the splendor of fall color.

Autumn Adventure crews:

- Enjoy warm, sunny days and cool, crisp nights.
- View the splendor of Philmont fall colors.
- Gaze at wildlife preparing for winter.
- Photograph the panorama of peaks.
- Fish for trout in sparkling streams.



Autumn Adventure treks are scheduled from September through October. Each trek can be scheduled to fit the schedule of the group attending and can vary from a

leisurely day hike to an extended backpacking expedition.

For more information checkout the Autumn Adventure web site
<http://philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/SecondSeasonPrograms/AutumnAdventure.aspx>

Nothing But Fun National Summertime Pack Award

LONG DAYS, WARM NIGHTS, and school vacations make summertime a great time for Cub Scouting. Packs that meet over the summer hold onto their members and leaders longer, and activities like day camp let new Cub Scouts start their Scouting adventures on a high note. And if that weren't enough, packs can earn the National Summertime Pack Award for doing nothing more than having fun in the summer. There are three levels of the award: pack, den, and individual.



What are the requirements for the pack award?

All you have to do is hold three pack activities over the summer: one in June, one in July, and one in August. After you've done that, you're eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award streamer (No. 17808) for your pack flag and the National Summertime Pack Award certificate (No. 33731A) for your meeting place.

What kinds of activities count?

The sky's the limit. You could attend day camp as a pack, hold a family cookout, conduct a service project, or spend an afternoon working on belt loops and pins from the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program. This is a great opportunity to involve parents in the planning. Ask them to plan an activity or an event. Just remember to keep the emphasis on fun.

How do the den and individual awards work?

A den that has at least half its members at the three summer pack events can receive a ribbon (No. 17806) for its den flag. For the individual award, a boy must attend all three events. Once he's done that, he'll receive

a National Summertime Award pin to wear on his uniform. The pins match the boy's neckerchief slide, and there's a different pin for each Cub Scout rank: Tiger (No. 14332), Wolf (No. 14333), Bear (No. 14334), and Webelos (No. 14335).

Where is the National Summertime Award pin worn?

The pin goes on the right pocket flap of the Cub Scout uniform.

How do we apply for the National Summertime Pack Award?

Complete the National Summertime Pack Award application and submit it to your local council service center. (You can download the form at scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf.) The form asks for the exact number of dens, boys, and family members who participated in each event, so be sure to keep good attendance records.

Our pack meets at a year-round school, so we already have year-round den and pack meetings.

How can we qualify for the award?

You could hold special pack activities during long school breaks, even if they don't occur in June, July, and August.

I've heard about Scouting's new Journey to Excellence program. Does it replace this award?

No. That program replaces the Centennial Quality Awards Program. Note, however, that summer activities do contribute to several Journey to Excellence measures.

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Training at McClintock

Seventeen council Scouters covered on Camp McClintock recently for the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills course. This is a required course for Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters, Varsity Scout Leaders and Asst. Advi, and only for outdoor Venturing units the Crew Advisors, Asst. Advisors, and Crew Leaders.

Randy Weatherly led up a team of trainers for this event consisting of Bill Alexander, Jay Bartley, David Cole, Donna Copeland, Jim Crume, Steve Defrees, Tami Lewis, Ray Peaster, Jerry Wells, and Arlen Wiens.

The session started Friday evening, and ended Saturday evening, with a number of outdoor items and training sessions in the Cub Cabin.

Many of the attendees were getting training completed to be ready for the Wood Badge course this fall that will be held on two weekends, one in September and one in October at Camp McClintock.



Pictured is the nature hike where attendees were identifying plants and animals, just as Scouts would do in their units.

Thanks to all of these leaders and participants who are helping deliver to promise of Scouting by becoming trained for their positions.

Training needed for Unit Scorecard

The quality unit award has been replaced by the BSA Journey to Excellence (JTE) program. This program scores units on the basis of what BSA has found makes successful Scouting units. Each unit will be evaluated at the end of the year on their performance to these measures. One of the measures is training.

To achieve the base Bronze level, all unit leaders must have taken Youth Protection, Fast Start, and This is Scouting.

The next Silver level scoring is achieved when all leaders have completed their leader specific training along with meeting the Bronze level requirements.

The highest Gold level is achieved by different measures depending upon the unit. For instance, packs need to be participating in the BALOO and OWLS training programs

to qualify and Troops need to have troop youth officer elections and installation before November 15th and comply with the silver level requirements.

More information on each unit requirements are available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx> .

All unit leaders in the council who had any training left to be trained received a letter from the Council Training Chair recently, which provided specific information on how to obtain needed training.

My Scouting (www.MyScouting.org) provides a quick entry to most training requirements. Unit leaders can use the training validation selection in the MyScouting web site to check on training for others to tour plans and also to see status for the JTE scoring.

Be sure to become fully trained in your Scouting position, as the biggest benefit from this is that your youth receive a higher quality program and stay interested and involved in your unit, and as a leader you become knowledgeable as to what you need to do to deliver the Scouting program.

Endowment Corner Boy Scouts of America Gift Annuity Program

One of the most beneficial programs that the BSA offers to near or current retirees is the Gift Annuity Program. This program offers the giver both the opportunity to receive an attractive current income stream and benefit the Cherokee Area Council Endowment.

What is the Annuity Program?

The BSA Gift Annuity Program allows you to make a gift to the Cherokee Area Council Endowment and receive both a guaranteed life-time income and a charitable income tax deduction. The income is paid each quarter for one or two lives, as you choose. You can decide whether you want the payments to begin immediately or defer them until later.

What Kind of a Gift Must I Make?

Though the gift can be as large as you want, it must be a minimum of \$2,500 to receive a gift annuity. Your gift can be made with cash, stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares.

How Much Income Would I Receive Each Year?

It depends on age. To receive a current gift annuity, you must be at least 50 years of age at the time of your gift. But the older you are, the higher the annuity rate. Once your annuity is set, the payments will not change over the life of the annuity. The BSA normally uses the rates of return recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities. If you choose to defer the start of your payments – for example, to coincide with your retirement – your annual annuity rate will be higher than for annuities that begin paying you now.

Can I Have the Annuity Payments Go to Others than Me?

Most people choose a spouse, but you can create a gift annuity for children, parents, retiring employees, or anyone else you choose. However, you should check with your tax advisor about possible gift tax issues.

How Would the Income Be Taxed?

If you use cash to make your gift, a large portion of each payment is usually tax-free; the rest of the payment will be taxable income. If you make your gift with stock or other appreciated property, each annuity payment will be a mix of tax-free income, ordinary income, and capital gain. When you create a gift annuity (or when you request personalized information), you will receive a summary of how your annuity payments will be taxed.

Are There Other Tax Benefits?

When you create your gift annuity, you are entitled to an immediate income tax charitable deduction. It is based on the fair market value of your gift. It varies with the annuity return and the age of the beneficiaries (as a rule, older beneficiaries receive larger charitable tax deductions). The gift may also save probate costs and estate taxes (since the property is no longer in your estate). If you make your gift with appreciated property, you also spread out any capital gains over the life of the annuity, rather than pay it all at once.

How Will My Local Council Benefit From This Gift?

Though this program is offered through the BSA National Council, your gift can be used to benefit the Cherokee Area Council. When your gift annuity payments end, the remaining value of your gift is distributed to the Cherokee Area Council to benefit our Scouting programs. At that time, a small percentage of your gift is

used to cover part of the administrative costs incurred for your gift annuity.

Example: Mr. and Mrs. Jones (ages 70 and 68) make a gift of \$10,000 to the National Gift Annuity Program. They make their gift using stock with an annual dividend of 2 percent.

Their gift annuity gives them a current income tax deduction of about \$2,600 and a guaranteed annuity of \$650 a year for the rest of their lives. This more than triples their current income from this stock, and part of each payment will be tax-free for years to come.

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.

The 1910 Society

Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has grown into something larger and more significant than anyone anticipated. We honor that special date by presenting the 1910 Society award to donors who make gifts of \$25,000 or more to their council endowments. These gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, land, five-

year pledges, or other property suitable for a council endowment fund or easily converted to cash.

There are four levels of recognition in the 1910 Society that honor four very special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting:

1) **Ernest Thompson Seton**, nationally known artist and naturalist, author of the first official American Scout handbook and many other books important to Scouting:

Seton Level membership: \$25,000 minimum gift

2) **Daniel Carter Beard**, first chairman of the National Court of Honor; national Scout commissioner, and author of many well-known books and stories for youth;

Beard Level membership: \$100,000 minimum gift

3) **Theodore Roosevelt**, first Chief Scout Citizen, first vice president of the BSA, and president of the United States,

Roosevelt Level membership: \$500,000 minimum gift

4) **Waite Phillips**, one of the BSA's first benefactors, and donor to the BSA of almost 130,000 acres of land in New Mexico which became Philmont Scout Ranch;

Phillips Level membership: \$1,000,000 and up

Phillips Silver Level: \$5,000,000 minimum gift

Phillips Gold Level: \$10,000,000 minimum gift

The Founders Circle

The Founders Circle, is intended to recognize *deferred* gifts designated for council endowment funds. Donors are recognized for gift commitments with a minimum value of \$100,000. Unlike the other endowment recognition awards, a donor may qualify for membership with gifts made through:

- Charitable bequests in a will or codicil
- Charitable trusts, such as unitrusts, annuity trusts, and lead trusts
- BSA Gift Annuities or BSA Pooled Income Fund gifts
- Life insurance/retirement plan designations
- Other deferred gifts approved by the local council

As with the 1910 Society, there are four levels of membership within the Founders Circle. They are:

- Bronze \$100,000 minimum gift commitment
- Silver \$250,000 minimum gift commitment
- Gold \$500,000 minimum gift commitment
- Platinum \$1,000,000 minimum gift commitment

Philmont Training Center

Every summer the Philmont Training Center (PTC) has a number of excellent training courses offered for Scouters. You can check out the many offerings at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>.

Not only does PTC provide an excellent national training program for people in an incredible setting right on the Philmont Scout Ranch, the training center also offers programs for the youth and spouses of attendees as well. This makes an excellent vacation program for people, and everyone can have a great time.

The youth program is setup for different ages, and the spouse program lets you choose from various events during the week to attend. You can do outdoor items or touring items, so there is something for everyone.

Older youth (both male and female) can take a week long mountain trek into the backcountry, so this is another way to get your Scouts or others into the Philmont backcountry.

Take advantage of this program! No invitation is required. Find what you like and sign up now!

New 'BSA Fit' initiative partners with President's Challenge program & the "Let's Move' campaign

Through our 100th Anniversary Celebration, we had a full year of reflecting on Scouting's great heritage. We heard and shared countless stories of the impact Scouting has had on the lives of young people and, indeed, the very fabric of this great nation. As we move forward into our second century of leadership and



service, we have an opportunity to help ensure that America's youth are Prepared For Life and that Scouting continues to affect our nation in amazing ways.

To do this, we're taking specific and intentional steps to be sure Scouting keeps pace with today's society and to strengthen our role as a recognized advocate for young people—on several fronts. One I'm particularly proud of is our focus on the health and well-being of our youth.

Promoting healthy living has always been a very high priority for the entire organization. So much so, in fact, that last year we officially introduced our healthy living initiative, which seeks to make sure Scouts and all young people are healthy in mind, body, and spirit. The initiative grew out of a shared concern about national trends of shorter life expectancy for our young people. We cannot stand by as an organization and let this continue, particularly when we have the tools, the programs, and the passion to help turn the tide.

I'm excited that, as part of our healthy living initiative, we are working both with first lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move program to solve the challenge of childhood obesity and with the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition (PCFSN) to engage, educate, and empower youth to adopt a healthy lifestyle that includes regular physical activity and good nutrition.

I encourage you to use the tools and resources available on this website -

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BSAFit.aspx> - to help you in your quest to lead a healthy life and promote healthy living, and I also know that when it comes to health and wellness, you will do what Scouts and Scouters have always done: serve and lead. Our ultimate goal is to promote healthier lifestyles—physically, emotionally, and intellectually—because the health and well-being of our nation depends on the health and well-being of our young people.

Editorial note: An interesting feature - a number of professional and volunteer Scouters - including the Chief Scout Executive and the National Commissioner are participating and blogging about their progress: <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BSAFit/walkthewalk.aspx>

Lionel Launches New 2011 BSA® Ready-to-Run Train Set



Lionel introduces the 2011 BSA® Ready-to-Run Train Set. The set will be similar to the 2010 100th Anniversary set except the 100th Anniversary boxcar will be replaced with the BSA® Boy Scout™ Oath boxcar. In addition, the 100th anniversary collector patch will be replaced with a BSA®/Lionel® collector patch with the new BSA® signature tagline, Prepared. For Life.™

Also, this summer, Lionel will be adding specialty box cars and for the first time, figure pack accessories.

The set will include:

- 0-8-0 Steam Locomotive and Tender
- Bulkhead Flatcar with Box and Wheel Load
- Operating Derrick Car
- BSA® Boxcar with the Boy Scout™ Oath
- Work Caboose
- Three straight FasTrak track sections, eight curved FasTrack track sections, a FasTrack terminal section, and a FasTrack uncoupling section
- CW-80 transformer
- Smoke fluid

The locomotive features all of the following and much more:

- Transformer controlled forward, neutral, and reverse operation
- Operating steam whistle with On/Off switch
- Operating headlight
- Puffing smoke unit
- Die-cast operating coupler on front of locomotive
- Engineer and fireman figures

The rolling stock features all of the following and more:

- Die-cast metal sprung trucks on Boxcar, Flatcar, and Derrick Car
- Movable boom and operating winch on Derrick Car
- Opening doors on Boxcar

The entire train is approximately 58" long with layout dimensions of 40" x 60".

Train sets will retail for \$299.99.

To purchase this set online or to locate a dealer near you, visit lionel.com.

W. R. Case Introduces BSA® Prepared. For Life.™ Pocket Knives



W. R. Case has introduced a new line of collectible pocket knives that will be available at retail by the end of June. This new collection consists of four distinct pocket knives within the Tan Caliber family. Each pocket knife

features sand-colored Zytel® handles that are tough, lightweight and affordable.

The smallest pocket knife is the "Peanut" which consists of a clip blade and pen blade. The "Trapper" has a clip blade and spey blade. The "Hobo®" has a clip blade, fork, and spoon. Lastly, the XX "Changer" includes an exchangeable fillet, saw and drop point blades. On the blade of each pocketknife is the new BSA® "Prepared. For Life.™" signature tagline. Embedded in the handle is the Boy Scouts of America® fleur-de-lis in bronze.

These and other W.R. Case pocketknives, officially licensed by the Boy Scouts of America, are available from W.R. Case authorized dealers nationwide. To find a dealer, please visit wrcase.com.

National Outdoor Badges

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating both knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, and run the rivers or lakes, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!

National Outdoor Badges for Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Adventure

Now when a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are new awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the National Camping Task Force of the



BSA®, includes a series of five badges designed to recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.

The award consists of five emblem segments positioned around the perimeter of a beautiful center emblem. All are embroidered in full color. The segments represent five areas of emphasis: Riding, Hiking, Camping, Aquatics, and Adventure, with rigorous requirements to earn each segment. The center emblem features an outdoor scene with fleur-de-lis and the words "National Outdoor Awards".

The five National Outdoor Badges recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who demonstrates both knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, or adventure. Scouts earning the National Outdoor badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

National Outdoor badges may be earned in the following areas:

Camping. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Camping merit badge.
3. Earn two of the following three merit badges: Cooking, First Aid, Pioneering.
4. Complete 25 days and nights of camping—including six consecutive days (five nights) of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America—including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 nights of camping. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 nights of camping. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of nights camping.

Hiking. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Hiking upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.

2. Earn the Hiking and Orienteering merit badges.
3. Complete 100 miles of hiking or backpacking under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked. A silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles hiking.

Aquatics. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges.
3. Earn the Mile Swim BSA Award.
4. Earn at least one of the following merit badges: Canoeing, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Whitewater. Complete at least 25 hours of on-the-water time, applying the skills that you learned in the merit badges.
5. Complete at least 50 hours of any combination of swimming, canoeing, rowing, small-boat sailing, or whitewater activity under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including time spent in requirements 2 through 4.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 hours of aquatic activity. A silver device is earned for each additional 100 hours of aquatic activity. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of hours of aquatic activity.

Riding. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Riding upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Complete at least one of the following:
3. Cycling merit badge and 100 miles of cycling;
or

4. Horsemanship merit badge and 50 miles of horseback riding.
5. Complete 200 miles of riding activities, either on a non-motorized bike or a stock animal, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including the miles in requirement 2.

A gold device may be earned for each additional 100 miles of riding. A silver device is earned for each additional 400 miles of riding. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of miles of riding.

Adventure. A Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure upon successfully completing the following requirements:

1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Complete either the Wilderness Survival or the Emergency Preparedness merit badge.
3. Complete 10 of any combination or repetition of the following adventure activities under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America:
4. A backpacking trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
5. A canoeing, rowing, or sailing trip lasting three or more days and covering more than 50 miles without food resupply
6. A whitewater trip lasting two or more days and covering more than 20 miles without food resupply
7. A climbing activity on open rock, following Climb On Safely principles, that includes camping overnight
8. Earn the National Historic Trails Award
9. Earn the 50-Miler Award
10. Attend any national high-adventure base or any nationally recognized local high-adventure or specialty-adventure program

Items 3a-g may be repeated as desired. A single activity that satisfies multiple items in 3a-g may be counted as separate activities at the discretion of the unit leader. Similarly, a single activity that doubles an item in 3a-d

may be counted as two activities at the discretion of the unit leader. A gold device may be earned for each additional five activities. A silver device is earned for each additional 20 activities. The Scout may wear any combination of devices totaling his current number of activities.

National Outdoor Awards Devices

As defined in the requirements for the National Outdoor Awards Program, additional achievements in any of the five areas can be recognized by placing a gold- or silver-finish device on the appropriate activity segment.



National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

The National Medal for Outdoor Achievement is the highest recognition that a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor. In order for a Scout to earn the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement, the Scout must complete the following requirements:



1. Earn the First Class rank.
2. Earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping with a silver device.
3. Earn any two additional National Outdoor Badges, each with two gold devices.
4. Earn the following merit badges: Backpacking, Emergency Preparedness, Nature, and Wilderness Survival.
5. Complete a 16-hour course in Wilderness First Aid from the American Red Cross,

Wilderness Medical Institute, or other recognized provider.

6. Become a Leave No Trace Trainer by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Master Educator.
7. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an outing for your troop, team, patrol, or squad in two of the following activity areas: hiking and backpacking, aquatic activities, or riding. Include in each outing a service element addressing recreational impacts resulting from that type of activity. With the approval of your unit leader, you may plan and lead the outings for another Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Sea Scout ship, or Venturing crew.
8. Complete at least one of the following:
9. Plan and lead, with the approval of your unit leader, an adventure activity identified in the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure for your troop, team, patrol, or squad.
10. Successfully complete a season on a council summer camp staff in an outdoor area, such as aquatics, Scoutcraft, nature/environment, climbing, or COPE.

The National Outdoor Achievement Award Application - <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/430-509.pdf>

Scouting App – BSA Quick Guide



[BSA Quick Guide](#) is a quick reference application for basic Scouting information for your Android Device. Version 1.04 is available in the Android market. There is a [free version](#) and a [paid version](#) which is

the same app it just includes a 99 cent donation to the developer.

The [BSA Quick Guide App](#) is not very pretty, just white or blue text on a black background. Don't let the lack of fancy graphics fool you though, this is a quick reference app and doesn't have to be showy. The BSA Quick Guide App is divided into five categories: Cub Scouts,

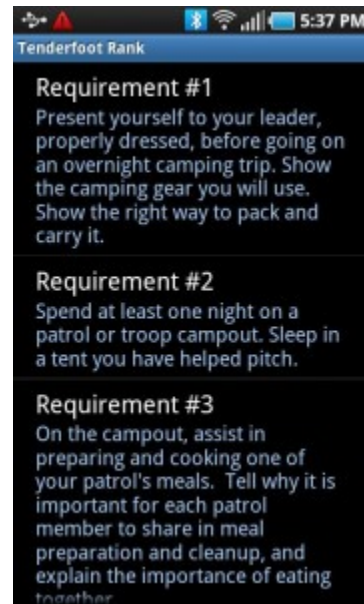
Boy Scouts, Varsity, Venturing, and Adults. Varsity, Venturing, and Adults are listed as "Coming Soon..."

The Cub Scout Section of the BSA Quick Guide App features:

- References: Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, Cub Scout Motto, Webelos Meaning, Whittling Chip Promise, and Hiking Safety Rules.
- Tiger Cub Rank, Bobcat Rank, Wolf Rank, Wolf Electives, Bear Rank, Bear Electives, Webelos Rank, Webelos Compass Points, Webelos Activity Badges.
- Academics and Sports Program Requirements.
- Arrow of Light Requirements.

The Boy Scout Section of the BSA Quick Guide App features:

- Basic Scouting references such as Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Slogan, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace Promise.
- Advancement Requirements: Scout Badge, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle, Eagle Palms.
- Eagle Scout required Merit Badge requirements.



Each requirement has a checkbox that can be checked or unchecked. This allows the app to be a reference for what requirements a Scout has completed but it should not replace the handbook checklist or merit badge blue

cards. The application does not allow a date or initials to be entered.

While the information is basic, this is a great handy app for leaders to have requirements available within reach at all times. It would be great if the developer added the other merit badges and three identified "coming soon" sections. Hopefully the developer will keep it updated each year when requirements change.

[BSA Quick Guide](#) was developed by George R. Cain Jr. BSA Quick Guide is not an official Boy Scouts of America Application. The developer makes clear that it is not a replacement for the Scouting handbooks. The application is a guide and reference for when the merit badge or handbook is not available to you.

Bass Pro Shops Online Toolkit

This toolkit has been created to support local council and local unit participation in the upcoming Bass Pro Shops Summer Family Camp promotion!



Bass Pro Shops has chosen the Boy Scouts of America as its promotional partner from June 4 through July 10, 2011, and will promote the BSA's involvement nationally. Here you will find a variety of resources from which to choose that will assist you in maximizing this opportunity for your council and/or units this summer.

Please click on the link below that best describes who you are, and follow the instructions to learn more about this upcoming promotion.

Local Councils-

<http://scouting.org/BassProShops/Council.aspx>

Unit Leaders -

<http://scouting.org/BassProShops/Unit.aspx>

Volunteers or Parents -

<http://scouting.org/BassProShops/Volunteers.aspx>

We encourage all BSA councils within driving distance of a Bass Pro Shops store to participate by spreading the word about this exciting opportunity!

Upcoming Key Dates

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

June 2 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
June 3 - 22nd Annual Scouting Golf Tournament
June 4 – OH District Unit Commissioner Training
June 7-10 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp
June 9 – GL Roundtable
June 13, 27, July 11, 18, and 15 – God and Me Summer Program
June 15-17 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp
July 28 – OH District Committee
August 1 – OH Popcorn Kernel Training
August 4 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
August 11 – GL Roundtable and Popcorn Kernel Training
August 19-21 – OA Fall Fellowship
August 25 – OH District Committee
September 1 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
September 8 – GL Roundtable
September 16-18 – Wood Badge 1st weekend
September 24 – OH Cub Fun-o-Ree
September 24 – GL BALOO Training
September 29 – OH District Committee
October 1 – GL Cub Fun-o-Ree
October 1 – OH BALOO Training
October 6 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
October 13 – GL Roundtable
October 21-23 – Wood Badge 2nd weekend
October 22 – OA One Day of Service
October 27 – OH District Committee
October 28-30 – Council Camporee