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# Cherokee Scouter

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## Eagle Scouts

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

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

- James Wilkins – Troop 50
- Trent Bone – Troop 21
- Nicholas Keleher – Troop 21

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

## Council Camporee March 5-7

**Theme:** Mountain Man

**Location:** Spring Valley Ranch South of Jay on Hwy 20

**Directions:** <http://tinyurl.com/y8c6oqq>

### Friday

- Troops welcome to arrive from 2 p.m.
- Fireside Chat: 6:30 p.m.
- Campfire: 8 p.m.
- Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Meeting after campfire
- Cracker-barrel - immediately following SPL meeting (all are welcome)

### Saturday

- Patrol competitions <http://tinyurl.com/yavnc97>
- OA Callout

### Sunday

- Chapel Service
- Departure after Chapel Service Sunday a.m.

**Troops:** Responsible for unit food & camping gear

Webelos are welcome to attend.

**Cost:** \$5 per person

## Tulsa Trade-o-Ree

March 12-13

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

Friday the Trade-o-Ree will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
On Saturday, the Trade-o-Ree hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

For more information, see the event flyer

<http://tinyurl.com/yeemzjh>

## Council Banquet

March 23

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

Date: Tuesday, March 23rd

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Highland Park Baptist Church

Fee: \$12.50 per person

Eagle Scout Sponsorship: \$20.00

**Sign-up Deadline: Thursday, March 18**

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

## OA Spring Fellowship

March 26-28

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Spring Fellowship will be held at the Pawhuska Fairgrounds in preparation for Section Conclave in April. Work projects and other activities will be shaped around preparing for Section Conclave.

**Early Bird fee \$15 at Scout Office before March 18**

**Fellowship fee \$20 after March 18**

Registration form - <http://tinyurl.com/yfmr3pw>

## Mom & Me Campout

April 9-10

By Ellen Weigant, Event Chairman

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

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



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

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

## OA Section Conclave

April 23-25

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Online registration is available at this link

<http://sr8.oaevent.com/>

Instructions for online registration are available here

<http://tinyurl.com/yjcfw2>

Registration fee is \$25 until March 15

\$35 till April 12, \$50 thereafter

Other Conclave forms are available here <http://www.sr-8.org/Conclave.htm>



## Arrow of Light Ceremonies

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Packs can contact Sean Urban [seanurban@cableone.net](mailto:seanurban@cableone.net) or the Scout Office at 918-336-9170 or toll free 888-269-1328 to schedule an Arrow of Light ceremony.



## Hall of Leadership Deadline Extended

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

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

### BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY Hall of Leadership

Has a Scout, leader, or other Scouting volunteer made a significant difference at some time in your life, or the lives of others, by the extraordinary service they have given and the Scouting virtues they have modeled? You can thank and recognize them with a nomination to the BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership!

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

<http://tinyurl.com/ygx67yz>

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

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

## Venturing Age/Grade Eligibility Change

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The National Executive Board recently approved a resolution to change the eligibility requirements for Venturing to ensure consistency among Venturing, high-adventure bases, and other core programs.



The current age and grade eligibility requirement for participation in the Venturing program is 14 years of age and completion of the eighth grade.

Effective May 1, 2010, the minimum age requirement will be changed to 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and completion of the eighth grade. The maximum age for participation remains under 21 years of age.

In support of this change, below is a list of frequently asked questions. This information is posted at [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing).

- Q. When does the age/grade eligibility change take effect?
- A. This change becomes effective May 1, 2010.
- Q. Does this impact Sea Scouts?
- A. Sea Scouts is part of the Venturing program. Therefore, the revised eligibility requirements apply to Sea Scouting.
- Q. Does this impact Exploring?
- A. No, this change only applies to the Venturing program.

Q. Does this change affect high-adventure bases?

A. No, the age/grade requirements are now in alignment with the high-adventure bases. Specifically, regarding our sea bases, the PADI requirements are:

- Age-12- to 14-Year-Olds
- Depth-Maximum 18 meters/60 feet for Junior Open Water Divers. Maximum 21 meters/70 feet for continuing education
- After Certification-Must dive with an adult certified diver
- Responsibility and Risk-Parent/guardian and child sign administrative forms.

Q. What effect will this change have on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

A. This change to age/grade eligibility will have no effect on the LDS Church's current application of the Venturing program.

Q. Won't this change be detrimental to my Boy Scout numbers, and aren't we just "trading" numbers from a membership perspective?

A. This change to eligibility requirements for Venturing is to provide youth (boys and girls) with late birthdays (generally June-September) an opportunity to join a crew with their peer group upon completion of the eighth grade. This adjustment is to provide consistency within our program and remove any unnecessary obstacles to increasing membership as these youth prepare to enter high school with their peers.

Q. Will this change have an effect on youth summer camp eligibility?

A. This change to the Venturing program will have no effect on eligibility for summer camp participation.

Q. Will this change affect eligibility for youth leadership training for Venturers (e.g., Kodiak, Kodiak X, etc.)?

A. No, youth leadership training will continue to follow the recommended course outlines.

Q. Are there any Venturing advancement items that can't be completed if you are 13 years old?

A. This change will have no effect on award eligibility. As a registered Venturer, the youth may pursue the awards of their choosing.

Q. When will the national office update related literature that is used to support the programs?

A. All relevant program groups are auditing their literature resources to determine the necessary updates. This will be an ongoing process, and as literature is reprinted, these changes will be made.

Q. When will ScoutNET have the new Venturing age/grade eligibility?

A. Councils will be able to register youth members using the new requirements once the April 2010 month-end close occurs (May 3, 2010).

Q. When will Internet Rechartering be updated for use by Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships?

A. Internet Rechartering will be updated to reflect the new requirements for unit renewals beginning in September 2010. In the interim, Internet Rechartering will remain available during May-August for Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships to renew online.

## National Public Lands Day

### September 25

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Did you know that this fall Boy Scouts of America is partnering with National Public Lands Day?



National Public Lands Day is the largest volunteer event that benefits America's public lands. NPLD is a Saturday in late September when thousands of Americans volunteer to improve and enhance our nation's parks and other public lands. Sound like fun? Join other Boy Scout troops across the country and **register today** at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yfw6pxm>



National Public Lands Day makes a great kick-off event for your fall season and is a good way for new and old scouts to get to know each other through team work and doing a good turn.

The locations and projects are up to you! Gather at an overgrown city park or at an underused bike path and spruce it up. Once you register there is a wealth of information available to you to make your chosen project successful, safe and fun.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me, Carrie Shepard, via email at [cshepard@neefusa.org](mailto:cshepard@neefusa.org).

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## W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery to Launch Family of BSA® Pocketknives



W.R. Case is preparing to launch a family of six BSA® pocketknives for 2010. Each knife comes in a wide variety of different styles from the Peanut to the Hobo®. All are made with a standard jugged navy blue bone handle featuring the Boy Scouts of America® logo on both the handle and steel blade. Look for these products at Case dealers beginning in April.

For more information on this collection, please visit [http://www.wrcase.com/dealer\\_locator](http://www.wrcase.com/dealer_locator)

## Sykel Enterprises Introduces BSA® 100th

## Anniversary Fleece Fabric Prints

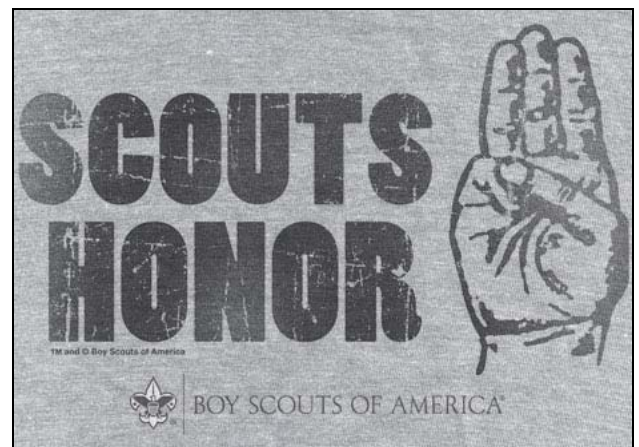


In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, Sykel Enterprises has created a 48" x 60" fleece officially licensed fabric print. The fabric print is made from 100% polyester and has an anti-pill face.

Product is available in the fabric departments of most Wal-Mart stores, Mary Jo's Cloth Store, Hancock Fabric Stores, as well as many fine fabric stores throughout the US.

It is also available on-line at [www.bearpawquilting.com](http://www.bearpawquilting.com), [www.fabric.com](http://www.fabric.com), and [www.hancockfabrics.com](http://www.hancockfabrics.com).

## Hybrid Apparel to Introduce BSA® T-Shirt



Hybrid Apparel is launching a BSA® tee in select Target stores this March. Look for the Scouts Honor™ tee on

shelves soon! For more information, please go to [www.hybridtees.com](http://www.hybridtees.com) .

## *Cherokee Scouter* publication schedule

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Do you have news to share? Please submit your news and information to the Cherokee Area Council. You can e-mail [cherokeesbsa@cherokeesbsa.org](mailto:cherokeesbsa@cherokeesbsa.org)

| <b>Issue</b> | <b>Issue Deadline</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| April        | March 27              |
| May          | May 1                 |
| June         | May 29                |
| August       | July 26               |

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- Mar. 4 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 5-7 – Council Camporee, GL District hosting
- Mar. 11 – GL District Roundtable
- Mar. 23 – Council Banquet
- Mar. 25 – OH District Committee
- Mar. 26-28 – OA Spring Fellowship, Pawhuska
- Apr. 1 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 2 – Scout Office closed
- Apr. 8 – GL District Roundtable
- Apr. 10-11 – Mom and Me Campout, Camp McClintock
- Apr. 17 – Generations Connection
- Apr. 23-25 – OA Section Conclave
- Apr. 29 – OH District Committee
- Apr. 30-May 1 – Outdoor Leader Training, Camp McClintock
- May 6 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- May 13 – GL District Roundtable
- May 22 – Pitch for Scouting
- May 27 – OH District Committee
- June 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- June 9-11 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp
- June 10 – GL District Roundtable
- June 16-18 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp
- July 26-Aug. 4 – National Scout Jamboree
- July 29 – OH District Committee
- July 31 – Celebrating 100 Years: Shining a Light