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Carol's Corner

For those of you that have heard the following before, I appreciate your indulgence one final time. I have heard it said that, on average, each of us has had at least two experiences in our lives where, if God had wanted it to be our final breath, it could have been.

Those close to me know my husband Merl had one of those incidences when severe dehydration due to an undiagnosed infection caused an uncharted low potassium level which then caused the shut down of the use of his extremities and then caused kidney failure and pneumonia. Two days into the process, gratefully, after the potassium level had recovered which was critical to pump his heart, he had a heart attack, was on a ventilator for two days and later had five stints to correct the 99% blockage in two arteries and 90% blockage in another.

In hindsight, this has all been a blessing because without the severity of this illness we would have never known this man with a cholesterol level of 173 had heart issues. But if you are going to have a heart attack, the CCU department at Jane Phillips Medical would now be our first choice! Thank God, they say he has had a total recovery and is healthier than he's been in 30 years.

Later in 2010, I found myself dizzy while on my morning ritual of working out or running before heading to the office. I revived to find my neighbor pulling me out of the creek in front of his house. There wasn't a lot of water in the creek, but he said I had been out about a minute and had been face first in the water. The only injuries were my pride and a nose bleed that lasted most of the day due to the impact of fainting and falling face first.

You may be asking yourself, "What does this have to do with Scouting" so please bear with me. What I got out of these experiences were two fold. My first question to myself was, "Are you living a life that makes a difference and that matters to eternity" because in the long run, that, and being ready for death, are the only things that matters.

When I could answer that I was prepared for death, my next immediate thought was, "If God had chosen for that to be my time, is there anything you wish you would have done differently?" The answer was that I would want people to know how much I truly appreciate them. My tendency before was to shy away from "thank you" articles because it always seems like later you realize you missed someone of great significance, but no longer will I live my life that way. It is never the wrong time to share one's gratitude.

For Scouting purposes however, I want to publicly thank outgoing Council President Chris Cook for the well-

rounded training he offered me over the past two years, heading up two successful capital campaigns in his four year tenure and one of the most treasured gifts, telling me to focus on Merl when he was so gravely ill.

To Donna Copeland, outgoing Council Commissioner, thank you for your "can do" attitude and always making sure units were mentored and training was available in a moment's notice. And, thank you for your willingness to stay connected and work with our VP of Program, Bill Alexander in delivering all types of specialized trainings over the next coming years.

Along with the board of directors, and all the wonderful volunteers we have been blessed with, thank you both for your direction and leadership in helping our Council achieve the 2010 Quality Centennial Council Award.

Additionally, the last several years Cherokee Area Council has been first to goal in our area when it comes to our Friends of Scouting (FOS) objectives. Thanks to all table sponsors and donors at our Patron Dinner which historically raises two-thirds of our council's operating needs for the year.

Likewise, thanks to all those involved on our FOS presenter team, those who give at unit presentations and all involved with the golf tournament. Without your support it would be impossible to deliver a quality Scouting program.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank our outstanding VP of Program, Bill Alexander and every volunteer who has helped at any program he oversees. Many events such as the Merit Badge Festival, Scouting for Food and Day Camp have experienced tremendous growth and helped "deliver the promise" to our area Scouts, families and the community alike.

In addition, Order of the Arrow members did an excellent job hosting the Section 8 Conclave for over 500 Scouts in Pawhuska. You all did an amazing job!

Also thank you to Dale Copeland, outgoing VP of Marketing, and your team for their tireless efforts in writing and submitting articles to media regarding these great events and other happenings, managing the website and even sending out time sensitive blitzes to ensure all were communicated with in a timely manner.

In closing, thank you to the great Council staff team I have been blessed to work with. Along with so many prayers that truly carried me in 2010, you all stepped up

and ensured everything was covered. The level of customer service you give inspires me!

First Aid Course

March 10

A First Aid class is scheduled for Thursday March 10th at 6:30p.m. at the Red Cross office in Bartlesville. Cost of the course is \$32/person.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Red Cross office at 918-336-2216

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course

March 19-20

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



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

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

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

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

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

Council Banquet & Eagle Recognition Banquet

March 22

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

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

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

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

Harlem Ambassadors Basketball

March 26

Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OKWU) is hosting a nights of family fun with the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball celebrities to benefit the Washington County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, with high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines while competing against Bartlesville athletes. A few kids will be asked to sit on the bench with the Ambassadors, have a front row seat during the show and participate in the fun on the court.

The laughs will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, at the OKWU basketball court. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. Children under 4 are free. At the door tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

Advance tickets are on sale at the American Red Cross at 601 W. Jennings, Bartlesville. Call 918-336-226. MasterCard and Visa accepted.

Green Country Lions Scholarship

April 1

Green Country Lions are proud to offer a scholarship to a student from the Bartlesville, Oklahoma area who will be attending a college, university, business or trade school during the next fall semester.

All students are eligible with preference given to those involved in community activities and are visually or hearing impaired or diabetic.

Deadline for submission is April 1. The application is available here http://www.e-clubhouse.org/userfiles/613/file/scholarship/Lions_Scholarship_Application.pdf

Northern Tier Reservations

April 1

Reservations for the 2012 season begin at 8:00 AM Central Time on Friday, April 1, 2011.

You must phone the base to receive a crew number and tentatively reserve a trip date. You then have three weeks to send in your reservation form and the \$300 per crew reservation fee

(deposit which is applied to your total fee). This deposit is not refundable if you cancel and is not transferable from one crew to another.

After three weeks, the reservation is subject to cancellation.

For more information see the Northern Tier web site at <http://www.ntier.org/index-home.html>



Cub and One Campout

April 8-9

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

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

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

Tulsa Trade-O-Ree

April 8-9

ATTENTION CUBMASTERS, SCOUTMASTERS &

DEN LEADERS! Bring your scouts to the Trade-O-Ree and see displays of **Scouting** memorabilia from years past. 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 250 Scouts/Scouters Attending

Friday 10am till 10pm

Saturday 9am till 3pm

Live Auction 12 Noon Saturday

(Auction Proceeds Benefit OA Lodge)

at

Econo Lodge

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

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Questions? Contact Larry Trook at 918-636-5480 or besonleno@cox.net or Mike Cale at 918-272-3181 or mikecale@cox.net

Operation Clean House

April 16

Spring is almost here and Operation Clean House is your opportunity to properly dispose household chemicals, electronics, and more. On April 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., area sponsors will hold a county-wide recycling event.

For additional information, see the flyer <http://www.cherokeebesa.org/activities/OperationCleanHouse.pdf> or call Washington County Commissioners at 918-337-2820.

This event is sponsored by ChevronPhillips, ConocoPhillips, Wal-Mart, Dinks' BBQ, the City of Bartlesville, Washington County, Keleher Outdoor Advertising, and the Osage Nation.

Winter Merit Badge Festival

This is the biggest Scouting event in the year and it would not be possible without volunteers. A big THANK YOU to all of the merit badge counselors.

David Balli	Ben Loring
Candi Barlow	Robert Luton
Ed Boudreaux	Jason Mantooth
Chris Cook	Pat McCarty
Julie Daniels	Robert Myers
Charlie Daniels	Tom Perrine
Chris Dash	Carl Reichert
Steve Defrees	Michele Robertson
Karri Erfurdt	Henry Robin
Vay Facione	Annabeth Robin
Paul Fuhrmeister	Kenneth Ruggiano
Leanne Gronemeyer	Lydia Snyder
Vernon Guess	Lisa South
Richard Herard	Matt Wagner
Mike Hurd	Ellen Weigant
Wes Hurd	Jerry Wells

Shane James
Lyn Johnson
Terry Lauritsen

Randy Wilkins
Mike Wood
John Wurtz

Tour Plans

Effective March 1, 2011, what are currently known as local and national tour permits has been superseded by what is called the TOUR PLAN. **The online tour permit system has been suspended.**

Units complete the tour plan worksheet when planning for a local, national, or international adventure. The plan helps ensure the unit is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure.

What's different?

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

- Climbing and rappelling
- Orientation flights (process flying plan)
- Shooting sports
- Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)

7) There is an updated Pledge of Performance.

What is not changed?

- 1) The requirements for a tour are the same regardless of whether a tour plan is filed or not.
- 2) Requirements for qualified supervision, training, insurance, etc., remain unchanged-for example, CPR and Wilderness First Aid requirements for high-adventure camps.

Electronic fillable tour plan:

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

FAQs:

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

Procedure for electronic filing of the tour plan:

1. Use the fillable tour plan to provide the information required to be submitted by the plan.
2. E-mail the form for insertion of electronic signatures as required in the tour planning worksheet, and either e-mail it to the Scout Office at registrar@cherokeebasa.org, fax it to the Scout Office at (918) 512-4789, or bring it (or mail it) to the Scout Office at 520 South Quapaw, Bartlesville, OK 74003.
3. Alternately, print the tour plan, get the signatures required, and then submit it per step two (the document can be scanned for electronic submission.)
4. The Scout Office will process the tour plan and either return the tour plan (less the worksheet) electronically, fax, or mail it back to the submitter depending on the submission method used.

(Note that if the form is saved electronically, it can be modified for the next submission if substantial parts of the form would not be changed, i.e. same leaders, same vehicles, etc.)

While in some instances it is not required to file a tour plan with the Scout Office, use of the tour plan is recommended for every tour, as this is the best way to ensure that your leaders are reminded of, and are complying with, the needed safety and health issues for an outing.

When a tour plan is not required, for safety reasons you need to send an e-mail to the council registrar at registrar@cherokeesbsa.org with where the unit is going and a contact number should there be an emergency so we can contact a leader.

If you have any questions, please contact the Scout Office at 918-336-9170 or 888-269-1328

Camp McClintock Update



New ceiling in the Lodge
(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)



Lodge patio enclosed
(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

BSA and the American Radio Relay League



After working together for nearly a century to provide Scouts with the ability to learn radio communication skills, the Boy Scouts of America and the American

Radio Relay League (ARRL)—the national association for amateur radio—have officially teamed up after signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This MOU designates the ARRL as a key resource for the BSA's radio station, K2BSA, and Radio merit badge training at the BSA national Scout jamboree, and establishes the ARRL as the go-to source for Scouts interested in learning about and becoming involved in radio communication.

BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca and ARRL President Kay Craigie launched the alliance today by holding a signing ceremony that took place at separate locations. During the ceremony, Mazzuca and Craigie took the opportunity to talk about the importance of each organization to the ongoing development of the other.

"Throughout the years, going all the way back to the Wireless merit badge in 1918, the ARRL has worked hand-in-hand with Boy Scouts of America to help teach Scouts the skills and joys of radio communication," Mazzuca said. "Today, we are making official a relationship that has been beneficial for both of our organizations for nearly a century."

The BSA, by virtue of its active membership and its outdoor program, represents a significant source of potential new radio operators looking to utilize amateur radio for emergency communications while in the field, as well as for education, experimentation, and friendship. As part of this strategic alliance, the BSA will encourage Scouts and Scouters to become familiar with opportunities for public and community service, learning, and personal growth through involvement in amateur radio.

"We're excited by the opportunity to make official a relationship that has existed informally for many years," Craigie said. "Scouts and Scouters have been some of the strongest proponents and practitioners of radio communication, and we know they will continue to help

foster a love and understanding for the essential nature of radio communication for generations to come.”

The BSA established the strategic alliance with the ARRL because the mission of the ARRL is complementary to the mission and goals of the BSA. Specifically, the ARRL is organized for the establishment of networks to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies; the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare; the fostering of education; the promotion and conduct of research and development; the dissemination of technical, educational, and scientific information relating to electronic communication; the representation of radio amateurs in regulatory matters; and the promotion of fraternalism and high standards of conduct among radio amateurs.

In addition to its national Scout jamboree involvement, the ARRL will continue to promote participation in the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air event. The ARRL will serve as contributing editor to the Radio merit badge pamphlet, and will assist with the review, creation, and modification of requirements as necessary and in the development of course materials, lesson plans, and other resources for teaching the Radio merit badge to Scouts. The ARRL also will contribute to the content of the Electricity, Electronics, Emergency Preparedness, and Communications merit badge pamphlets. To view the video of the signing, please visit www.scouting.org/scoutsource/International/ProgramEnrichment/ARRL.aspx.

About the American Radio Relay League

The ARRL is a noncommercial membership association of radio amateurs, organized for the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation.

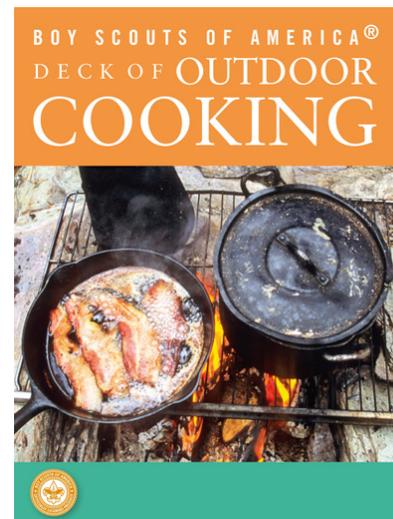
The ARRL is the principal representative of the Amateur Service and Amateur Satellite Services in the United States, and is the Secretariat for the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), the worldwide federation of national amateur radio societies.

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educational, and scientific information relating to electronic communication, the representation of radio amateurs in regulatory matters, and the promotion of fraternalism and high standards of conduct among radio amateurs. It serves its members by protecting and enhancing radio spectrum access and providing a national resource to the public. <http://www.arrl.org>

DK Publishing Introduces New Title

The Boy Scouts of America® *Deck of Outdoor Cooking* is a box of recipes on 34 wipe-clean cards for campers, backpackers, or anyone who wants to make quick, easy, and delicious meals outdoors. Conveniently sized for storage in backpacks, in RVs, or in camping gear, this deck of recipes offers clear instructions and annotated step-by-step photographs for making simple meals using dutch ovens, grilling, or direct heating methods.



Some of the most popular recipes are selected from those published in Boys' Life magazine. This is the 7th deck in the deck of cards series: Stars, Fishing, Trees, Knots, First Aid, and Birds.

This book will be available in May 2011 at the Boy Scouts Boutique on [DK.com](http://us.dk.com) [<http://us.dk.com/static/cs/us/11/boutiques/boyscouts/intro.html>], Scout Stores, <http://scoutstuff.org> and at major book stores

Upcoming Key Dates

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

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

March 4-6 – Spring Camporee

March 10 – GL Roundtable

March 22 – Council Banquet

March 24 – OH District Committee

March 25-27 – Scoutmaster & Outdoor Leader Training

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

April 8-9 – Cub and One Campout

April 15-17 – OA Section Conclave

April 22 – Scout Service Center closed

April 28 – OH District Committee

April 29-May 1 – OA Spring Fellowship

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

May 26 – OH District Committee

May 30 – Scout Service Center closed

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

June 7-10 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp

June 15-17 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp

June 23 – OH District Committee