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# Cherokee Scouter

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## Eagle Scouts

Only 5 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 Scout who has achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- Brian Deal – Troop 32 (First Wesleyan Church basement room improvement)

Cherokee Area Council is proud of this Scouts' achievement.

## Unit Commissioner Training MARCH 9

The White Buffalo District of the Quivira Council (Wichita) will be offering Unit Commissioner Basic Training and District Commissioner/Assistant District Commissioner Basic Training in Wichita on Saturday, March 9th at the annual Training Stampede.

The Unit Commissioner training will be offered starting at 8:00 am and running until about noon. The DC/ADC training will run from 1:00 pm until about 5:00pm.

There is no direct cost for either training. However, the district will be offering a pizza lunch for \$5 over the noon hour (pay at the door).

There is no formal registration for the Training Stampede. However, please call the Quivira Council Commissioner (contact information below) so that adequate space and take home materials can be provided.

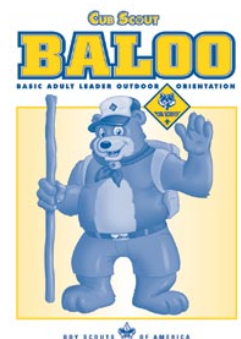
Unit service makes Scouting fun!

Mark Borst  
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## BALOO Training APRIL 6

Grand Lake District has set a venue and date for BALOO training - **April 6th starting at 9:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Grove.**

The afternoon session will be held at Honey Creek State Park



for hands-on instruction, including Dutch oven goodies!

## SM/ASM Leader Specific Training

APRIL 17 AND 18

SCOUT SERVICE CENTER, BARTLESVILLE

6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM BOTH EVENINGS

COST \$10 FOR THE TWO SESSIONS

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



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

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

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

- Have the confidence that being a Scoutmaster is a manageable challenge.
- Understand that they have abundant available resources.
- Know that the structure of the Boy Scouts of America ensures that they are part of a

supportive team working to deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth of America.

- Have a short action plan to apply what they have learned during the three sessions of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training.

Reservations are made by e-mailing [registrar@cherokeebssa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeebssa.org) or calling the office 918-336-9170.

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

## Washita Lodge News

**March 8-9:** OA Ordeal weekend and Council Helpful Day.

This is Washita Lodge's opportunity to give back to the Council. Arrowmen are needed to run work projects, guide our new Brothers through Ordeal and participate in Ceremonies.

If you are interested in Ceremonies please contact Lodge Chief David Castoe [arrowsmantwinkie@gmail.com](mailto:arrowsmantwinkie@gmail.com)

**April 12-13:** Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship. Ready for another fun Fellowship?

Contact David Castoe and let him know what you want to see at Fellowship. Current activities on the agenda are climbing tower, zip line and beading.

We will offer a Brotherhood Ceremony so Ordeal members who qualify come and participate in the New Members class (formerly known as Brotherhood class) to solidify membership in the OA.

**April 26-28:** Order of the Arrow Section Conclave will be held at Camp Orr in Arkansas. We will try to provide as much transportation as possible.

There is a COC meeting at Camp Orr on February 16 to finalize the events and look over locations. Thank you to Peggy Rockey and Bob Sullivan for being advisors from Washita Lodge. I know it will be a memorable event once again. More information to come <http://www.sr-8.org/conclave.html>

## FOS Presentations

Be sure to contact the Scout Office about your next Court of Honor or Blue and gold so a Friends of Scouting presentation can be arranged.

The 11th in the series of the Scout Law council shoulder patch (CSP) has been received and is given for a contribution of \$125 or more to the FOS campaign.



This year's CSP is "Clean" and features a Norman Rockwell illustration of picking up trash. This relates to the Leave No Trace emphasis in BSA.

Be sure to support the Scouting program through the FOS presentations and dinner, as this is a major funding source for our local council. Thanks for all that you do for Scouting.

## Northern Tier Reservations

You may be pleased to learn that this year Northern Tier Canoe Base has gone to an online reservation system instead of a call-in. They are taking reservations for 2014 at this point.

They have Atikokan Fishing or Kayaking only 6 day trips, or canoeing trips from Atikokan, Bissett, or Ely. Go to <http://www.ntier.org/> to find the information on reservations and check out what is required before starting your reservations.

The age requirements are 14 or have completed the 8th grade and be age 13 at the time of the trip. Weight for individuals must be from 100 to 295 pounds.

Adult leadership training requirements include CPR, Wilderness First Aid, Weather Hazards, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and every adult must be youth protection trained.

Maximum crew size is either 8 or 11 depending upon departure point and route. They permit multiple crews, so you can combine for larger groups.

One note is that they will ask for a selection of council, and you should select "Cherokee Area Council 469", NOT "Cherokee Area Council" which is the Tennessee council.

## Eagle Scouts Needed

The NESAs/Alumni Committee of the Cherokee Area Council Executive Board is seeking four Eagle Scout members of NESAs, (2 youth and 2 adult) to serve on this Committee. Among the purposes of this body is to identify Eagle Scouts and Scouting Alumni to reconnect them to the Scouting family, find volunteer jobs for them to do, and to strengthen the role of Eagles in our communities.



Volunteer yourself, or nominate someone.

Contact Rick Bronson at [rickb@groveemail.com](mailto:rickb@groveemail.com)

## Summer Camp Possibilities

It's not too late to still get your unit or Scouts into summer camp. While Cherokee Area Council does not offer a Boy Scout summer camp, there are several camps that units can attend in surrounding councils.

Links are provided below for each of these, so that you can go to their website and see what is offered at the camp. Most of these still have openings if you are flexible on your summer camp timing.



You can also go to a roundtable and check with other leaders to find out where they have gone and how they liked each of the camps. Some of the units rotate between different camps each year to give their Scouts a different selection of activities and merit badges, while others pick a favorite and return there each year.

Contact information for each of the councils is found on their website.

### **Cimarron Council (north central Oklahoma)**

Camp Will Rogers (4.5 miles west of Cleveland, OK)

[www.cimarronbsa.org](http://www.cimarronbsa.org)

3 weeks of camp in June

### **Indian Nations Council (eastern Oklahoma)**

Camp Tom Hale (10 miles east of Talihina, OK)

[www.okscouts.org](http://www.okscouts.org)

9 weeks of camp in June, July, and August

### **Jayhawk Council (eastern Kansas)**

Camp Jayhawk (25 miles northeast of Topeka, KS)

[www.jayhawkcouncil.org](http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org)

4 weeks of camp in June and July

### **Last Frontier Council (central and southwestern Oklahoma)**

Slippery Falls Scout Ranch (5 miles northwest of Tishomingo, OK)

[www.lastfrontiercouncil.org](http://www.lastfrontiercouncil.org)

7 weeks of camp in June and July

### **Ozark Trails Council (Missouri)**

Camp Arrowhead (about 25 east of Springfield, MO)

[www.ozarktrailsbsa.org](http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org)

4 weeks of camp in June and July

3 day Venture camp in July

### **Quivira Council (Kansas)**

Quivira Scout Ranch (about 9 miles northeast of Sedan, KS)

[www.Quivira.org](http://www.Quivira.org)

5 weeks of camp in June and July

### **Westark Council (Arkansas)**

Camp Orr (about 8 miles west of Jasper, AR)

[www.westarkbsa.org](http://www.westarkbsa.org)

4 weeks of camp in June (last week LDS week)

## **Wood Badge Beading**

Members of the Bobwhite Patrol from course S8-469-11 recently received their Wood Badge beads after having complete the coursework and tickets.



The Bobwhite Patrol includes Vay Facione, Robert Kanke, Carl Reichert, Sean Urban, and Randy Wells. Congratulations!

## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Scouting Golf Tournament**

**JUNE 7**

Sponsorship Levels

Scoreboard: \$1,000 - 1 team + name on scoreboard

Premium: \$500 – hole sign + 1 team

Beverage: \$500

Team: \$400

Hole Sign: \$200

For more information, contact the Scout Service Center at 918-336-9170



## **Game Design merit badge**

Game Design merit badge teaches Scouts how to create, test, and refine a game from one of four categories.

It's the BSA's **131st current merit badge** and it's likely a one-size-fits-all badge—appropriate for super-athletic Scouts as well as those who are less so. And perfect for the right-brainers and the left-brainers.

March 6<sup>th</sup> is the official release date, but the merit badge pamphlets are still being printed and shipped. So, they won't arrive in Scout Shops until later this month.

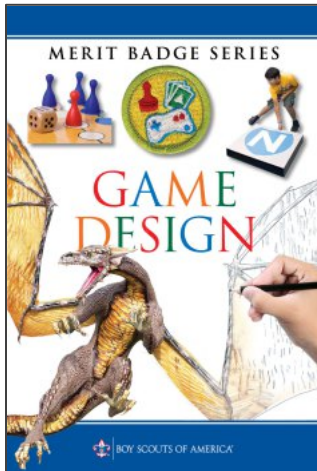
Most of the work revolves around creating an actual game in one of these four categories:

**Electronic** (games for computers, game systems, or mobile devices)

**Outdoor/Athletic** (sports or games like capture the flag)

**Tabletop** (dice-based games, board games, card games)

**Pen and Paper or Role-Playing Games**



Find a full list of the requirements here

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/03/06/game-design/>

## Are You Tougher than a Boy Scout?

For a recap of the first episode of this series which airs on the National Geographic channel, check out the *Scouting Magazine* blog “Bryan on Scouting”

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/03/04/tougher-e01/>



The six episode series continues every Monday night until the season finale on April 8. Shows air on the National Geographic Channel at 8 p.m. Eastern (7 p.m. Central)

## Advancement News

*Advancement News* is the official e-letter of the Boy Scouts of America national Advancement Team and the national Advancement Committee. Its intent is to support and clarify procedures found in the Guide to Advancement, announce various changes and updates in advancement, and to assist advancement committees in making decisions that can help increase the rate of advancement.

**Who should read *Advancement News*?** Advancement News is designed for council and district advancement chairs and their committees, unit advancement

coordinators, advancement staff advisors, and Eagle processors. However, *any Scouting volunteers or professionals* who may find the *News* helpful are encouraged to subscribe. Districts and councils are welcome to reprint articles from this publication.

### What will you find in *Advancement News*?

- **Merit Badges**—Enhancing Our Youths’ Competitive Edge: Effective use of merit badges in the Boy Scout program is explored, as well as reviews and information on the releases of new merit badges and revisions.
- **Eagle Issues:** Topics covered include highlights from the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook as well as hints to avoid issues that might hinder smooth travel to the rank of Eagle Scout.
- **The Cub Scout Angle:** Cub Scout advancement topics are explored to help units provide a quality advancement program that will help increase retention.
- **Guide to Advancement:** Each month one or two topics from this publication are highlighted for clarification and understanding. The 2013 edition will be released this summer, so be “on board” to hear about the latest updates.
- **On Increasing Advancement:** Recommendations for volunteers at all levels highlighting tactics and techniques to increase the opportunities and support for youth advancement.
- **What Do You Think?** Let your voice be heard! Regular surveys encourage volunteers to share their opinions and thoughts on advancement topics.
- **From the Field:** This is your opportunity to share success stories or inspirational moments from your advancement experiences.
- And much, much more.

To subscribe: Send a message to [advancement.team@scouting.org](mailto:advancement.team@scouting.org) with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. Indicate your name, email address, and council in the message text.

Archived copies are available at [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement/Advancement\\_News.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement/Advancement_News.aspx).

Feedback, suggestions, and letters to the editor are welcome at [advancement.team@scouting.org](mailto:advancement.team@scouting.org).

## Philmont Training Center 2013

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### Advancement Issues and Solutions June 16–22, 2013

If you are an experienced volunteer advancement administrator, consider taking your game to the next level this June at the Philmont Advancement Issues and Solutions conference. Offered for the first time, this new case study–based conference is designed for unit, district, and council advancement coordinators, chairs, committee members, and staff advisors. If that’s you, start making plans now to take advantage of this opportunity to share ideas with other committed advancement administrators at Scouting’s premier destination.



Conference participants will not only learn about the latest updates on advancement issues, but more important, they will analyze, discuss, and solve case studies similar to those regularly dealt with by the national Advancement Team and Committee and the national Eagle Issues Task Force, which considers appeals and extensions of time to earn the Eagle Scout rank. The result will be a better understanding of the effective use of the Guide to Advancement and also the confidence to handle difficult issues at the council level.

### Mechanics of Advancement Aug. 4–10, 2013

The Philmont Training Center will host the 2013 Mechanics of Advancement conference for unit, district, and council volunteers and professionals Aug. 4–10, 2013. The revised 2013 editions of the Guide to Advancement and the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook will be featured and covered in detail.



This course is a must for new advancement administrators or those just in need of a refresher on advancement procedures. Conference attendees will gain an in-depth understanding of the essentials of advancement and an appreciation for the rationale behind its governing policies and procedures. Group discussions will focus on effective ways to resolve the related issues and challenges that arise. Presentations will come from members of the national Advancement Committee and its advisory panel.

## BSA Adopt-a-School

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The BSA® Adopt-a-School Program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect Scout packs, troops and crews across the country with schools in their communities. Participating Scouts then work, within clearly defined guidelines, to partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that most efficiently meet their school’s needs. With each unit offering their school a minimum one-year commitment, meaningful community relationships are built and significant changes will happen in the schools.



The hope at the heart of Adopt-a-School is to build strong, sustaining relationships with these schools creating thousands of lasting community partnerships across the U.S. Through committed volunteer efforts – from landscaping and clean-up outside the school building to Scouts’ active participation in school events

throughout the year – the BSA® will become a defined presence in improving our nation’s schools.

There are resources available to promote the BSA Adopt-A-School program.

[http://www.bsadoptaschool.org/?page\\_id=419](http://www.bsadoptaschool.org/?page_id=419) There is also a growing list of volunteer ideas here

[http://www.bsadoptaschool.org/?page\\_id=17](http://www.bsadoptaschool.org/?page_id=17)

Participating units would pledge to complete four service projects a year (one each quarter) at the unit’s adopted school. The hours contributed to the service project should be recorded and will count towards JTE service hours. After each completed project has been recorded, Scouts will receive a rocker patch in recognition of their participation and accomplishments

For more information see the BSA Adopt-A-School web site <http://www.bsadoptaschool.org/>

## **National Summertime Pack Award**

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**Overview:** To encourage a pack to be active when school is out for the summer, by doing one activity per month in June, July, and August.

**Who Can Earn This Award?** Youth and adult pack members who take part in all three events.

**How To Get the Award:** Return completed form to council office

Recognition items include a pin to be worn on the right pocket flap of the Scout uniform, a streamer for the Pack flag, and a den participating ribbon for dens with 50 percent or more of their youth members at three summertime activities.

The award application is available here

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf>

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- Mar. 2 – Membership Summit, Scout Service Center
- Mar. 7 – OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 8-9 – OA Ordeal and Helpful Day
- Mar. 12 – Council Banquet
- Mar. 14 – OH District Eagle Boards of Review
- Mar. 14 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 16-17 – Climbing Tower Instructor Training
- Mar. 23 – OH District Pinewood Derby
- Mar. 29 – Scout Office closed for Good Friday
- Apr. 4 – OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 5-6 – Outdoor Leader Training
- Apr. 6 – NRA Range Safety Officer Training
- Apr. 6 – BALOO Training, FUMC Grove
- Apr. 6 – GL Pinewood Derby
- Apr. 11 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 11 – OH District Eagle Boards of Review
- Apr. 12-13 – OA Spring Fellowship
- Apr. 17-18 – SM/ASM Leader Specific Training
- Apr. 19-20 – Cub & One Campout
- Apr. 26-28 – OA Section Conclave
- May 3-5 – Council Camporee
- May 11 – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge
- May 18 – NRA Range Safety Officer Training
- June 4-7 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp
- June 7 – Council Golf Tournament
- June 12-14 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp
- June 28-30 – First Class Weekend
- July 15-24 – National Jamboree
- July 20 – Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge
- July 26 – Drillers under the Stars