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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 Scout who has recently achieved Eagle rank:

- ▶ Tim Snow – Troop 2000

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

Kiwanis Fishing Derby May 7

The Kiwanis Free 60th Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 7th at Jo Allyn Lowe Park in Bartlesville.

The event – which is open to children ages 3 through 12 with an adult chaperone – is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to Noon.

The fishing derby will feature prizes provided by Yamamoto Custom Baits. It will offer soda, other prizes and plenty of fun!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Rescheduled May 13-14

The training session, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, has been rescheduled for Friday evening May 13, and Saturday May 14.

This course will be held at Camp McClintock. It is a required course for any Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, and for Venturing Crew (Outdoor only)



Advisors, Assistant Advisors, and Crew Committee members.

Scouters need to take advantage of this course offering, as this is not included in the many courses now offered online by BSA. Also, being trained in your

Scouting position is a pre-requisite for Wood Badge training which happens this Fall. Tour plans note that the leaders must have the needed training as well.

Check-in is from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Friday, and the course will be completed by 9 pm Saturday.

The cost for this course is \$15 per person. Contact the Scout office by May 11th to register.

Scouting Golf Tournament June 3

The 22nd Annual Scouting Golf Tournament will be held at Adams Golf Course on June 3, 2011. Proceeds from this event will be used to help fund the Scouting program in a six county area in Northwestern Oklahoma.



The Support through the golf tournament will allow the Council to continue to provide services to the youth in our area.

This year's tournament format will include a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. and a 4-person scramble. The entry fee is \$100 per player includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and prizes. Hole in one prizes are courtesy of Oakley Chevrolet & Buick. Closest to the Pin prizes are courtesy of McCoy Jewelers.

More information is available on the Council's web site at <http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-Golf-Tournament.pdf>

What a great opportunity – get to play golf, have fellowship with our friends, enjoy a good lunch, and contribute to an organization that is serving our community to the fullest.

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:

Participant registration:

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

Staff application:

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.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.cherokeesbsa.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-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.cherokeebbsa.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.

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.cherokeebbsa.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.

Summer Camp Opportunities

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

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.

Units may go to the Council web site for a [list of Summer Camp opportunities](#) (Camping -> Summer Camp). Links are provided for summer camps in area councils so that you can go to the summer camp web sites 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.

Resident summer camp is an important part of the Scouting program and units are encouraged to take advantage of one of these programs. Staff positions are available for interested older Scouts.

Endowment Corner IRA Charitable Rollover Option Extended Through 2011

The compromise Tax bill passed in the final days of 2010 ("Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Authorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010") extends until December 31, 2011, a provision known as the "Charitable IRA Rollover" which allows taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to make tax-free transfers (of up to \$100,000 per year) directly from their IRA to charities.

The law, originally enacted in 2006, expired at the end of 2009, but has now been renewed for gifts for calendar year 2010 through December 31, 2011.

You can make distributions directly to one or more charities from your traditional or Roth IRA, as long as

you are at least 70 1/2 years old when you transfer the gifts. Such gifts can be made without increasing your taxable income or withholding. Additionally, funds transferred from your IRA to a charity will NOT subject your Social Security income to higher tax levels, and will count toward your minimum required distribution (MRD).

Example: Jack has \$500,000 in an IRA and would like to contribute \$25,000 to the BSA Cherokee Area Council #469 in 2011. Upon hearing of the recently renewed Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, Jack directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2011 directly to the BSA Cherokee Area Council #469 as his 2011 gift. He will not be subject to tax on the \$25,000 distributed to the BSA Cherokee Area Council #469. (But neither will Jack deduct this amount because he won't include it in his taxable income in the first place.)

Giving from an IRA rather than other assets may be especially appropriate if:

- You use the standard deduction rather than itemizing you deductions, OR
- You don't need all of the minimum distribution you're required to take from you IRA, OR
- You plan to leave money to charity from your IRA at death anyway, OR
- You would not be able to deduct all your charitable contributions because of deduction limitations.

Certain limitations apply to these non-taxable charitable distributions from an IRA:

- The gifts can only be made during 2011
- You must be at least 70 1/2 years of age when the gift is transferred.
- Total gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per year, per IRA owner or beneficiary. (Husband and wife with separate IRAs could give up to \$200,000 per year.)
- Gifts must be made directly from you IRA to a public charity and cannot be made to a private foundation, a supporting organization or a donor advised fund.

- The gifts must be outright. For instance, they cannot be used to establish a charitable gift annuity or fund a charitable remainder trust.

If you would like more information about this or other ways to make a charitable gift from an IRA, 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.

2012 Free Advancements (Pending board approval)

Units will need to ensure that they meet the requirements for advancements in two different areas: the first is for free rank patches, and the second is for free rank patches plus free merit badges, and a 50% discount on the Eagle Scout Presentation kit*. In the requirements noted below, the new additions are underlined to note what has been updated in the requirements.

To support the requirement concerning training, Boy Scout leader training is the focus of the adult leader training sessions at the Merit Badge Festival on February 28th. Cub Leaders can come and participate in the training sessions that will help them for leader qualification such as youth protection and BALOO. Please check with the Scout Office if you have any questions concerning this change of policy for free advancements.

Achieve the following and your unit will receive free rank patches (does not include Eagle kit*):

- Unit participation in the 2011 Friends of Scouting Campaign
- Participation in Popcorn Sales with minimum sales totaling of \$100 times number of youth members at last recharter [example: unit with 6 registered youth members x \$100 = \$600 minimum sales]

- Submit a clean and transmittable charter renewal by December 16, 2011
- Achieve Silver or Gold Level for unit on Journey to Excellence in 2011

To receive Free Merit Badges and 50% Cost of Eagle Kit unit* will need to qualify for free rank patches (see requirements above) and achieve the following during 2011:

- Have unit adult leader representation at 70% of all roundtables
- Send at least one leader to Wood Badge Training (if applicable)
- Unit achievement of the National Camping Award (troops only)
- Have Unit Leader and Committee Chair fully trained and all leaders youth protection trained.

Tracking: The Scout Shop will maintain a list of units eligible for free rank patches, merit badges and 50% cost of Eagle Rank Presentation Kit*

Appeal Process: Unit leaders are encouraged to follow the below listing (in ascending order) to resolve any discrepancy with the master list. 1) District Executive 2) District Advancement Chair 3) District Key 3 4) Council Key 3

*The Eagle Kit consists of: Presentation case, Eagle rank patch, Eagle rank ribbon for pocket, Mother's Eagle pin, Father's tie tack, Eagle Mentor pin

Training

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

Probably one of the best things to help deliver the Scouting program in your unit is to have trained leaders. The council training chair, Donna Copeland, is sending a letter to everyone in the council who is not trained for their position, detailing what is needed to complete the position training. The letter notes how people can get trained, which in most cases is much simpler today with the online training that is available on MyScouting.

Units will find that training is an important part of their Journey to Excellence, which replaced the Quality Unit program this year.

Achieving a certain level of training is also important for units to be able to receive free advancements.

If you are wondering about your training, the back of the BSA application form (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>) notes what is required for each position.

Also, by looking online in the BSA training center (<http://olc.scouting.org/>), you can see what courses you have recorded in the system. In some cases, you may have taken the training offline, and this didn't get recorded, so if that's the case, just let the Scout Office know that you took the course, and give them the approximate date if you have that. Once you have completed the training for your position, then you can wear the trained patch on your uniform, which helps to encourage others to complete their training as well.

Tour Plans

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

Effective March 1, 2011, what are currently known as local and national tour permits will be superseded by what will be called the tour plan. Units complete this form 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) When a tour plan is not required for an outing, an e-mail is to be sent to the Scout Office when the event is a unit event and: (a) the parents are not providing transportation for their Scouts, or (b) the event is out of town, or (c) the event is overnight. Examples of items which would not typically require a tour plan or e-mail are a troop meeting, local Eagle project, or meeting at local museum or business.

8) 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/scoutsourc/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 work sheet, and either e-mail it to the Scout Office at registrar@cherokeesbsa.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 the leaders comply 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 with where the unit is going and a contact number should there be an emergency so we can contact a leader.

Journey to Excellence Dash Board for Unit Commissioners

By Randy Stayton, Council Commissioner

The Dash Board is now up and running. Log in to www.myscouting.org using your User Name and Password. Then look at the side bar on the left. mid-way down is **Journey to Excellence**. Click on it and you will be taken to the Dash Board for your Council.

Now, it is up to Unit Commissioners to make it work to provide better service to units and the youth we serve.

The quality of what you see is determined by 2 things:

1. The effort expended to fill out the metrics listed.

2. The input by Council staff to populate the various components of the Dash Board.

Volunteers and members of the Executive Committee have never before been able to see such a wide range of measures regarding the operating status of a Council. The JTE success measures are shown in the small dot in the upper right corner of each square, gray for basically no credit, bronze, silver and ultimately gold. At the top is the composite score and the current ranking with a larger dot.

Commissioner Service is particularly important in JTE with both the UVTS reports being shown and the coverage of the units by Primary Registration Commissioners. Being an Assistant Cub Master as Primary and a UC as secondary does not work. Commissioner Service must be primary, both in terms of registration as well as in time spent as a volunteer.

Unit Commissioners can really see how the Council is doing and work with the staff, other members of the Executive Committee and your Commissioner Corps to move the Scouting Movement to an entirely new level of success. It is up to you to make a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

New Journey to Excellence Tools for Packs, Troops, Crews, Districts

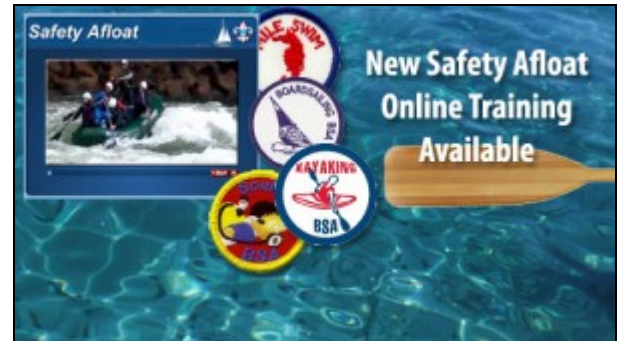


Pack, troop, crew, and district spreadsheets have been developed to help these units keep track of their Journey to Excellence accomplishments. Spreadsheets for teams and ships will be coming shortly.

To access the spreadsheets, visit the [Journey to Excellence site](#) at

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

New Safety Afloat Training Available Online



A newly revised Safety Afloat (<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/Aquatics/safety-afloat.aspx>) online training program is now live on [MyScouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) in English. A Spanish version will be available soon. Any unit participating in an on-the-water boating activity must be supervised by at least one adult currently trained in Safety Afloat.

Any adult or older youth who takes the training may print a card that is valid for two years. Registered adults who establish a MyScouting account with their member ID will have their training record updated automatically. They also may print the card at the conclusion of the online training and take it to the council office for posting to their training record. Please note that anyone may establish a MyScouting account without a member ID and take Safety Afloat and other BSA training modules.

In the next couple of months, a DVD will be available in English and Spanish for local trainers to use during face-to-face training sessions. Councils and districts are encouraged to provide this training at least annually through roundtables, special training sessions, and at resident camp during the summer. Once the DVD is available, details of the catalog number will be made available to allow units, districts, and councils to order from the Supply Group, through local council Scout shops, and at www.scoutstuff.org.

New Social Media Guidelines Align With Youth Protection Efforts



BSA recently released a set of social media guidelines (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Resources/SocialMedia.aspx>) for Scouts and Scouting's adult leaders on how to safely use online social tools. These guidelines are part of the BSA's continuing efforts to enhance and expand its youth protection procedures.

Troop Meeting Programs Needed?

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

Are you wondering what to do in the troop meetings? Have trouble keeping the Scouts focused on Scouting? Then you might benefit from the [BSA Troop Program Features](#) (Volumes 1 through 3) which gives detailed plans for troop meetings for 36 different program areas.

This planning is complete from meeting opening to closing. It gives generally a four week plan for each of the topics, so you have almost 150 meeting plans suggested to choose from.

A companion volume that would be very worthwhile is the [Troop Program Resources](#) manual which has Scoutmaster's minutes, games, ceremonies, interfaith worship services, glossary of Scouting terms, quotes from Baden-Powell, information about the BSA founders, forms, and clip art (yes, it comes with a computer disk.) This is not intended just for new troops, but can easily be used by troops which people are looking for things to spice up their troop meetings.

Troop Program Features vol. 1-3 -

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/Troop%20Program%20Features%20Vol,-d-%20I%20-%20III.aspx>

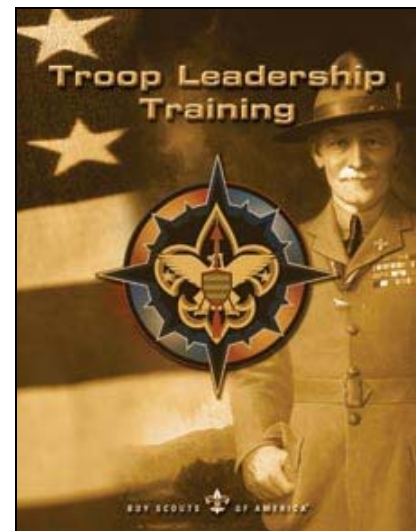
Troop Program Resources -

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/Troop%20Program%20Resources.aspx>

Troop Position Training

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

When your troop changes leadership positions, it is a great time to do training for their new positions. BSA has a \$7 manual that provides a syllabus for any adult leader to conduct the position training in your troop. It also comes with a set of cards for each position that can be given to the Scouts containing the duties of the office, and a place for them to note what their focus is in the position.



This is a good aid to any troop, and when you have used it a few times, the Scout Shop (in Bartlesville or online) sells the replacement sets of cards as well. Each position has several cards, so the original book will last for a while.

Training of the youth about their responsibilities in their positions is an important part of the Scouting program, and this is a super aid to the troop for accomplishing this goal.

Troop Leadership Training No. 34306A

English-Lenape Dictionary

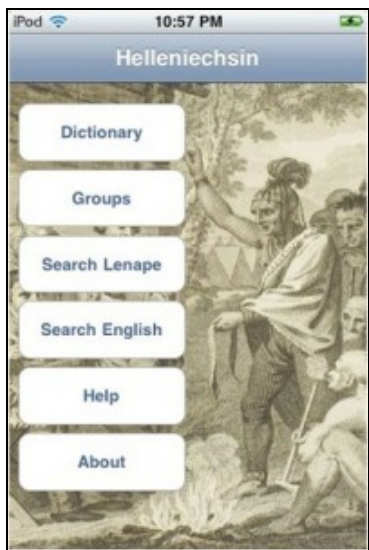
For the iPhone, iPad or iPod
touch

(Reprinted from Scouting News)

[Helleniechsin](#) is an English-Lenape Dictionary of the Lenni Lenape (Delaware Indian) language as spoken by the Moravian Missionaries in the 18th Century for your iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch. Version 1.0 is currently available in the [App Store](#).

The Helleniechsin App features:

- An alphabetically indexed dictionary of Lenni Lenape words.
- Browse words by groups, or as the app calls it "groups". (ex: trees)
- Search by Lenni Lenape word.
- Search by English word.
- Help section which contains background information, pronunciation guide, grammar guide, and technical help in using the application.



You can find additional information and more screenshots on the [Helleniechsin App page in the App Store](#) or on the [developer's website](#).

Overall, the [Heleniechsin app](#) looks like a great resource for the Scouting and Order of the Arrow community! The developer of Helleniechsen is a long-term Scouter and an Order of the Arrow Vigil member. You can see the

other Scouting related applications he has developed at <http://www.scoutapps.net/>

Capital Campaign Results

By Bill Alexander, Chris Cook, and Dale Copeland

Thanks to the many generous people and foundations that have contributed to our council capital campaign, we are well underway with several of the projects. One of the biggest projects, the roof replacement on the dining hall, is completed. The porch on the east side of the dining hall has become a part of the building and has been rocked, plus a new porch (to match the existing one on the other side) has been added. The septic system for the dining hall has been repaired and reactivated. A new, large capacity exhaust fan has been installed to improve air flow and comfort. These changes enlarge the program areas, improve the kitchen functions and make the whole area more flexible for activities, not to mention being more energy efficient.

The Cub Cabin area is getting an environmentally friendly "E-Loo" twin toilet system so that people won't have to make the hike down the hill (especially at night) to get to any facilities. Not only will this new toilet facility have lighting at night, but a sink for washing will be provided on the porch on the front. This change will make the Cub Cabin much more usable for activities and unit camping.

The new shooting sports area (the old C.O.P.E. area for those who've been around a while) has had a service access road built into the area and the concrete 20x60 pad is in place with the pavilion cover soon to be added. Future plans call for an enclosed berm allowing high powered shooting sports. This will open up another excellent program and camping area at camp.

Planning and design work for crossings at camp to allow better access to the west side of Sand Creek are moving forward too. When completed, almost half of our total camp property will become easily accessible and camping areas that have been used by Scouts since the 1930's will once again be available for a great Osage back country flavor campout.

And at the Scout Service Center changes are occurring also. The vacant lot just north of the Scout Service Center has been purchased for overflow parking. A bid is being prepared for display cabinets and storage in the museum room at the Scout Service Center. New parking

lot lighting has been added to the rear of the building with plans for similar lighting to be added to the front.

If you haven't had a chance to visit Camp McClintock lately it would be a pleasant afternoon mini-trip to see all the changes and improvements. These are exciting times in the Cherokee Area Council.

Updated 2011/2012 Planning Calendar

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

A new 2011/2012 planning calendar for the council has been posted on the web site and is available in the Scout Service Center. This has several date changes on it, and it details what changed or is changing at the bottom of the schedule page that shows all of the events in chronological order.

The Fall Camporee date changed and some things were removed from the calendar and others are still being scheduled at this time.

Please use this in your planning for the coming year.

Eagle Recognition and Council Banquet

Council President Charlie Daniels welcomed over 150 people gathered from Craig, Delaware, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, and Washington counties for the annual Eagle Recognition and Council Banquet.

Miami's Troop 50 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath to begin the event. Daniels presented President's awards to: Ray Peaster for his work as Jamboree Assistant Scoutmaster, council photographer, and district commissioner; Doug Quinn for being the council board VP of special needs and starting Troop 8 at the Salvation Army; Randy Weatherly for his work as council Membership VP, capital campaign bridge consulting work, and museum committee; and Frank Reeves, Ben Robin, and Scott Robin for their efforts to host the BSA Centennial Order of the Arrow Section Conclave in Pawhuska with over 500 Scouts in attendance.

Daniels then made the Phil R. Phillips award presentation which is presented when some significant effort for support of the youth is being recognized by the

council. Pawhuska Troop 43 Scoutmaster Bruce Hendren received the award for support of the Order of the Arrow, serving as Scoutmaster for over twenty years, and working with ten youth in his troop to raise over \$23,000 to achieve what seemed to be an impossible dream of attending the BSA 100th Anniversary Centennial Jamboree.

During the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts in the U.S., each council was allowed to choose one volunteer to honor by recording their name in Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership at National. This one time Centennial award was presented to Bill Alexander for the extraordinary difference he has made in the lives of others through his leadership.



L. to R: Carol Whitebook, Dan Childers, Charlie Daniels
(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Daniels made a special Lifesaving Award presentation to Vinita Troop 66 leader Dan Childers. Childers saved the life of a boater on Grand Lake whose boat caught on fire. Dan entered the boat and extinguished the flames, towed the boat to the dock, and helped ensure that the boater was treated for his burns.



L to R: Sandy Gardner, Carol Whitebook, Charlie Daniels

(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Jay, OK Troop 77 Scoutmaster Edward “Sandy” Gardner was awarded a Silver Beaver, the highest council award. After becoming an Eagle Scout, he started Pack 77 in Jay and served as Cubmaster. He then moved onto becoming Scoutmaster for Troop 77. He has been the chair for the Cub Scout Day Camp and the Fun-O-Ree. He also serves as a volunteer fire fighter, and has a son, Gage, in Troop 77.



L to R: Tom Perrine, Carol Whitebook, Charlie Daniels

(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Tom Perrine was awarded a Silver Beaver for his outstanding work in Scouting. He has been a leader in Bartlesville Troop 3 and Troop 2000, been the Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, served on the council executive board and chaired the 2010 Scouting for Food drive. He is involved in many community organizations such as Casa Hispana, Academic Interest Mentoring Society, and Green Country Manufacturers Board. He is

an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church and has two Eagle Scout sons, Samuel and Andrew.

Former Council President Charlie Bowerman made the council Eagle Honoree award presentation. This award is presented to someone who isn’t necessarily a Scouting volunteer but lives out the qualities found in the Scout Oath and Law. Bob Pomeroy was this year’s honoree. He chaired the Scout Golf Tournament for over twenty years, is on the council executive board, Bartlesville Community Foundation, Samaritan Counseling and Growth Center, Hillcrest Country Club and has served as Vice Chair for the Bartlesville Sports Commission.



(Photo courtesy of Ray Peaster)

Grand Lake District Advancement Chairman Dennis Patrick recognized this year’s class of Eagles. Each noted how their project had benefited a “not for profit” group. The Eagle Scouts spent more than 4,500 total service hours to accomplish their individual Eagle service projects. They received a special Eagle Scout Council Shoulder Patch for their uniform, and were part of the 2010-2011 Eagle class picture.

Council Executive Carol Whitebook closed the banquet with thanks to all of the volunteers in the council for making the Scouting program possible. Individuals given special recognition were outgoing Council President, Chris Cook and past Council Commissioner, Donna Copeland who gave exemplary service to the council from 2007 – 2010.

North Star Award: A Silver Beaver for non-Scouters



The Silver Beaver Award has a new cousin.

Last month, the BSA's National Court of Honor announced the addition of the North Star Award, an honor similar in prestige to the Silver Beaver Award.

The main difference? It's only available to non-Scouters.

The North Star Award is a way for councils, areas, regions, and the national council to "recognize individuals for significant contributions."

This could include, for example, someone who contributes land, a certified public accountant who has served the council for years, or someone honored in the Distinguished Citizen Awards program.

Councils, areas, or regions submit [this form](#) to the Boy Scouts national office in Irving, Tex., to begin the nomination process.

To recap, there are now four national-level awards of this type:

- Silver Beaver: Council-level distinguished service to youth
- Silver Antelope: Regional-level distinguished service to youth
- Silver Buffalo: National-level distinguished service to youth

- North Star Award: Distinguished service to youth by a non-Scouter

Space Camp for Adults June 25-July 2

The Kansas Cosmophere and Space Center is offering a new camp this year that's open to adults, as well as those who have completed earlier levels of camps. "Space 501" is slated for June 26-July 2, and will tour multiple space facilities in California.

Space 501 will take you on an unforgettable journey to see the cutting edge of space exploration technology for the future while you soak up the history of what has come before. You'll travel to California and tour Space X, Jet Propulsion Laboratories, Edwards Air Force Base, Dryden Spaceflight Center, Columbia Memorial Space Center and the aircraft carrier USS Midway.

Special accommodations are being made for the group at various places, including a behind-the-scenes tour at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories. Interplanetary Engineers at Dryden will take time for some special activities with the group, and at Columbia you'll lunch with some retired engineers who helped create technology we still marvel at today. Be where the future is being created.

The tour was designed to give you a taste of the history of the space program, the technology putting us into orbit today, and the possibilities for tomorrow.

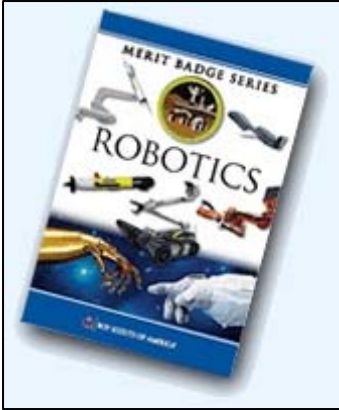
Cost of this once-in-a-lifetime trip is only \$1950 per person, based on double occupancy. That price includes travel and food.

More information is available at www.cosmo.org or by calling Laurie Givan at 620-662-2305, ext. 323.

BSA introduces Robotics merit badge

When people think of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), they envision activities like camping, knot-tying, and canoeing, but soon, they'll need to add robot-building to that list. Scouts in 2011, through the introduction of the Robotics merit badge, now have the opportunity to design, build, and demonstrate a robot of their own creation.

The Robotics merit badge is part of the BSA's new curriculum emphasis on STEM: science, technology, engineering, and math. The BSA focus on STEM takes a fun, adventurous approach to helping Scouts develop critical skills that are relevant and needed in today's competitive world. The new merit badge is one of 31 STEM-related merit badges that Scouts can earn.



"The Robotics merit badge is an example of how Scouting remains true to its roots to help young people be prepared," said BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. "While the guiding principles of Scouting—service to others, leadership,

personal achievement, and respect for the outdoors—will never change, we continue to adapt programs to prepare young people for success in all areas of life."

This merit badge involved approximately 14 months of development and input from more than 150 youth members, leaders, and industry professionals from across the nation. Earning the Robotics merit badge requires a Scout to understand how robots move (actuators), how they sense the environment (sensors), and how they understand what to do (programming). Scouts will spend approximately 14 hours meeting the requirements of this merit badge, including that they design a robot and demonstrate how it works. The BSA anticipates more than 10,000 Robotics merit badges will be earned in its first year.

The BSA developed the Robotics merit badge because of the wide-reaching impact of robotics and the role STEM will continue to play in young people's lives moving forward. Robots are used in almost every field—in medicine and manufacturing, law enforcement and search and rescue, and space and underwater exploration. They appear



regularly in daily life, be it vacuuming, mowing the lawn, and/or cleaning the pool. Even some video game controllers are considered robots.

To earn the Robotics merit badge, Scouts must (example only):

- Explain and discuss hazards and safety prevention
- Explain how robots are used today
- Discuss three of the five major fields of robotics (human-robot interface, mobility, manipulation, programming, sensors)
- Design, build, program, and test their robot
- Demonstrate the robot, and share the engineering notebook for that robot
- Attend a robotics competition or do research on robotics competitions
- Discuss career opportunities in robotics (Must include information on the education, training, and experience required.)

A full list of the requirements is available at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-ROBO.aspx>.

The Robotics merit badge will be the first merit badge in the BSA interactive merit badge resource center at www.boyslife.org/robotics.

Organizations that assisted in the creation and launch of the Robotics merit badge include:

- AUVSI Foundation
- Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy
- Carnegie Science Center, Roboworld
- iRobot Corporation
- LEGO® Education North America
- Museum of Science, Boston
- NASA
- National Electronics Museum
- National Robotics Week
- Robotics Education and Competition Foundation

- University of Texas-Dallas, Science and Engineering Education Center
- VEX Robotics, Inc

NASA, which allowed its Mars rover to be depicted on the badge, also agreed to take 100 patches into space on the Endeavour shuttle mission. Those badges will be distributed through an online contest.

Introducing 3 New "Trail to the Campfire" Coins

First 6 in the Series Available Now!

We're proud to introduce the next three silver coins in the exclusive "Trail to the Campfire" series: "Friendly", "Courteous", and "Kind". Added to the first three-coin offering already available ("Trustworthy", "Loyal", and "Helpful"), half of this limited-edition, 12-piece coin series can be yours now!

The theme of this collection reflects the tradition and meaning inherent in the "Trail to the Campfire" ceremony. At the end of camp week, Scouts march quietly to the campfire bowl for closing ceremonies. Along the path are 12 signs, each heralding one Point of the Scout Law with a Scout reverently standing-guard nearby.



This poignant "sign" concept has been incorporated into the custom art featured on each of the 12 coins in this exclusive series. Minted by the renowned artisans at Northwest Territorial Mint, each 1½" diameter coin contains one Troy ounce of .999 fine silver and is die-stamped to highlight one of the 12 Points of the Scout Law.

Coin's front features "signpost art" highlighting one of the 12 Points; art is encompassed by an outside ring with "A Scout is" inscription at top and "Boy Scouts of America" at bottom. The reverse features a ghosted etch of a fleur-de-lis behind the best description of the Scout Law - "Words to Live By". Perimeter of coin on reverse side is inscribed with all 12 Points of the Scout Law. Each coin is packaged in a protective acrylic capsule and placed in a leatherette gift box.

As a collection, this coin series represents a comprehensive and essential tribute to the tradition of Scouting. When given individually, these coins speak volumes through the simple meaning of a single word. For example, a council might want to present the KIND coin to someone who supported a specific activity... a chartered partner might be presented the REVERENT coin as a thank-you for their support... volunteers might receive the HELPFUL coin in appreciation for their service... or a Scout who stood guard at the LOYAL sign this year would surely want this coin to commemorate his experience.

Coins have been minted in limited quantities and will be available while supplies last. Heirloom-quality coins are priced at \$69.99 each and will be released in the order of the Scout Law, with three new designs introduced each quarter throughout 2011, so be sure to check ScoutStuff.org regularly for series updates.

Be among the first to start your collection or create this priceless Scouting keepsake for someone you love. Supplies are limited and selection may vary.

Shop [online](#) or go [here](#) to find the store nearest you.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

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

May 12 – GL Roundtable

May 13-14 – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

May 26 – OH District Committee

May 30 – Scout Service Center closed

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

June 30 – OH District Committee

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 10 – OA Lodge Leadership Development (tentative)

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