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Registration material has been mailed to each Cub Scout and is available online now.

Participant registration:

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/OH-Day-Camp-2012.pdf>

Pack Day Camp Coordinator should submit all participant registrations to the Scout Service Center no later than May 7th.

BOY SCOUT STAFF - To be on staff at Cub Scout Day Camp you must be a registered Boy Scout and attend staff training on Monday June 4th at 1:00 p.m. at Camp McClintock.

Boy Scout staff will be assigned to one of several program positions. Boy Scouts will be expected to be at camp from 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 4th, through Friday night at 9 PM June 8th.

Join the Fun!



Boy Scouts serving on Staff are expected to camp at the Cub Scout Day Camp. Two adults will serve as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster for the Staff. Please bring everything that you need to camp with you. Food will be provided.

All staff members staying the night need an Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C. You will not be allowed on camp property without this form.

All those selected to serve on Staff will be expected to serve as an example to the Cub and Webelos Scouts present at the camp. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. In addition, Boy Scouts on Staff will be expected to wear a Day camp T-shirt whenever Cubs or Webelos are in camp, Class A uniforms may be required

Cub Scout Day Camp

Osage Hills District

Osage Hills District will hold Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp McClintock, starting Tuesday, June 5, and ending after campfire on Friday, June 8. Cub Scouts and their families may camp overnight on Friday.

for ceremonies, otherwise Troop T- Shirt or Scouting T-shirt will be acceptable at all other times. They will be provided a day camp shirt and cup.

This year we will be allowing our Junior Staff (Boys ages 11 to 13) to camp. Junior staff positions will receive all of the same benefits of regular Boy Scout staff. Junior staff positions include den chiefs and runners. Only older staff will be allowed in the BB gun range and Archery range.

All staff must follow instructions given by the Camp Director, Program Director, and Scoutmasters. Parents will be notified of any misbehavior and the staff member will be dismissed.

This will be a fun and exciting camp with the opportunity to use program equipment after Cubs leave. We will also go swimming one night at Osage Hills, so bring a swimsuit.

If you are selected for Camp Staff you will be notified on or before May 11, 2012.

Boy Scout staff application:

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2012StaffApplication.pdf>

Grand Lake District

Grand Lake District's Cub Scout Day Camp will start on Wednesday, June 13, and run through Friday, June 15.

Registration material will be mailed to each Cub Scout and is available online here

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/GL-Cub-Day-Camp-2012.pdf>

Pack Day Camp Coordinator should submit all participant registrations to the Scout Service Center no later than May 28th.

Boots on the Ground June 4

America's largest outdoor-trails event, **National Trails Day**, turns 20 on June 4. It's not too early to start planning your unit's celebration. "As an organization with a rich history of service, we see National Trails Day as a time to get out and help maintain those trails for future Scouts and the public in general," says Frank Reigelman, the BSA's team leader of outdoor programs.

The nationwide event promotes access to trails for all and alerts the public to outdoor recreational opportunities. Not surprising, then, that Scouting would take a special interest in the nation's 200,000 miles of trails.

Gregory Miller, president of the American Hiking Society and a former Life Scout, says National Trails Day, which is supported by all federal land- and water-management agencies, has seen spectacular growth – a 70 percent increase in planned NTD events between 2006 and 2011. And last year, he says, more than 3,400 miles of trails were maintained or constructed.

"There are so many opportunities to get involved," Miller says. "Consider hiking, biking, equestrian activities, trail work, and environmental education. The important thing is to connect people with the trails."

Miller also notes that about 200 Scout troops took part in last year's event. "Our partnership with the BSA is very important, and we'd love to see more troops involved," he says. "Any troop can do an NTD event in their community."

For more information and to register your events, go to www.americanhiking.org

Tulsa Drillers Scout Sleepover July 27

The Tulsa Drillers 2012 Sleepover Under the Stars will be held at ONEOK Field on July 27th at 7 pm. Cost of the Campout is \$18.50 and includes:

- Field reserved seat
- Meal coupon
- Camp out on the outfield grass
- Movie on the Tulsa Drillers Video Board
- Snack after the game
- Light breakfast the next morning

Order your tickets today! Call Geoff Beaty at 918-574-8309 or e-mail geoff@tulsadrillers.com or mail the order form to 201 N. Elgin Ave Tulsa OK 74120

Order form –

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/Tulsa-Drillers-Sleepover.pdf>

Individual field reserved seats at \$8.50 (sleepover/meal coupon not included)

NOAC 2012 July 30-August 4 Michigan State University

Sign up for the Council's NOAC contingent at the Scout office. **A \$100 deposit is needed to secure your spot.**

Questions? Call the contingent leader, Sean Urban, at 918-271-4816.

Indian Nations Council Resident Camp

Resident Camp is an overnight camping program held at [Babbitt Cub World at Zink Scout Ranch](#). Resident camp operates for **3 days and 2 nights** under the leadership of Indian Nations Council. Campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs including **sports, handicrafts, nature, water activities, archery, BB guns** and much more.

- For Cub Scouts (first grade in the fall) and Webelos.
- You can camp as a Pack or as a Cub Scout and parent.
- There are comfortable tents, cots and modern bathroom facilities with private showers.
- Meals are prepared and in the Longhorn Palace dining hall.
- [Directions to Zink Scout Ranch](#).

RESIDENT CAMP SESSIONS

Session 1	June 8-10
Session 2	June 15-17
Session 3	June 22-24
Session 4	June 29-July 1

- Check in starts Friday at 1 p.m.
- The first meal provided is dinner on Friday.
- You will depart after lunch on Sunday.

For more information see the Indian Nations Council web site <http://tinyurl.com/6t7ar3o>

Jamboree 2013 July 15-24, 2013

Perhaps you've been thinking about signing up for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

But wait! Not sure if you're into all that high adventure, all the time? Well, have no fear—the 2013 National Scout Jamboree will indeed be packed full of fun ... *all* kinds of fun!

[At the 2013 National Scout Jamboree](#), participants will get to trade patches like they never have before, check out Technology Quest, work on merit badge requirements, and have lots of free time to do whatever their hearts desire.

In the coming months, the [Summit Blog](#) will focus on a series of stories that detail "a day in the life" at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Stay tuned there for all the latest news and information about the jamboree and its exciting new high-adventure base home.

In the meantime, what are you waiting for? You don't want to miss out on being a part of something historic. [Register](#) for the 2013 jamboree today!

Jamboree Band

The Jamboree Band is now forming and is looking for musicians. The staff band will supply music for ceremonies, events, concerts, arena shows, and will entertain the many thousands of Scouts and visitors to the 18th National Jamboree.

Repertoire will include popular and patriotic music, marches, and pep band tunes.

Scout/musicians who can double on set, guitar, bass and keyboard are needed for the 16 piece jazz band.

Scouts and Venturers ages 16 - 25 may apply. Adults (26 and up) may apply, however initial preference will go to youth staff.

For information about the band and how to apply, please visit jamboband.org or feel free to email the director George.Pinchock@villanova.edu

Got Talent? Prove It

The 2013 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve promises a full slate of “firsts” and that includes “BSA’s Got Talent.” To take part in this premiere jamboree talent show, sponsored by *Boys’ Life*, Boy Scouts, Ventureres, and Varsity Scouts who sing, dance, tell jokes, tumble, juggle, or otherwise entertain are invited to submit videos of the act (three minutes max) to boyslife.org/getwild by August 31st.

Judges will choose 12 acts to perform at the jamboree, once at a daily program (where hundreds might watch) and once at a Jambo-Palooza, where the audience could swell to thousands. The winning act and the runner-up will perform at the stadium show, with an expected audience of 50,000 or more.

Marianne Eiden, daily programs team leader, says the contest should attract Scouts who might not be planning to attend the jamboree. “This could really appeal to someone who loves to perform,” she says. “It’s a great way to test your act in a large venue. Who knows? This could be your big break.”

There’s a limit of five people per act. Winning entrants must register for the jamboree by November 1st and arrange their own travel. For more details about the contest and the judging go to boyslife.org/getwild.

(Reprinted from May-June 2012 Scouting magazine)

Headlines from the Summit Bechtel Reserve

With just 16 months until the grand opening of the Summit Bechtel Reserve and the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, there is a lot of excitement brewing! There are all sorts of stories to fill you in on.

Here are the top 3 stories to get you up to date:

1. Can staff attend the jamboree for half price?
Yes!
<http://www.summitblog.org/how-can-staff-get-to-the-2013-jamboree-for-half-price/>
2. How much can Scouts accomplish in 5 days?
We'll find out with the jamboree Day of Service.

<http://www.summitblog.org/40000-scouts-5-days-and-300000-hours-of-community-service/>

3. Where is this Summit place?
<http://www.summitblog.org/do-you-know-where-the-2013-jamboree-is/>

WANTED-BOY SCOUT CAMP STAFF

Are you 14 years old and want to serve the youth of our Scouting community by being a member of our Cimarron Council Will Rogers Scout Reservation Camp Staff team?

Do you want to have some fun this summer and work with us to provide a safe and nurturing atmosphere for the scouts and ourselves?

Can you be friendly and willing to serve while completing your assigned duty?

If your answer is YES!!!!, then download a Boy Scout Summer Camp staff application from www.cimarronbsa.org and get it in to Brian Lechner at the Scout Office (317 N Grand, Enid OK 73701).

BSA Endowment Corner "Vacations and Wills"

Would you consider going on a vacation trip without some advance planning? Selecting the destination and travel itinerary, making the needed reservations, choosing the appropriate clothing and notifying friends or neighbors of your plans are important elements of a pleasant vacation experience.

One item that many people overlook is the need to review your will prior to departing for vacation. Has your family situation, or other factors, changed such that it would warrant the appropriate changes in your will?

Many people find it difficult to face their own mortality. As a result, they put off doing something that could greatly benefit the people and organizations they love and who rely upon them. Preparing for the future and protecting your loved ones is an important way to apply the Boy Scout Motto, "Be Prepared". This small investment in time will ensure that your desires with respect to family, friends, and worthy organizations like Scouting will be carried out.

If you would like more information about this or other ways to make a charitable gift, please contact John Howk. You can reach him at 918-293-7572 or contact the Scout Service center to arrange an appointment.

Please note: The information in this communication is not legal or tax advice. The BSA Cherokee Area Council # 469 is pleased to offer complimentary gift and estate planning assistance, however, we urge you to seek the advice of a competent professional before implementing any ideas we suggest to you.

Grand Lake District News



(Photo courtesy of Dan Childers)

Journey to Excellence District Bronze Award, awarded to Grand Lake District by Carl Reichert (Council Board) to Dan Childers (District Chairman)

Have you been to the Grand Lake Roundtable lately? If not, you're missing all the fun!



(Photo courtesy of Dan Childers)



(Photo courtesy of Dan Childers)

Training While at Summer Camp

Most of the Summer Camps offer training for adults during the day. This is an ideal time for leaders to get caught up on training needs, especially with several things which expire every two years. Items which have to have been taken in the last two years that are not online include: First Aid, Wilderness First Aid, and CPR/AED. And if you are possibly going to be changing positions or haven't been trained yet, take advantage of any courses not online such as: SM/ASM or Venturing or Exploring Leader Specific training, BALOO, or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

This helps you be even more productive with your time at camp and gives your unit a boost by having people properly trained which has been shown to improve the quality of the program delivery in units. And remember that anyone going to a BSA high adventure camp will need to have at least one leader (and hopefully two to cover contingencies) trained in Wilderness First Aid and CPR and these classes fill up quickly. Also Wilderness First Aid is recommended for any backcountry outing.

National Youth Leader Training

National Youth Leader Training is a week long training course for youth who are 1st Class and above. This is the youth equivalent to Wood Badge training, and gives them a superb introduction and skill set for becoming a leader in any organization. Scouts can enroll in courses either in near Sedan, KS ([Quivira Council link...](#)) or near Locust Grove, OK ([Indian Nations Council link...](#)).

Check out the requirements and cost from the information provided by the council at the links provided.

Once Scouts have completed this training, they qualify for National Advanced Youth Leader Experience at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, NM which is the next step in supplemental leadership skills for youth.

2012-2013 Scouting Year Calendar Released

The coming year's Scouting calendar has been released and is posted on the council web site

http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2012-2013_CAC_Calendar.pdf

The calendar gives the dates for council and district events starting in August 2012 and runs through the end of the year in 2013. Not only can you find out the dates for unit planning for the coming year, but there are some new items that came onto the schedule.

A couple of council Helpful Days have been scheduled (Sept. and Mar) for Camp McClintock which all Scouting units are encouraged to attend. A Scout is helpful, and the Order of the Arrow Lodge will be providing leadership for various projects during the day for all ages. The Lodge will also be doing their Ordeal that weekend, where Scouts learn about cheerful service as a part of the Scout Law and spirit.

A council Venturing geocaching event has been scheduled for Oct.

A council First Class Weekend has been added to help units complete some of the skills needed by Scouts for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class ranks. This will be a chance for units to come and camp, and Scouts can pick up skills needed with each of the three days focused on a different rank. It does not replace unit instruction or summer camp advancement, but can be a very helpful tool to get Scouts completed in various ranks who may have requirements pending.

More information will be forthcoming as each of these events comes closer in the schedule.

Wood Badge Update

Randy Stayton, has completed at least on of his ticket items – with a little help from the OA at Spring Fellowship. This ticket item was laying gravel at the shower house at Camp McClintock. *(Photos courtesy of Dan Childers)*





Don't text and drive — you'll save a life, get a patch

Get out your cellphone, and look at the last text message you received.

Read it aloud. Then consider whether that text message is so important that you'd risk getting into a car accident to read it



Would you put your life on the line to tap out a response?

Surely not. But still, countless Americans—teens *and* adults—text and drive, and the consequences can be tragic. In fact, you're 23 times more likely to be in an accident if you text and drive, according to a 2009 Virginia Tech study.

That's why the Boy Scouts of America and AT&T, the BSA's Exclusive Communications Services Sponsor, have started a campaign to end this distracting, often-fatal practice.

Here's how to get involved yourself:

- Take the "Txtng & Drivng ... It Can Wait" pledge. [Click here](#) to visit the BSA's Facebook page and promise not to text and drive.
- Share the pledge page with your Scouts, fellow Scouters, and friends. Encourage them to join you by taking the pledge.
- Any Scout or Scouter who takes the pledge and shares it with at least 10 friends will receive a limited-edition patch (while supplies last — so hurry!). A mock-up of the patch is seen at right.

Here's how to talk to your Scouts:

With **Cub Scouts** ...

- You won't want to get into graphic consequences of texting and driving, but introduce them to the concept. And tell Cub Scouts to call out their parents if they seem them texting while driving.
- Visit [this toolkit](#) for downloadable resources.

With **Boy Scouts and Venturers** ...

- Start by having Scouts take the "It Can Wait" pledge.
- Make this subject your next Scoutmaster's Minute.
- Play a "texting while driving" game to show Scouts just how distracting the practice can be. There are full-fledged (read: expensive) distracted driving simulators out there, but [this free game on the New York Times site](#) does the trick.
- Visit [this toolkit](#) for downloadable resources.
- Show AT&T's harrowing 10-minute documentary, "The Last Text," at your next meeting. It's a must-watch for teenagers, especially those at or nearing driving age. [Click here](#) for the YouTube page.
- **NOTE:** The content is not overly graphic, but this video's not for Cub Scouts. Watch it yourself before showing it to your troop or crew.

To participate, have your Scouts go to the main [BSA Facebook page](#) and click the "It Can Wait" app in the left column.

Scouting Is Full Of Great Stories — Share Yours!



We've launched the [Jamboree Fireside Stories](#) project to record the experiences that make the national Scout jamboree such an incredible, can't-miss-it event. If you've been to a national jamboree, you probably have a great story to share.

We want to record it and share it with all of Scouting!

It's easy:

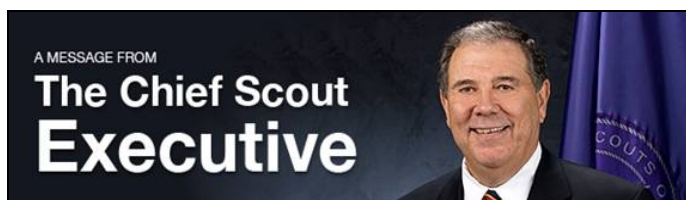
1. **Call 1-786-7-JAMBO-7** (that's 1-786-752-6267) and follow the instructions on the message. (Normal calling rates apply.)
2. Or, you can pre-record your story and upload it on SoundCloud:
<http://soundcloud.com/summit-bechtel-reserve>

Want to read more about the Fireside Story project and hear the first submission? Check out this post on the Summit Blog:

<http://www.summitblog.org/got-a-jamboree-tale-to-share-pick-up-a-phone/>

Let your voice be a part of Scouting's history!

If you know someone who's been to several national jamborees and would have a great story to tell, [forward this email](#) to them!



Earlier this month, BSA President Rex Tillerson provided an update on the selection process for our next Chief Scout Executive, who will be named in late May. However, there is another important transition taking place within the same time frame. The BSA's National

Executive Board will elect our new president, Wayne Perry, during the National Annual Meeting in Orlando.

During his two-year term as the BSA's top volunteer, Wayne will lead the National Executive Board with a continued focus on building a sustainable future for the organization. One of his top priorities will be to assist in the transition between me and my successor as Chief Scout Executive.

Wayne is the chief executive officer of Shotgun Creek Investments LLC, a private investment company in Bellevue, Washington. He also serves as a member of the board of directors for the Seattle Mariners baseball team and the board of trustees of the New York University Law School, where he is chair of the Investment Committee.

Wayne has a long history of service as a Scouting volunteer. Wayne's past Scouting roles include Western Region president and vice president, president of the Chief Seattle Council, district chairman, Explorer Advisor, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, and merit badge counselor. During his tenure on the National Executive Board, he has served as president-elect, on the Finance Impact, International, Strategic Planning, and Human Resources/Innovation and Research Group committees, and on the BSA National Foundation. Wayne has also served as international commissioner of the BSA and as a member of the World Scout Committee.

Wayne's Scouting recognitions include the Silver Buffalo Award, Silver Antelope Award, Silver Beaver Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Heroism Award, District Award of Merit, Wood Badge, Scouter's Key, and World Scouting's Bronze Wolf. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Wayne and his wife, Christine, are the parents of four Eagle Scout sons: Kevin, Gregory, Douglas, and Justin. In addition, Wayne is a private pilot and an avid outdoorsman.

We are grateful and fortunate for the exceptional leadership Wayne will provide as we transition the BSA's volunteer leadership and continue to focus on our mission.

2012 Marks 100 years of Boy Scouts' Highest Rank

IRVING, Texas (April 10, 2012)-One hundred years after Arthur Eldred of New York earned this nation's first Eagle Scout Award, new, independent research demonstrates the significant, positive impact Eagle Scouts have on society every day. Since it was first awarded in 1912, more than 2 million young men have achieved the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank. The study conducted by Baylor University, *Merit Beyond the Badge*, found that Eagle Scouts are more likely than men who have never been in Scouting to:



- Have higher levels of planning and preparation skills, be goal-oriented, and network with others
- Be in a leadership position at their place of employment or local community
- Report having closer relationships with family and friends
- Volunteer for religious and nonreligious organizations
- Donate money to charitable groups
- Work with others to improve their neighborhoods

"Eagle Scouts have made their marks throughout history—from walking on the moon and working behind the desk in the Oval Office to running the bases in the major leagues. And while we're proud to claim some truly great men in American history among our ranks, we're even more proud that everyday Eagle Scouts become wonderful husbands, fathers, and citizens," said Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. "This research validates for the world something we've known about Eagle Scouts for years. They lead. They vote. They donate. They volunteer. They work hard and achieve their goals. In short, Eagle Scouts are exceptional men."

Baylor University's Program for Prosocial Behavior received a grant from the John Templeton Foundation to

measure the lifelong effects of being in the Scouting program, and more specifically, of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

"Our study measured if achieving the rank of Eagle provides an advantage and benefits throughout a Scout's life," said Dr. Byron Johnson, lead researcher, Baylor University. "We found that the effort and commitment required to earn this rank produces positive attributes that benefit not only these men in their personal and professional lives, but also benefits their communities and the country through the service and leadership they provide."

The Eagle Scout badge has become widely recognized as a mark of distinction both within and outside of Scouting. Once earned, it is worn for life. About 4 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank. To do so, Scouts must demonstrate their understanding of leadership, service, character, personal fitness, and outdoor skills at multiple levels.

In addition to the 21 life skills merit badges required to earn the Eagle Scout rank, each Scout must complete an extensive self-directed service project. The Scout must plan, organize, lead, and manage the entire service effort prior to his 18th birthday. The average number of hours spent on Eagle Scout projects is 130. In 2011, more than 51,000 young men earned the Eagle Scout Award, which means Eagle Scout service projects alone represented almost 6.7 million hours of community service.

Among the 21 required merit badges to earn the Eagle Scout rank are First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life.

Some of the more notable Eagle Scouts are President Gerald Ford; Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton; explorer Steve Fossett; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair Bill Gates Sr.; MLB all-star Shane Victorino; and actor Jon Heder, who starred in the independent film *Napoleon Dynamite*.

While not a household name, a clear example of what Baylor University found in its research is 15-year-old Eagle Scout Spencer Zimmerman. Zimmerman learned that Dayton Hayward, a friend with cerebral palsy, liked to feel the wind in his face. So, he invited Hayward to

join him in completing a triathlon. To help Hayward achieve the impossible, Zimmerman pulled, pushed, and carried his friend through a 500-meter swim, 3.2-mile run, and 12-mile bike ride. Both boys faced intense physical tests in completing the race. For his commitment to serving others, Zimmerman was recently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation's American Spirit Award.

"I was honored to receive the American Spirit Award, but the credit goes to Dayton," Zimmerman said. "Despite the challenges he faces, he has great spirit. Throughout the training and race, I was just his legs. I believe there's no reason why Dayton shouldn't have the opportunity to do what everyone else does."

On Increasing Advancement Inspirational Ceremonies— Recognition and Inspiration

A lack of advancement in some units may be due to a lack of inspiration. It might be because unit leadership is not making the big fuss over their achievements that the Scouts would like to see. Ceremonies and courts of honor give units an opportunity to recognize the achievers and at the same time inspire even more accomplishment from the others.

Mike Huneke, a Baltimore Area Council Eagle Scout, sings a beautiful ballad, "The Eagle on His Chest." In the first part, he tells of a Scout receiving his Eagle Scout Award. In the second part, he tells of the younger Scouts inspired by watching the older boy's court of honor.

His plans are already made.
Someday he will stand upon a stage.
And with his mother and father by his side,
He'll take an oath with pride,
Say the words just like the rest,
And then they'll pin an Eagle on his chest.

And all the boys will watch them call his name,
And to them, he will never be the same.

His words will inspire;
Fill them with desire.

A hero stands before the res
Because he wears an Eagle on his chest.

Michael J. Huneke, Broad Creek Memories, 2003; produced by Blue Jay Productions Inc. Quoted with permission.

This song poetically illustrates the dual value of courts of honor and ceremonies in our advancement program. The Scout who is advancing is recognized for his achievements and receives the positive reinforcement that can increase his Scouting activity and help retain him in the troop. Then units can build traditions around these ceremonies so they serve as antecedents to further advancement by the youth who witness them. Awards ceremonies and courts of honor are also opportunities for presenters to challenge all the others to advance. Leaders need to be explicit when this is done. It isn't a time for subtlety.

Furthermore, the myth that awards can be presented only once is simply unfounded. For instance, in Cub Scouting, the den chief can review everyone's advancement and mark it on a wall chart as a part of each den meeting. The award then can be presented in a ceremony that is part of each pack meeting. The boy may be recognized once again at the annual blue and gold banquet. In Boy Scouting, achievement in a rank advancement or merit badge can be recognized at the meeting where he submits his approved blue card or passes his board of review. The next meeting should have a ceremony where he receives the badge. At the quarterly court of honor his accomplishments are recognized again with an inspirational ceremony. Recognitions also can be made at parents' night at camp, at religious services during Scouting Anniversary week, and so forth.

Advancement recognition in Venturing should be handled in the same way, with members recognized at the meeting where they earn an award or pass a crew review, for example. Then they can be recognized more formally at a special gathering.

Courts of honor and ceremonies show how we value youth achievements. They inspire everyone to actively advance. They help bind our youth members to active participation in the programs. The positive reinforcement, thus delivered, increases their tenure and provides us with a greater opportunity to develop their character and boost their confidence. Isn't this what we're all about?

The Cub Scout Angle Arrow of Light, Last Stop before Boy Scouts

The Webelos badge and Arrow of Light Award prepare Webelos Scouts for their adventures in Boy Scouting. Boys earning these awards will have completed most of the Boy Scout joining (Scout badge) and Tenderfoot requirements. This gives them a head start over new Scouts who did not participate in Cub Scouting or who did not achieve the Arrow of Light Award.

It has been well documented that achieving First Class within a year of joining, and then attending summer camp soon after, helps keep youth in the program and on the advancement trail.

A comparison of requirements for these Cub Scout recognitions and the requirements in Boy Scouting shows that nearly half of the joining requirements and Tenderfoot requirements are covered while working on the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light Award. Most of the other requirements are included in the Athlete and Naturalist activity badges and in optional parts of the Outdoorsman activity badge. A wise Webelos den leader will encourage the completion of these badges.

It is important to note that though work done as a Webelos Scout encompasses many Boy Scout requirements, this does not necessarily mean these requirements are automatically signed off upon joining a troop. The four steps in Boy Scout advancement still apply (see the *Guide to Advancement*, topic 4.2.1.0). It may be, however, that the first step, “the Scout learns,” has already occurred. But “testing” should still take place—even for the Scout badge joining requirements.

District and council advancement chairs and committee members can assist Webelos den leaders in understanding the importance of looking at the Boy Scout rank requirements as well as the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light requirements. Consider covering this at Cub Scout roundtables and pow wows, universities of Scouting, or similar events. A jump start on any advancement trail is an effective encouragement for Scouts.

What’s the Procedure? Unit-Level Boards of Review

A board of review held at any level, should be an experience to treasure for both the Scout and the board members. It is there where the sum of a Scout’s efforts to date is brought into focus, along with his feelings about the meaning of the lessons learned, and his expectations for the future.

The atmosphere should be relaxed, supportive, and friendly. Boards of review for Tenderfoot through Life, and Eagle Palms, are conducted by the unit, while Eagle Scout boards may be held at the unit, district, or council level, depending on the procedures determined by the council advancement committee. When a Scout believes he has completed the requirements for any rank or Eagle Palm, it is up to the unit leader and committee to assure a board of review is held. A Scout cannot be denied this opportunity. The board must consist of three to six members, none of whom can be the unit leader, or parent or guardian, of the Scout.

It is preferred the candidate appear in full field uniform, but if this is impractical for whatever reason, he should be clean and neat in his appearance and dressed appropriately according to his means. He may not be rejected solely for reasons related to uniforming, as long as he is dressed according to *Guide to Advancement* topic 8.0.0.4.

The unit leader may introduce the candidate and may remain in the room, but only to observe, not participate, unless called upon. Similarly, parents and guardians may not be in attendance in any capacity except in rare circumstances.

A board of review is not a retest or an “examination.” Rather, questions should be designed to reveal the broader experience of learning, and how Scouting has helped the candidate live the Scout Oath and Scout Law in his daily life. Careful attention to a Scout’s answers can help provide valuable insight into the successes or shortcomings of the unit’s program. Then members of the board must agree unanimously to approve awarding a rank or Palm. If there is not a unanimous vote for approval, the Scout is informed of the reason, instructed in the appeal process, and if there is time before his 18th birthday, told what he can do to improve.

Finally, though we are looking to ensure that a Scout did truly do what he was supposed to do, we should be concerned also with the quality of the journey. The unit board of review should be subtly probing to see if the unit's program and direction has met the Scout's expectations, encouraging him to go on to the next rank or Palm, and trying to see if he really understands how to apply the Scout Law and Scout Oath to his life.

For more information on boards of review, see the *Guide to Advancement*, section 8.

Gilwell Web Site

Each year Gilwell Park has 80,000 visitors annually who participate in various training activities.

As a member of Scouting and Wood Badge you may be interested in becoming a part of Gilwell's history and help protect it for future generations. You can become a member of The Friends of Gilwell. See <http://1stgilwellpark.org/supportingGilwell/HowToSupportGilwell/friendOfGilwell.asp> for more information or contact Jenni Anderson at jenni.anderson@scouts.org.uk.

The annual Wood Badge reunion will be held at Gilwell Park near Chingford, England, September 7-9, 2012. Registration information can be found at www.1stgilwellpark.org

BSA CONTINGENT PROGRAM

As a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the Boy Scouts of America gets invited to many different international/national events in different countries every year. This is a great opportunity for the BSA to connect with the world upon the interaction with local Scouts and Scout leaders at those special events.

Consequently, it provides us, our BSA Scouts and adults, an excellent opportunity to learn about other countries, people, and cultures through Scouting activities, plus learn their Scouting skills and make new friendships as part of the adventure.

Depending on the locations, time, availability of Direct Service units, attendees, and budgets, a contingent may be formed for these international

events. Once a contingent formation is approved, BSA Scouts and Scout leaders will be selected to join this contingent (Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew).

The BSA would like to send contingents that represent geographical diversity. Contingents will be formed with Scouts and Scout leaders from all over the country, not just from one troop/crew in the same council.

In order to qualify for a BSA contingent, Scouts and Scout leaders must be nominated to the International Department by their council international representative and approved by their council Scout executive.

Upcoming trips:

Event: Korea National Jamboree – Aug. 2-9, 2012

Age: 14-18 (Boy Scouts, Venturers and adults)

IST: 18-26

Contingent size: 24 Scouts/Venturers + 6 adults

Contingent gathering: July 30, 2012

Location: Jamboree site in Goseong 17th World Scout Jamboree campsite

Cost: \$2,100 (includes travel, lodging, food, event fee, tent, patches, bags and a whole lot of fun!!)

Event: International Jubilee Plast Scout Meeting 100th Anniversary of Scouting in Ukraine

Date: Aug. 18-25, 2012 + 2-3 days of home hospitality
Country: Ukraine Host: National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine

Age: 15-18 (Boy Scouts, Venturers) and adults

Contingent size: 8 youths + 2 adults

Contingent gathering: Aug. 16, 2012

Location: Ukrainian Theological Seminary in Lviv, the cultural capital of Ukraine

Cost: \$2,000 (includes travel [round trip, US-Ukraine], lodging, food, event fee, tent, patches, bags and more fun!!)

Event: 14th World Scout Moot

Date: Aug. 8-18, 2013

Country: Canada Host: The Association des Scouts du Canada

Age: 18-20 (Venturers) and 21-25 (young adults) + over 25 adult leaders

Contingent size: 30

Contingent gathering: Aug. 7, 2013 (Ottawa, Canada)

Location: Awacamanj Mino Base Camp, Quebec, Canada

Cost: \$1,100 (lodging, food, event fee, patches, bags and a whole lot of fun!!)

Nomination deadline: March 31, 2013

BSA contingent nomination forms:

www.scouting.org/international

New DK Reader: Ghost Stories!

Aimed for the Level 3 reader, Ghost Stories is an exciting collection of the most chilling tales ever told around the campfire. From creepy yarns of haunted houses to accounts of eerie voices from beyond the grave, these great stories will fire readers' imaginations, add to their knowledge, and help develop their reading skills...while leaving them screaming for more!



The anticipated release date is expected for late May 2012. Look for the Ghost Stories in your local Scout Shop, on scoutstuff.org and participating bookstore retailers.

Lionel® Launches New Boxcars



All Aboard! Lionel to introduce its new BSA® and Cub Scout™ boxcars for 2012.

These boxcars can be added to Lionel's existing BSA® 0-8-8 Ready-To-Run Freight set which includes a 0-8-0 steam locomotive and tender, bulkhead flatcar with box and wheel load, operating derrick car, BSA oath boxcar, work caboose, three straight FasTrack track sections,

eight curved FasTrack track sections, a FasTrack terminal section, a FasTrack uncoupling section, CW-80 Transformer, Smoke fluid, and a BSA/Lionel collector's patch.

New boxcars available

Cub Scout™ Boxcar (6-39360) , this special boxcar honors the various ranks of Cub Scouts, with special decoration highlighting rank badges and the Cub Scout Promise. Estimated Retail: \$59.99

The BSA® Boxcar (6-39358) highlights "Prepared. For Life™" and showcases backdrops of high adventure activities. Estimated Retail: \$59.99

Customers can purchase these items from any Authorized Lionel Dealer. To find the nearest dealer, they can go to lionel.com .

New Items from Sarge Knives



Boy Scout™ 2 Blade Wood Carving Pocket Knife

Officially licensed by the Boy Scouts of America, Sarge Knives wood carving knives can be personalized on the blade or handle. The wood carving knife features a specialty carving chip and a detail blade. The ergonomic handle has maple burl wood scales and polished stainless bolster that fits comfortably in the hand, and measures 3 3/8" when closed.



Be Prepared® Mini Multi-Tool

This mini multi-tool is perfect for those with smaller hands or anyone looking for a compact design. It offers a Drop Point Blade, Serrated Blade, Bottle Opener, Phillips Screwdriver, Flathead, File and Needle Nose

Pliers. The pliers have a spring assist opening for easy one hand operation.

The handle is made from Blue Anodized Aluminum and measures 2 7/8" when closed. Nylon pouch included.

For additional information, visit sargeknives.com.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

May 3 - OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

May 10 – OH District Eagle Boards of Review

May 10 – GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

June 1 – Golf Tournament

June 5-8 – OH District Cub Scout Day Camp

June 7 - OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

June 14 - OH District Eagle Boards of Review

June 13-16 – GL District Cub Scout Day Camp

July 30–August 4 – NOAC at Michigan State University