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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 Scouts who have achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- Alex Heidorn – Troop 3 (Lighthouse cleanup)

- Oliver Dash – Troop 5 (Remove fencing at Tall Grass Prairie)
- Aaron Stanek – Troop 21 (flood walls painted)
- Jacob Coordsen – Troop 3 (First Friends FPC)



Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievement.

Council Camporee MAY 3-5

Peoria Tribal Pow Wow Grounds - Miami

Theme: Wilderness Survival and Patrol Competition

Cost \$10 per person includes a patch, supplies, cracker barrel, breakfast, and dinner. Other food is the troop's responsibility

Activities include:

- Wilderness Survival merit badge
- Cooking without utensils
- Fire building contest
- Signal contest
- Height and width judging contest
- Spear throwing contest
- Survival Kit contest
- Shelter set up
- Survival bracelet kit

Since food is being provided register early!
<http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/2013SpringCamporee.pdf>

Questions? Call Randy Asbery @ 918-314-7241 or
Doug Banner @ 918-344-4085

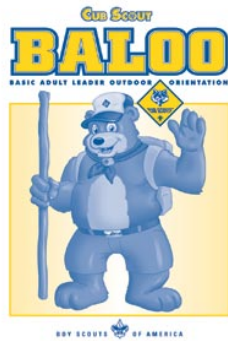
BALOO Training

MAY 4

Grand Lake District has set a venue and date for BALOO training – **May 4th 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!

See the [flyer](#) on the council web site for more information



Lifesaving Merit Badge

MAY 4 -- POSTPONED

No Boy Scout will ignore a plea for help. However, the desire to help is of little use unless one knows how to give the proper aid. The main purpose of the Lifesaving merit badge is to prepare Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies

Phillips 66 Aquatics and Boy Scout Troop 6 are offering Lifesaving Merit Badge to qualified Scouts. Trained Red Cross Lifeguard Instructors will be instructing the class.

Cost is \$35.00 for all participants.

Class will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. May 4. Lunch break: 11:30-12:00 p.m. Class will last until 5:00.

Please make sure you can show proof of the following prerequisites:



Swimming Merit badge, First Aid Merit Badge, and Canoeing or Rowing Merit badge

Before attending, read through Lifesaving Merit Badge requirements.

1. Swim continuously for 400 yards using each of the following strokes in a strong manner for at least 50 continuous yards: front crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke.
2. Remove street clothes in 20 seconds or less and use a non-buoyant aid, such as a shirt or towel, to tow the subject to safety.
3. Recover a 10-pound weight in 8 to 10 feet of water using a feet-first surface dive.

Clean street clothes and Bathing suits required.

For more information contact Ashley Clowdus at 918-815-4652 or Charles Lewis at 918-331-6053.

E-mail charlielewis@yahoo.com to sign up for this offering. **Advanced registration is required.**

All participants must sign a facility use [waiver](#). Those 18 years and older can sign their own waiver; minor dependents under the age of 18 must have their "own" parent sign the waiver for them

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/BVL%20Dependent%20GuestWaiver.pdf>

Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

MAY 11

Camp McClintock- Cost \$10 includes NRA materials, ammo, targets & lunch

Scout attending this merit badge class will receive NRA First (Firearm Introduction, Responsibility, and Safety Training) Steps Rifle training approved by BSA to reach rifle shooting merit badge.



To register, contact the Scout Service Center.

Maximum class size is 16.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

MAY 17-18

Calling all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Venture advisers, or any leader who would like to learn a bit more about Scout skills, administration, safe Scouting, and more at a great local, easy to reach Camp McClintock, register to attend this Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills training, beginning Friday evening, May 17th, all day Saturday, May 18th.

Bring your own tent or borrow one from camp, but bring your enthusiasm and meet some great Scouters from the council.

See the Scout Service Center for registration and payment of \$20.00 to cover food costs, list of gear to bring, and answers to other questions.

Call Randy Wells for details @ 918-440-4536 or wells-randy@att.net

More information about what to bring http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/Introduction_to_Outdoor_Leader_Skills.pdf

NRA Range Safety Officer Training

MAY 18

Camp McClintock - Cost \$42

This is a one day training course. Participants may attend either date.

The objective of the course is to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.

To register, contact the Scout Service Center.



Robotics Merit Badge

JUNE 1

Come and learn about robots, how to build them, how to program them, and earn the Robotics Merit Badge while having a fun day

The merit badge counselor will guide you through the requirements of the merit badge. In addition, there will be several adult helpers to guide the various robotics teams in their efforts to assemble, control, and have contests with your robots.



Lunch will be pizza on the premises, so that those participating will have the time to actually go through the process of constructing, operating, and competing with their creations in small teams. This will take the day, so wear comfortable clothes that will allow you to be an engineer for the day. Come and enjoy the fun and become a robotics fan.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013

8:30 AM TO 5 PM

COST \$25 - LUNCH INCLUDED

ON THE ROCK MINISTRIES,

309 W. HENSLEY BLVD.

BARTLESVILLE, OK

Preregister/payment at Scout Office by Wednesday May 24. Class size limited to 8 people.

Make check to "BCF" with ROBOT-4-Youth in memo area of check.

OH District Cub Scout Day Camp

JUNE 4-7

Who: All Cub Scouts entering first through fifth grade are invited to attend the Osage Hills District Cub Scout Day Camp for 2013.

When: Cub Scout Day Camp will be held **June 4th through June 7th** at Camp McClintock. Walking Leader training will be on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00

PM at the Scout Service Center OR Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM at Camp McClintock. Walking leaders need to attend only one training session. This is where you will learn about expectations and responsibilities as well as the daily schedule. Please do not miss this as it will make your 1st day of camp easier for all!

Check-in at camp will be at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4th. The program will last from 8:45 AM through 4:15 PM (everyone will be able to depart from camp by 4:15 PM) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Check-in on Friday will be at 12:30 PM with program starting at 12:45 PM. There will be a family picnic at 5:30 PM for all Cub Scouts and their families, followed by an awards campfire at 7:00 PM on Friday. Families may plan to arrive at 5:00 p.m. Friday and should bring a picnic dinner and chairs.

Program: Each day will have a “Knights of the Roundtable” theme with lots of fun activities. The Cubs will go to the archery and BB range and fish (weather permitting) each day. The program will also focus on age appropriate activities that qualify toward advancements.

Cub Scouts must register as a Pack. The Pack’s Day Camp Coordinator will turn in applications, health forms and money to the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville by May 7th. **Cost is \$45 per Cub.**

Each Pack must provide Walking Leaders for their Cub Scouts with at least one Walking Leader for every five boys registered in each age group. **First grade Tiger Cubs MUST have a parent or guardian over 18 with them each day**

What to wear and bring: Cub Scouts and Leaders should wear shoes that enclose the toe (no sandals), the camp T-shirt, a belt and a cap. Don’t forget sunscreen and bug repellent.

Please bring a sack lunch each day. Packs should provide proper storage for their lunches. Cups and drinking water will be provided. You may want to provide a snack for your child.

Registration material has been mailed to every registered Cub Scout. The registration form and health form are also available on the council web site

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/districts/oh/2013OHDayCampRegistration.pdf>

OH Cub Day Camp Boy Scout Staff JUNE 3-7

To be on the staff of the Cub Scout Day Camp you must be a registered Boy Scout or Venture Crew member. Staff will be assigned to one of several program positions. Staff will be expected to be at camp from 1:00PM, Monday, June 3rd, through Friday night at 9:00PM June 7th.

Boy Scouts serving on staff are expected to camp at the Cub Scout Day Camp. **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, those on staff will be expected to wear a Day camp T-shirt whenever Cubs or Webelos are in camp. Field uniforms (“Class A”) will be required for ceremonies; otherwise Troop T- Shirt or other Scouting T-shirt will be acceptable at all other times. A Day Camp T-shirt and cup will be provided.

This year we will be allowing a limited number of Junior Staff (Boys ages 11 to 13) to be on staff. 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.

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.

The Day Camp Staff application is due in the Scout Office by May 3rd.

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/districts/oh/2013OHDayCampStaffApplication.pdf>

If you are selected for Camp Staff you will be notified on or before May 10th.

Scouting Golf Tournament

JUNE 7

Please [come out and join us](#) for all the fun and excitement of this year's Scouting Tournament. It's a great opportunity to get together with our friends, business partners and associates to benefit 3600 scouts in the Cherokee Area Council.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- Scoreboard: \$1,000 - 1 team + name on scoreboard
- Premium: \$500 – hole sign + 1 team
- Beverage & Snack: \$500
- Team: \$400
- Hole Sign: \$200

If you are interested in sponsorship please indicate the desired level on the [form](#) or contact Thad Friedman at (918) 661-3936.

REGISTRATION: Opens 7:30 a.m.

SHOTGUN START: 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Provided by the Arvest Grill Team

PRIZES: Awarded at the conclusion of each round. Teams will be flighted into divisions after all scores are in. Awards will be given in each flight.

DRAWING: A drawing will be held at the conclusion of the morning round for great prizes, including a Kindle Fire.

Hole In One prizes courtesy of Oakley Chevrolet and Buick. Closest to the Pin and Kindle Fire for drawing courtesy of McCoy Jewelers.

GL District Cub Scout Day Camp JUNE 12-14

Who: All Cub Scouts entering first through fifth grade are invited to attend the Grand Lake District Cub Scout Day Camp for 2013.

When: **Cub Scout Day Camp** will be held **June 12-14-14** at the Peoria Tribal Pow Wow Grounds in Miami.

Walking Leader training will be on Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 PM OR Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 PM at The Pow-Wow Grounds. Walking leaders need to attend only one training session. This is where you will learn about expectations and responsibilities as well as the daily schedule. Please do not miss this as it will make your 1st day of camp easier for all!

Check-in at camp will be at 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. each morning and program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Where: Grand Lake Day Camp will be held at the Peoria Tribal Pow-Wow Grounds located East of Miami on 90th road. Packs will be responsible for arranging transportation for their Cub Scouts. Tour plans are not required.

Program: Each day will have a "Knights of the Roundtable" theme with lots of fun activities. The Cubs will go to the archery and BB range and fish (weather permitting) each day. The program will also focus on age appropriate activities that qualify toward advancements.

Cub Scouts must register as a Pack. The Pack's Day Camp Coordinator will turn in applications, health forms and money to the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville by May 28th. **Cost is \$45 per Cub.**

Each Pack must provide Walking Leaders for their Cub Scouts with at least one Walking Leader for every five boys registered in each age group. **First grade Tiger Cubs MUST have a parent or guardian over 18 with them each day**

What to wear and bring: Cub Scouts and Leaders should wear shoes that enclose the toe (no sandals), the camp T-shirt, a belt and a cap. Don't forget sunscreen and bug repellent. Please bring a sack lunch each day. Packs should provide proper storage for their lunches. Cups and drinking water will be provided. You may want to provide a snack for your child.

Directions: To arrive at the Peoria Tribal Pow Wow Grounds, head east on Hwy 10 in Miami (Just past the exit/entrance ramp for the turnpike gate.) Travel east till you reach the intersection of County Road 137 and head north (Shawnee Grocery will be on the SW corner.) Travel north till you reach County Road 90 and turn west and travel ¼ mile. The site is located on the North side of the road.



Registration material will be mailed to every registered Cub Scout. The registration form and health form are also available on the council web site

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/districts/gl/GL-Day-Camp-2013.pdf>

GL Cub Day Camp Boy Scout Staff JUNE 12-14

To be on the staff of the Cub Scout Day Camp you must be a registered Boy Scout or Venture Crew member. Staff will be assigned to one of several program positions. Staff will be expected to be at camp from June 12-13-14 from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. and attend at least one staff training session held on June 9 at 2:00 p.m. OR June 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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The Day Camp Staff application is due in the Scout Office by May 3rd.

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/districts/gl/GLStaffApplication2013.pdf>

If you are selected for Camp Staff you will be notified on or before May 10th

Youth Protection

Haven't done youth protection on-line? Want to have a real person to discuss its value?

We're glad you asked that question. Council Training Chair, Donna Copeland, says that is a job we can handle. Call Donna @ 918-333-4488 or email donna@copelandappliance.com for an appointment.



Training can be done face to face with paper and pencil at your unit which will fulfill your commitment to caring for your youth and adults according to national BSA policy.

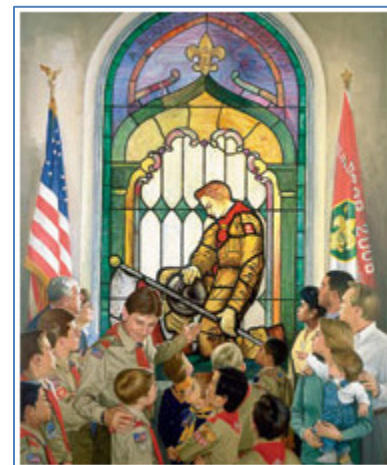
Monday, May 6th, Troop 2000 will have real people leading a short 20 minute youth protection session at 7:30. Call Steve DeFrees if you are from any other unit and I'm sure he'll welcome your coming along for this training.

Duty to God Patch Contest

Open to Cherokee Area Scouts and Scouters

Council Strip shape that should include Duty to God and Cherokee Area Council

Submission deadline: Dec. 1, 2013



The new Duty to God council strip will be given to all youth achieving their Duty to God equivalent.

Wood Badge

Who can attend Wood Badge? Any registered adult Scouter who has Youth Protection and position specific training. IOLS is on the calendar should you need it. Youth Protection and many leader specific trainings are on line or can be addressed by calling your council training chair.

Why should you attend Wood Badge? Any registered adult Scouter ought to take advantage of a nationally written and developed training that is recognized all over the world as the premier Scout leader training. Wood Badge is the secret sauce for any committee that wants to help its youth to mature. Scouters will live the patrol method, learn leadership styles, and meet other Scouters in the council and more.

Where is Wood Badge held? It will never be any closer than our own Camp McClintock, just west of Bartlesville.

When is Wood Badge? Sept 20, 21, and 22 (three full days-Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and October 4, 5 and 6 (three full days-Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

How do I pay for Wood Badge? This course has been carefully planned to keep costs to a minimum and the \$220.00 fee is amazing compared to corporate trainings that can run more than \$1000 for much less time. This covers your food, t-shirt, hat, neckerchief (2), bead kits, all program materials and more! Ask your unit for assistance as many committees know how valuable this is to the unit. Some limited scholarships are available through the council. Ask early!!!!

Who do I call for more information? Karen Slagel, S8-469-13 Course Director, at 1-281-636-5845 or 1-281-392-8262 or kislagel@aol.com

Service Hours Reporting

Every time your Scouts or Unit do a service project, the unit should enter the information into the Good Turn System and complete your service hour reporting.

Service projects can be cleaning up a local park, working at a community event and Eagle Projects. By entering this data you will not only be doing something great for the community and being recognized for it but helping your Unit, District and Council with their JTE scores.

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

Nova Awards and BSA Advancement

In 2009 the Boy Scouts of America was asked to take part in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) movement. With the help of ExxonMobil, participation has been made possible through the connection of our current program and the development of the Nova awards program. Many may ask, "How does STEM fit into my current unit activities?"

STEM is already incorporated in BSA programs through merit badges, Webelos activity badges, and Cub Scout Academics and Sports. It is seen in activities like shooting sports, camping, and water sports. Many of the basics from existing program areas can be used toward both rank advancement and in the Nova awards program. Other requirements are in place to help introduce our youth to the STEM world.

Recognizing that STEM may be of special interest to some, many units have created STEM dens, patrols, and even whole STEM Venturing crews. The idea of STEM is also being merged into day camp and resident camp programs. These activities can help foster a whole new group of volunteers and youth in units through both traditional and nontraditional activities.

The Nova awards are meant to enhance a unit's advancement program by providing a wide variety of activities and interest topics. Did you know it could be said that most merit badges involve STEM in some way or another? By keeping this in mind, a whole new world can be opened to youth members and volunteers, and ultimately the result will be increased advancement.

To learn more about the BSA's STEM initiative and the Nova awards visit www.scouting.org/stem.

Cub Scout Program Planning Resources

Did you know that the most important thing you can do to ensure you will have a great pack program year is to do an annual pack program planning conference?

The result will be a balanced, action-filled calendar you can share with your pack families. Oh, and happy families!

To help you with this **VERY** important annual process, we have created new resources - all in one place on one Web link.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/PackCommitteeResources/UnitProgramPlanningTools.aspx>

The very first thing you will see when visiting this site is a new **Pack Annual Program Planning Conference Guide** which will guide your pack program planning conference, step by step through the planning process. It is a very colorful, narrated PowerPoint presentation. Check it out!

There is an overview of the six steps of the Annual Program Planning Process and additional resources that include:

- Pack calendar template that allows you to build and share your calendar with your families electronically or printed
- Pack newsletter template so you can share regular information with your pack families
- Posters, both letter size and tabloid size, which you can customize for your needs
- Family Talent Survey form
- Cub Scout Den Meeting Program form
- Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide
- *Boys' Life* Planning Calendar
- *Boys' Life* resources
- Pack Budget Planning Guide/worksheets

BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding

Stand up paddleboards can be spotted on many American waterways, appear as program features at Scout camps, and will be a highlight at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

The BSA Outdoor Program Group, in association with BSA Health and Safety, has approved a new award to prepare Scouts to safely enjoy this rapidly expanding paddle sport.

An application and brochure for the BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding award will be available this summer. Information on stand up paddleboarding, or SUP as it is

popularly known, has also been added to the latest edition of Aquatics Supervision.

The award introduces Scouts to SUP basics on calm water, including skills, equipment, self-rescue, and safety precautions. In addition to life jackets, required by Coast Guard

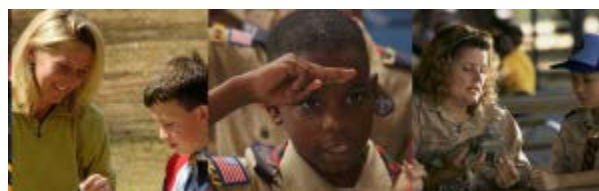


regulations, state codes, and BSA Safety Afloat, the brochure discusses other important safety equipment, such as a leash and footwear, and the differences between paddling on calm water, on flowing water, and in the surf.

The safety information and the skill instructions were developed in cooperation with the American Canoe Association. Unit leaders should update their online training in Safety Afloat in preparation for this year's boating season, whether their units are enjoying the water by earning the new SUP award or in other craft.

May 18–24 is National Safe Boating Week. Free resources are available at www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com.

'ScoutParent' Designation to End July 1



As part of BSA's ongoing efforts to strengthen the protection of youth in BSA programs, the designation of parents of youth members in traditional programs as ScoutParents will end effective July 1. BSA literature, forms, and processes are being revised to match this change in program.

Current ScoutParents are encouraged to officially register as dues-paying adult volunteers or leaders if they are not already so registered.

To help facilitate this, the unit Scouter Reserve position (91U) has been created for supportive adults who have

no immediate specific leadership role. Like all registered BSA adult positions, this new role will require a criminal background check and the completion of Youth Protection training.

The position of unit ScoutParent coordinator (PC) will remain a registered position with the name changed to parent coordinator.

New Camp for Advanced Leadership Training at Philmont

Philmont's newest back country camp is swiftly becoming a reality. Rayado Ridge Camp is being built on the site of the 1960's era Boy Scout Leadership camp located approximately one half mile west of Kit Carson in the far, southeast corner of the Philmont property. It will serve as the leadership training center for NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience), PLC (Philmont Leadership Challenge) and Wood Badge (for council led WB courses at Philmont.)

This new site is scheduled to be complete and ready for use for the first 2013 NAYLE course in June. It has been designed especially for training and boasts a number of terrific features for this purpose. These include an all new Challenge Course, Geocaching Course, Commissary and training pavilions plus all new shower houses, campsites (with wall tents on platforms) and staff development area in a majestic back country environment just as you would expect at the nation's premier Scouting area.



This location also has extensive historical interest as it sits astride the old 1800's trading route to Santa Fe in the area of the Maxwell and Miranda trading posts. History will come alive as Scouts and Scouters learn more of Scouting and personal leadership skills as well as the past adventures of those who have gone before us in this great place we call Philmont.



Several of the NAYLE sessions are already full, but there are spaces still available for any qualified Scout or Venturer. You can learn more at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/NAYLE.aspx>. For adults wanting to increase their abilities (or just as an excuse to go back to Philmont) there is the similar PLC training with info at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/FallWinterSpring/PhilmontLeadershipChallenge.aspx>.

Or contact Dale or Donna Copeland at (918) 333-4488 to learn more about these world class Scouting

Not Just Knots

Scouting is proud of its outdoor program. But too many people share the huge misconception that all we do is go camping.



Scouting's worldwide founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell, described the Scouting movement as a "game with a purpose". Camping, learning to build fires and tie knots, or paddling a canoe are the "game"; the "purpose" behind it all is helping boys work together as a team and learn to take leadership roles to accomplish these tasks, and much more.

The “much more” brings us to the main point of this article: Scouting’s impact on literacy and academic success. Research by Louis Harris and Associates shows that the experiences and accomplishments from Scouting help increase a child’s self-esteem throughout his life - and that leads to greater confidence and success in school. For instance, did you know that more kids nationwide who are in Scouting get A’s and B’s than kids not in Scouting?

Scouting helps reinforce academic success and literacy through its monthly publication for its youth members, *Boys’ Life*. It’s a magazine specifically written for boys, with different versions for different age groups. *Boys’ Life* chooses topics that boys want to read about, and in doing so helps develop a child’s desire to learn.

We’re not just tying knots here; we’re making sure kids are Prepared. For Life.

Philmont Conference for Experienced Advancement Volunteers and Professionals

SAVE THE DATES: JUNE 16–22, PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

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. Start making plans now to take advantage of this opportunity to share ideas with other committed advancement administrators at Scouting’s premier destination—Philmont Scout Ranch.

Conference participants will not only learn about the latest updates on advancement issues, but more importantly, they will have a chance to analyze, discuss, and solve case studies similar to those regularly dealt with by the national Advancement Team and Committee and the Eagle Issues Task Force, which considers appeals and requests for extension of time to earn the Eagle Scout rank. The results will be a better understanding of the effective use of the *Guide to Advancement* and the confidence to handle difficult

issues at the council level. To register, log on to MyScouting.org and select the “Event Registration” tab.

Philmont Mechanics of Advancement Conference

REVISED GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT 2013 TO BE COVERED

Can’t make it to New Mexico in June? The Philmont Training Center also will be hosting a Mechanics of Advancement course for unit, district, and council volunteers and professionals from August 4–10. The revised 2013 editions of the *Guide to Advancement* and the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook* will be distributed, featured, and covered in detail, and conference attendees will gain a more in-depth understanding of the essentials of advancement and an appreciation for the rationale behind the policies and procedures governing it. Presentations will come from members of the national Advancement Committee and its advisory panel. Group discussions will focus on effective ways to resolve advancement-related issues and challenges.

Of course, this conference also offers a prime opportunity to share the beautiful Philmont Scout Ranch with your family and new Scouting friends from across the country. Register now at MyScouting.org.

On Increasing Advancement

ORIENTING NEW BOY SCOUT PARENTS

It is the time of year when thousands of our Webelos Scouts leave the world of Cub Scouting and join the Boy Scouts. Along with these new Scouts come parents whose primary, if not only, experience in Scouting has been with a pack. How would we like these parents to support their sons in this new experience? What should we do to make their transition from pack to troop as seamless and pleasant as possible? Well, a good beginning would be to help them understand the more independent role Scouts play in a troop and on the advancement trail in particular.

Consider the major differences parents and sons may discover in the transition between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting:

- Individual Scout responsibility for setting and striving for his own goals

- An entirely different advancement program that relies more on the Scout's initiative and not so much on his parents
- The need for parental support in the Scouting adventure and awareness of the troop calendar with its camping opportunities and assorted activities
- The need for parental support in their sons' troop leadership roles or positions of responsibility
- The importance of serving on the troop committee and boards of review, or providing leadership to the Scouts as assistant Scoutmasters or Scoutmaster

Getting new parents involved in supporting the Scouting program takes place at the troop level. But a district or council advancement committee can do much to help units educate parents—especially on the mechanics of the advancement program. Here's a quick list of ideas:

1. Work with the council or district training committee to encourage all parents—not just those registering as adult leaders—to take Youth Protection training and “This Is Scouting” online training. Offer these courses or in-person, follow-up discussions immediately prior to district roundtables. Invite parents to stay and participate in the Boy Scout roundtable program afterwards.
2. Plan to hold training courses at summer camp that may be interesting to any new parents attending.
3. Put together a traveling “This Is Boy Scout Advancement” road show and offer to take it to troops for their parents.
4. Work with each troop committee to encourage them to recruit an advancement coordinator.
5. Write articles about advancement for the council newsletter.
6. Post articles about Boy Scout advancement on the council Facebook page.

Remember, advancement equals retention. The more parents support their Scouts in advancement, the longer the boys will remain in the program, thus giving us more opportunity to influence their growth in character,

citizenship, and fitness. If we help parents understand this, they will be more likely to become active. Isn't that growth why they want their boys in Scouting, and isn't that what we're all about?

Motivate Cub Scouts with the Outdoor Activity Award

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Scouting is all about outing, and Cub Scouts are all about swag. With the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, you can recognize Scouts who are active in the out-of-doors.



WHO CAN EARN THE CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD? All Cub Scouts, from Tiger Cubs through Webelos Scouts. To earn the award, Scouts must attend an age-appropriate Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp; complete rank-specific requirements; and complete a specified number of other outdoor-oriented requirements. (New this year, Tiger Cubs can attend Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps with their adult partner or guardian; read more about this change at bit.ly/tigercubs.) Requirements for the award vary at each level; see below.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TIGER CUBS? Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos resident camp, complete one requirement in Tiger Cub achievement 5 (“Let’s Go Outdoors”), and complete three qualifying outdoor activities.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR WOLF CUB SCOUTS? Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos resident camp, assemble the “Six Essentials for Going Outdoors” (Wolf elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four qualifying outdoor activities.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BEAR CUB SCOUTS? Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos resident camp, earn the Cub Scout Leave

No Trace Award (Bear elective 25h), and complete five qualifying outdoor activities.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR WEBELOS SCOUTS? Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos resident camp, earn the Outdoorsman activity badge, and complete six qualifying outdoor activities.

CAN A BOY EARN THE AWARD MORE THAN ONCE? Yes, he can earn it once during each program year, so long as he meets the requirements.

CAN A SCOUT REPEAT AN ACTIVITY FOR CREDIT IN A SUBSEQUENT YEAR? Yes. However, leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year. Youth are not expected to participate in a different camp experience each year, but if that is possible it may help continually challenge youth in different ways and give them new and fun things to do.

WHAT RECOGNITION ITEMS DO RECIPIENTS RECEIVE? The first time a boy earns the award, he receives the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity emblem (No. 14235; shown above). It goes on the right pocket flap of his uniform shirt. Each additional time he earns the award, he receives a Wolf Track pin (No. 14236) that's worn on the pocket flap emblem.

WHAT ACTIVITIES QUALIFY FOR THE CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD? Thirteen specified activities qualify, including participating in a nature hike or pack overnigher, explaining the buddy system, earning the Summertime Pack Award, and exploring a local city, county, state, or national park and discussing how a good citizen obeys park rules. See the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award brochure (No. 13-228) for a detailed list.

DO THE ACTIVITIES HAVE TO BE DONE AS A PACK? Some, such as attending a pack overnigher, are by definition pack activities. Others, the den or family can do.

DURING WHICH PERIOD MUST THE REQUIREMENTS BE COMPLETED? Requirements for each rank must be completed during the time period a Scout is eligible to be working on that specific rank.

HOW DOES OUR PACK APPLY FOR THE AWARD FOR SCOUTS? Submit a copy of the Cub

Scout Outdoor Activity Award application (No. 512-013) to your local council for each Scout.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

May 3-5 – Council Camporee

May 4 – Lifesaving Merit Badge

May 4 - BALOO

May 11 – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

May 17-18 – Outdoor Leader Training

May 18 – NRA Range Safety Officer Training

June 1 – Robotics Merit Badge

June 4-7 – OH Cub Scout Day Camp

June 7 – Council Golf Tournament

June 12-14 – GL Cub Scout Day Camp

July 15-24 – National Jamboree

July 20 – Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge

July 26 – Drillers Game and Sleep Under the Stars

Aug. 17 – Cub Scout Fish & Fly and Family Fun Day, Camp McClintock, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.