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## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR NYLT

**The deadline to register for NYLT is Friday, May 9.**

The Cherokee Area Council is excited to offer the National Youth Leadership Training program (NYLT) at Camp McClintock, June 8-13.

NYLT is BSA's premier leadership training for Scouts age 13 and up. This nationally recognized program is the key to delivering a "youth run" Scouting program, and studies show this is the most effective way to attract and retain youth in Scouting.



The cost of the program is only \$200 for the full week of leadership training, and scholarships are available.

NYLT is a life changing experience for youth leaders, but you must register by May 9 to be included in this year's course.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/2014NYLTParticipantApplication.pdf>

For more information, you can contact Paul Huttenhoff (918-397-7048), Beth Huttenhoff (281-380-6213) or Jon Copeland (918-214-2711)

## Note to future Eagle Candidates

**Effective Jan 1 2014**, Cooking merit badge is required to obtain the Eagle Scout Rank.



Regardless of when a Scout earned Life rank or began working toward Eagle, unless he fulfills all the rank requirements-with the exception of his board of review-before Jan 1 2014, he must earn the Cooking

merit badge to become Eagle Scout.

## 2014-2015 Council Calendar

The 2014-2015 Council calendar is now available. New events planned for the next Scouting year include:



- Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival – Sept. 20, 2014
- Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge – Sept. 20, 2014
- Advanced Climbing Instructor Training – Natural Site – Nov. 8, 2014
- Scouting University – February 7, 2015
- IOLS/BALOO/OWLS Training – March 27-28, 2015
- Wood Badge – April 10-12 and April 25-16, 2015

The 2014-2015 calendar also includes the following training events:

- Cub Leader Training - Sept. 18, 2014
- SM/ASM Training – Oct. 7-8, 2014 or Oct. 14-15, 2014
- First Aid/CPR – Oct. 23, 2014
- SM/ASM Training – Nov. 1, 2014
- Wilderness First Aid Training – Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2015

The calendar is available in two different formats: a multi-page Word document that is color-coded and a single-page Excel spreadsheet. Either format can be downloaded from the council web site at <http://www.cherokeesba.org>

## Rifle Shooting Merit Badge May 10

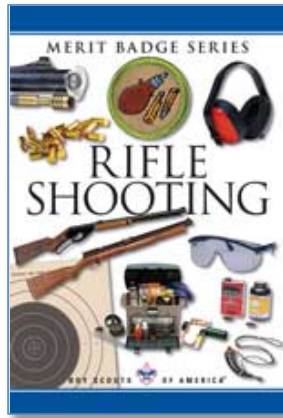
Camp McClintock

Cost \$10 - NRA materials, ammo, target & lunch included

**Maximum class size 16**

Scouts attending this merit badge will receive NRA First Steps (Firearm Introduction, Responsibility, and Safety Training) rifle training.

To register, contact the Scout Service Center ([registrar@cherokeesbsa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeesbsa.org), 918-336-9170, or toll-free 888-269-1328)



## Climbing Tower Instructor Training May 17 & 18

Camp McClintock  
Cost \$15 (includes lunch)

### Class limited to 15

Participants will learn the purpose of the Climbing/Rappelling program:



- Responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor
- How to belay, climb, rappel, and spotting
- Use of the equipment in the climbing program
- How to tie knots and hitches used in the climbing program
- Learn anchor points and systems
- Be able to lead a group through a climbing/rappelling experiences

To register, contact the Scout Service Center ([registrar@cherokeesbsa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeesbsa.org), 918-336-9170 or toll-free 888-269-1328).

## Service Opportunity for Miami Scouts & Scouters May 24

All Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to participate in placing flags on Veterans' graves at the GAR cemetery in Miami on Saturday, May 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The cemetery is at 2801 North Main Street.

The cemetery will provide the flags. Wear your uniform and be ready to honor our Veterans by remembering them on Memorial Day!

For questions please call Paul Fuhrmeister at 918-533-8339.

And don't forget to report your service hours to the Scout Office for your unit and district JTE!



## Osage Hills District Cub Scout Day Camp June 3-6

**REMINDER:** Each pack must provide at least one Walking Leader for every five boys registered in each age group (Wolf/Bear and Webelos). **First grade Tiger Cubs MUST have a parent or guardian with them each day.**

Training for all Walking Leaders and Tiger Cub partners will be held at the Scout Service Center on Tuesday, May 27th OR Thursday, May 29th at 7:00 PM. Walking leaders and Tiger Cub partners need to attend only one training session.

The Pack Coordinator will pick up t-shirts for their pack at one of the Walking Leader training sessions.



### SCOUTING THE GALAXY

If you have any questions, please contact the Day Camp Program Director Annabeth Robin (918-440-3085 [okrobin@yahoo.com](mailto:okrobin@yahoo.com)).

## Grand Lake District Cub Scout Day Camp June 11-13

The Grand Lake District Day camp will be held from Jun11 through June 13.

For more information, contact Doug Banner at the Scout Office.

## National Trails Day

June 7

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® is the country's largest celebration of trails.

National Trails Day events include hikes, biking and horseback rides, paddling trips, birdwatching, geocaching, gear demonstrations, stewardship projects and more.



Click here for more information

<http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

## Drillers under the Stars

July 18

Come cheer on the Drillers, but don't forget your sleeping bag, as Scouts will spend the night in Driller Stadium.



There will be fireworks, hotdogs, and a movie while camping in Driller Stadium. Tickets are \$18.50 for the game, the overnight event and meal or \$8.50 for the game only.

Pre-registration by July 11 is required.

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/2014DrillersRegistration.pdf>

Scouts and siblings must be accompanied by parents or two-deep leadership. Rules and a packing list will be available when registration is received.

Questions? Contact Kim Cowherd at the Scout Office.

## 48th Annual White River Canoe Race-Scouting's National Championship Canoe Race

July 23-26

Join in one of Scouting's most unique and challenging events this July 23-26. For the last 48 years scouts from all over the country have participated in this exciting event deep in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas.



Classes are available for the beginner as well as the advanced canoeist. Canoes

and paddles are available upon request.

The entry fee of \$30 includes four evening meals, camping in nicely equipped parks, t-shirt and race patch, door prizes, and memories of a lifetime.

See [www.scoutrace.com](http://www.scoutrace.com) for more details.

## How to complete Scouting Heritage MB Requirement 4B

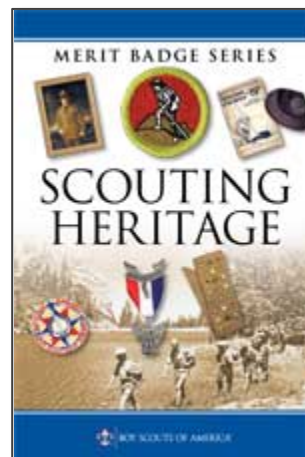
If you have a Scout working on Scouting Heritage merit badge

Requirement 4, Joe Connole's your guy.

The programs coordinator and lead admissions clerk for the BSA's [National Scouting Museum](#) in Irving, Tex., is in charge of answering letters and emails from Scouts working on that merit

badge.

A Scout has three options for completing Requirement 4 of Scouting Heritage MB, each involving keeping a journal or writing a report:



- A. Attend a BSA national jamboree, world Scout jamboree OR a national BSA high-adventure base.
- B. Write or visit the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Tex.
- C. Visit an exhibit of Scouting memorabilia or a local museum with a Scouting history gallery or visit with someone in your council who is recognized as a dedicated Scouting historian or memorabilia collector.

Scouts who choose to write the National Scouting Museum (4B), will need to contact Joe. If they do, they'll get a response with a letter, a brochure, and — drumroll please — the awesome free patch seen below.



To help Scouts taking this merit badge and counselors teaching it, Joe shared some details on how it works:

**First, write a letter or email to the museum**

Scouts must either write (email or regular mail) or visit the National Scouting Museum and obtain information about the facility.

Scouts will receive a letter, fact sheet, brochure and the patch seen here.

The patch is the only way a counselor can verify that the Scout has actually written or visited the Museum.

They can contact Joe either by email ([joseph.connole@scouting.org](mailto:joseph.connole@scouting.org)) or via regular mail:

Joe Connole  
1329 W Walnut Hill Ln.  
Irving, TX 75038

Scouts must include the following information: first and last name, current Scout rank and their mailing address.

Information will not be sent to counselors or Scoutmasters, only to Scouts working on the merit badge.

If a troop is working on the merit badge, they can write a single letter as long as each Scout signs and writes his name showing that he worked on the letter.

Parents or leaders should verify that the Scout's information appears legible and is accurate; Joe receives a number of letters every year where the Scout's information isn't legible or is inaccurate.

**Then, wait for a response.**

Mailings are done every Wednesday; Scouts should allow at least three weeks for a response.

Joe receives more than 1,000 letters every year (last year that accounted for 28 percent of all Scouts who earned this MB),

and while he strives to send information within three weeks, there are times when that is not possible.



**Other Scouting Heritage MB advice**

As for the other requirements, Joe strongly suggests that Scouts get the [merit badge book](#) as well as the reprint of the first-edition Boy Scout Handbook to complete Requirement 7.

Counselors should notice that Requirement 8 doesn't say that they must talk to a *man* over the

age of 40 who was a *Boy Scout*. It says to speak to *someone* over the age of 40 who was a Scout.

While Joe won't send information to Scout leaders or counselors, he does have a PowerPoint presentation that covers Requirements 1 to 3 that he's happy to share.

(Reprinted from *Bryan on Scouting*, April 7, 2014)

## BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses

This five-day, five-night course trains interested individuals ages 18 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators work with their council's Outdoor Ethics Advocates to provide Leave No Trace Trainer, BSA Leave No Trace 101 and outdoor ethics awareness courses.

Each BSA Master Educator course is taught by a set of nationally-designated Master Educator Instructors, so your Master Educator standing is recognized nationally the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

- *Prerequisite:* Leave No Trace Trainer *or* approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate
- *Instructed by:* Nationally-designated Leave No Trace Master Educator Instructors
- *Participants receive:* Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, *BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course Manual*, *Leave No Trace 101 Course Guide*, Leave No Trace Master Educator certificate from the BSA and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, and National Park Service *Leave No Trace* DVD courtesy of the National Park Service.



2014 BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses Schedule - [http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/me\\_courses.htm](http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/me_courses.htm)

## New Program at Florida Sea Base

Earn this patch by attending the new Certified Angling Instructor training at Florida Sea Base!



The goal of this course is to improve a council's and unit's overall fishing program and train Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badge Counselors on the official BSA approach to these badges. Florida Sea Base is a place to learn fishing instruction!



Boy Scouts of America  
Certified Angler Instructor  
Training

### The program:

- Friday and Saturday, attend class and earn your BSA Certified Angling Instructor certification.
- Sunday, you can stay and fish in the morning or depart for home when you are ready.

### Meals included:

- Thursday Cracker barrel
- Friday breakfast, lunch, dinner and cracker barrel
- Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and cracker barrel
- Sunday breakfast and lunch (optional)

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to earn the BSA Certified Angling Instructor recognition and will be certified to run fishing programs at BSA summer camps and instruct the Fishing and Fly Fishing merit badges.

Think of this training as the fishing equivalent of firearm or climbing instructor training. Yes...you know how to fish, but do you know how to teach how to fish?

According to a recent Boys' Life survey, fishing is the 4th most popular activity among scouts, with 61% participating. Fishing programs can help attract new Cub Scouts and parents and help with retention.

Course Instructors include Ben Jelsema, one of the authors of Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badge books – along with members of the BSA National Fishing Committee.

### Who should attend?

Participants should include current and future Council Camp Program Directors and Fishing Staff, Merit Badge Counselors, Cub Day Camp Staff, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and Venturing Crew leaders and Venturing Crew Members over age 16. You should be committed to instructing Scouts in fishing and fly fishing either at Boy Scout summer camp, Cub Day Camp or teaching one or both of these merit badges in your unit or district.

### Dates:

- Arrive Thursday evening October 30
- Depart Sunday morning November 2.

Classes will be taught Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1.

Registration and check-in is from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Thursday, October 30. We will have a reception Thursday night at 9:00pm for class participants.

Space will be limited to 30 participants.

Cost: \$330 – includes 3 nights lodging, meals, course materials, and a sunset boat excursion

Register at:

<http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x32700d9f5>

Questions? Email David Lund, Course Director at [BoyScoutFishing@gmail.com](mailto:BoyScoutFishing@gmail.com)

## Digital Technology merit badge requirements released

The latest and greatest in tech isn't a new smartphone, tablet or game console.

It's a new merit badge. The Boy Scouts of America welcomes **Digital**



**Technology merit badge** to its ever-growing arsenal of merit badges focused on careers, hobbies and activities Scouts enjoy doing.

Digital Technology MB becomes the BSA's 135th current merit badge. That [list of merit badges](#) will be reduced by one when Computers merit badge is discontinued on Dec. 31, 2014.

(Read more about the phasing-out of Computers [here](#), and know that Scouts may earn and wear *both* Digital Technology MB and Computers MB, provided they begin work on Computers by the end of 2014.)

But today's all about Digital Technology merit badge, which covers the Internet, smartphones, content creation on digital devices and much more.

See the full list of requirements and a merit badge workbook after the jump.

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Show your counselor your current, up-to-date [Cyber Chip](#).

Earn the Cyber Chip: Earning the Cyber Chip can help you learn how to stay safe while you are online and using social networks or the latest electronic gadgets. Topics include cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, cyberbullying, and identity theft. Find out more about the Cyber Chip at <http://www.scouting.org/cyberchip>.

2. Do the following:

- a. Give a brief history of the changes in digital technology over time. Discuss with your counselor how digital technology in your lifetime compares with that of your parent's, grandparent's, or other adult's lifetime.
- b. Describe the kinds of computers or devices you imagine might be available when you are an adult.

3. Do the following:

- a. Explain to your counselor how text, sound, pictures, and videos are digitized for storage.
- b. Describe the difference between lossy and lossless data compression, and give an example where each might be used.

c. Describe two digital devices and how they are made more useful by their programming.

d. Discuss the similarities and differences between computers, mobile devices, and gaming consoles.

e. Explain what a computer network is and describe the network's purpose.

**4. Do the following:**

a. Explain what a program or software application or "app" is and how it is created.

b. Name four software programs or mobile apps you or your family use, and explain how each one helps you.

c. Describe what malware is, and explain how to protect your digital devices and the information stored on them.

**5. Do the following:**

a. Describe how digital devices are connected to the Internet.

b. Using an Internet search engine (with your parent's permission), find ideas about how to conduct a troop court of honor or campfire program. Print out a copy of the ideas from at least three different websites. Share what you found with your counselor, and explain how you used the search engine to find this information.

c. Use a Web browser to connect to an HTTPS (secure) website (with your parent's permission). Explain to your counselor how to tell whether the site's security certificate can be trusted, and what it means to use this kind of connection.

**6. Do THREE of the following. For each project you complete, copy the files to a backup device and share the finished projects with your counselor.**

a. Using a spreadsheet or database program, develop a food budget for a patrol weekend campout OR create a troop roster that includes the name, rank, patrol, and telephone number of each Scout. Show your counselor that you can sort the roster by each of the following categories: rank, patrol, and alphabetically by name.

b. Using a word processor, write a draft letter to the parents of your troop's Scouts, inviting them to a troop event.

c. Using a graphics program, design and draw a campsite plan for your troop OR create a flier for an upcoming troop event, incorporating text and some type of visual such as a photograph or an illustration.

d. Using a presentation software program, develop a report about a topic approved by your counselor. For your presentation, create at least five slides, with each one incorporating text and some type of visual such as a photograph or an illustration.

e. Using a digital device, take a picture of a troop activity. Send or transfer this image to a device where the picture can be shared with your counselor.

f. Make a digital recording of your voice, transfer the file to a different device, and have your counselor play back the recording.

g. Create a blog and use it as an online journal of your Scouting activities, including group discussions and meetings, campouts, and other events. Include at least five entries and two photographs or illustrations. Share your blog with your counselor. You need not post the blog to the Internet; however, if you choose to go live with your blog, you must first share it with your parents AND counselor AND get their approval.

h. Create a Web page for your troop, patrol, school, or place of worship. Include at least three articles and two photographs or illustrations. Include at least one link to a website of interest to your audience. You need not post the page to the Internet; however, if you decide to do so, you must first share the Web page with your parents AND counselor AND get their approval.

**7. Do the following:**

a. Explain to your counselor each of these protections and why they exist: copyright, patents, trademarks, trade secrets.

b. Explain when it is permissible to accept a free copy of a program from a friend.



c. Discuss with your counselor an article or a news report about a recent legal case involving an intellectual property dispute.

**8. Do TWO** of the following:

a. Describe why it is important to properly dispose of digital technology. List at least three dangerous chemicals that could be used to create digital devices or used inside a digital device.

b. Explain to your counselor what is required to become a certified recycler of digital technology hardware or devices.

c. Do an Internet search for an organization that collects discarded digital technology hardware or devices for repurposing or recycling. Find out what happens to that waste. Share with your counselor what you found.

d. Visit a recycling center that disposes of digital technology hardware or devices. Find out what happens to that waste. Share what you learned with your counselor.

e. Find a battery recycling center near you and find out what it does to recycle batteries. Share what you have learned with your counselor about the proper methods for recycling batteries.

**9. Do ONE** of the following:

a. Investigate three career opportunities that involve digital technology. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

b. Visit a business or an industrial facility that uses digital technology. Describe four ways digital technology is being used there. Share what you learned with your counselor.

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK**

[This document \(PDF\)](#) from the U.S. Scouting Service Project will help your Scouts as they work on the merit badge.

**Boy Scout World Jamboree registration site now open**

The registration site for the Boy Scout World Jamboree in Japan (Tuesday, July 28, to Saturday, August 8, 2015, plus travel and touring time) is now open and available for registration and information.

This will be a lifetime changing experience. Area 8 (Oklahoma and Arkansas) would like to fill a complete troop.

Have questions? Contact:

James K. Hendren  
Southern Region,  
Area 8, World Jamboree Coordinator  
75 Quercus Cir  
Little Rock, AR 72223  
501-821-0088 hm/ofc  
501-584-0006 cell



Registration and information webpage:

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>

**Drink Right**

**Now's the time to replace soda and bug juice with water**

When Scout Executive Michael Riley made the choice to eliminate bug juice at the Cape Cod & Islands Council's summer day camps, he braced for a revolt.



But no uprising came. Sugar-saturated bug juice was available one summer, and the next summer only water was served.

“Surprisingly, we got no pushback from the parents,” he told me. “They said, ‘That’s good; the Scouts don’t need

that.’ And the kids? They just thought, ‘This is what we’ve got.’”

This positive step toward healthy living will go a long way toward preventing and reversing obesity in Scouts in Michael’s council. But it shouldn’t stop there.

Your pack, troop, team, crew, ship or post can be a part of this three-step approach to healthy living known as **Drink Right, Move More, Snack Smart**. The effort is the brainchild of Healthy Kids Out of School <http://www.healthykidshub.org/> (with major funding from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation) and a Boy Scouts of America partner in the push for healthier Scouts.

Consider this: Is it time to make the switch to serving only water at Scout meetings, on campouts and at summer camp? The statistics say yes:

- Almost half of the added sugar in the typical American diet comes from sugar-sweetened beverages like bug juice, sports drinks, juice drinks and sodas.
- A 2001 study of schoolchildren age 11 to 17, published in *The Lancet* medical journal, found that “for each additional serving of sugar-sweetened drink consumed, both body mass index (BMI) ... and frequency of obesity increased.”

Those facts are enough to make anyone pour out their syrupy cup of bug juice..

### Illustrate the facts with this Sugar Quiz

Alyssa Koomas, regional project manager for Healthy Kids Out of School, recommends using a “sugar quiz” with your unit.

“We do a sugar quiz with Scouts and find they’re shocked to see how many packets of sugar are in some of their favorite beverages,” she said. “For example, about 17 packets in a 20-ounce soda. Activities that help kids make an informed decision on what to eat



and drink for themselves can make a lasting impact. We hear kids say, ‘I’ll never drink that again!’”

Try this fun, interactive Sugar Quiz (PDF) <http://scoutingmagazine.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/hkos-sugar-quiz.pdf> at a unit meeting and watch in awe as your Scouts learn what’s really in their favorite drinks.

The PDF outlines the materials needed. Basically that’s a few examples of popular sugar-sweetened beverages and about 40 sugar packets.

Be sure to include more than just sodas in your demonstration, Alyssa said.

“Most people are aware of the sugar in sodas, but juice drinks and sports drinks, which can contain just as much sugar, somehow fall under the radar. Juice ‘drinks’ rarely contain any juice, and pediatricians recommend water over sports drinks for hydration.”

### Don’t forget about the patch!

The **Healthy Unit Patch**, which encourages units to follow the BSA’s SCOUTStrong recommendations to Drink Right, Move More and Snack Smart at meetings, events and excursions is available free to any unit that completes the 3-6-9 challenge.



The “6” in the challenge is “Make water the main beverage at 6 meetings.”

Read all about the Healthy Unit Patch here. <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/03/17/adopt-these-3-steps-for-healthier-meetings-earn-the-healthy-unit-patch/>

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## Cub N One Recap

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Camp McClintock was host to the 2014 Cub N One, sponsored by the Osage Hills District.

Karen Slagel and Kim Cowherd, co-directors, were thrilled to welcome 47 Cub Scouts and 45+ adult partners to this family camping event. Approximately half of the participants stayed the night.

The adult staff and junior staff from Troop 33 were awesome. They paired up to man stations all over camp, providing great experiences for the Cubs.

Thankfully the weather was mild, just a little windy. No problems with the construction.

Thanks to everyone who helped pull this event together!



## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- May 1 – Osage Hills District Unit Commissioners (adult leaders)
- May 1 – Osage Hills District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- May 1 – Osage Hills District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- May 2-4 – Order of the Arrow Section Conclave, Camp Simpson (Boy Scouts)
- May 8 – Osage Hills District Eagle Boards of Review (Boy Scouts)
- May 8 – Grand Lake District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- May 8 – Grand Lake District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- May 10 – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (Boy Scouts)
- May 17-18 – Climbing Tower Instructor Training (adult leaders)
- May 30 – Council Golf Tournament
- June 3-6 – Osage Hills Cub Scout Day Camp (Cub Scouts)
- June 5 – Osage Hills District Unit Commissioners (adult leaders)
- June 5 – Osage Hills District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- June 5 – Osage Hills District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- June 8-14 – National Youth Leadership Training (Boy Scouts)
- June 11-13 – Grand Lake Cub Scout Day Camp (Cub Scouts)
- June 12 – Grand Lake District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- June 12 – Grand Lake District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- June 12 – Osage Hills District Eagle Boards of Review (Boy Scouts)
- July 18 – Drillers under the Stars (all units)