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from 12 to 2 pm. Come learn about fire trucks, talk to local firemen, and learn more about the Scouting program.

Families can obtain information about Scouting and sign up their youth for any of the Scouting programs. We will be accepting applications for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, and Exploring.

Everyone is invited to attend this event and learn more about fire safety and the fire trucks. Current BSA members can earn a cool prize for signing up a friend. Bring your friends on a Scouting event, tell them about Scouting, and this can even help complete the 1st Class requirement 10: "Tell someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your troop's activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project or meeting. Tell him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active. "

## Good Turn Saturday November 20

Here's a service hours opportunity at the Salvation Army in Bartlesville. It's also an opportunity for fun, food, and fellowship.



Lunch will be provided. The fun starts at 8:45 a.m. and should be over by 1:00 p.m.

## OH District Banquet December 2

All Scout leaders and their families are invited to attend and celebrate the year's efforts to bring the Scouting

## Council Popcorn Sale

**November 29 – Money due** - Payments received after November 29 will result in an additional 5% commission loss per week.

## Recruiting Opportunity November 6

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

The Council will be hosting an informative event in Bartlesville this Saturday (Nov. 6) at all local fire stations

program to the youth of Osage Hills District! The banquet will be held at the Scout Service Center at 6:00 p.m. on December 2.

Bring a vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert - meat and drinks will be provided.

**We need a head count, so please call (336-9170 or 888-269-1328) or e-mail [registrar@cherokeesbsa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeesbsa.org) by November 30.**

The District Award of Merit and other awards will be presented.

Nominations for District Award of Merit or Unit Leader Award of Merit should be turned into the Scout Office as soon as possible.



Requirements for the District Award of Merit as well as previous recipients are available here [http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179)

The Unit Leader Award of Merit replaces the Scoutmaster Award of Merit. This award is now open to a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor, so be sure to nominate your leader if they meet the requirements. The requirements for the Unit Leader Award of Merit are available here [http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=144&Itemid=284](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=144&Itemid=284)

## 2012 Philmont reservations

By Bill Alexander, VP for Program

Philmont has begun to accept online 2012 reservations for 7- and 12-day treks and will continue to do so through December 4th, 2010.

Only one reservation request can be made per unit, and a computerized random drawing will occur following the close of the registration period. Units which have been on the waiting list for 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 will be selected first, and then others will be selected.

For complete information, download the reservation information at

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/2012PhilmontRegistrationPkt.pdf> or follow the links on the council web site at [www.cherokeesbsa.org](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org).

## Rechartering

Recharter packets have been distributed. Units who get their recharter paperwork in to the Scout Office by December 3 will receive an "early bird ribbon".

**The drop dead date for having recharterers in to the Scout Office is December 17.**



**Be sure that all registered adults have completed the appropriate training – position specific, Fast Start, and Youth Protection. Registered adults without Youth Protection Training will be dropped from the units.**

Units with questions about rechartering should contact Wes Hurd or Ray Peaster in the OH District or Tim McMillan or Paul Fuhrmeister in the GL District.

## OA Lodge Leadership Development and Winter Banquet

January 7 and 8, 2011

OA Lodge Leadership Development will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Vinita. All Lodge and Chapter officers and advisors should attend.

The OA Winter Banquet will be held on January 8 at the Masonic Lodge in Vinita.

Watch December issue of the *Washita Warrior* for more information.

## Silver Beaver

If you know a volunteer that has been active at the Unit, District and/or Council and demonstrates the characteristics seen in a quality leader, please take the time to complete a nomination form.



A list of past recipients can be found on the Council's web site

[http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=226](http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=226)

The Silver Beaver nomination form is available here

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>

**The Silver Beaver committee will accept applications through Friday, January 28, 2011.**

## Scouting's Journey to Excellence

Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the new program to replace the Centennial Quality Award program. It will provide recognition for Councils, Districts and Units for improving their delivery of good Scouting and/or for achieving specific measures of good performance.

The BSA Journey to Excellence program uses a balanced approach and key performance indicators to measure performance versus process, encourage and reward success, and achieve the mission.

The new system will be effective starting with unit rechartering in 2011.

### Journey to Excellence Unit / District Webinars

In order to assist with the roll-out of Scouting's Journey to Excellence program, the BSA Mission Impact Department will be hosting a series of webinars intended for District and Unit level volunteers.

To sign-up for a webinar click this link.

<http://journey-to-excellence.kintera.org/district-unit>

*\*All times are CST (Central Standard).*

#### Packs

Sat 11/6 10 a.m.

Thur 11/11 2 p.m.

Sat 11/13 9 a.m.

#### Crews

Fri 11/12 8 p.m.

#### Troops

Sat 11/6 12 p.m.

Thur 11/11 8 p.m.

Sat 11/13 11 a.m.

#### Districts

Fri 11/12 6 p.m.

All BSA leaders are welcome to participate in the webinars. However, space is limited and signing up before the meeting is required. There is no cost.

Here are the 2011 Journey to Excellence requirements:

- ▶ Journey to Excellence Criteria - Packs  
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Journey-to-Excellence-Pack.pdf>
- ▶ Journey to Excellence Criteria – Troops  
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Journey-to-Excellence-Troop.pdf>
- ▶ Journey to Excellence Criteria – Crews  
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Journey-to-Excellence-Crew.pdf>
- ▶ Journey to Excellence Criteria – Districts  
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Journey-to-Excellence-District.pdf>

### Journey to Excellence Council Volunteers and Staff Webinars

This webinar is intended for council level staff and volunteers. They will discuss the new "Scouting's Journey to Excellence" program, focusing primarily on the council criteria.

To sign-up for a Council webinar click this link.

<http://journey-to-excellence.kintera.org/council-staff-volunteers>

Wed 11/10 2 p.m.

Wed 11/10 4 p.m.

Here are the 2011 Journey to Excellence requirements:

- ▶ Journey to Excellence Criteria – Councils  
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Journey-to-Excellence-Council.pdf>

Please plan to sign up for a webinar in the area of greatest interest and value to you and encourage your Scouting friends and colleagues to do so as well.

## Eagle Scouts

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Only 5 percent of Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle in a recent year, and historically a total of only 2 percent of the Scouts have achieved Eagle rank. This is a major achievement that requires years to complete a long list of requirements.

Our congratulations go out to the following Scouts who have recently achieved Eagle rank:

- ▶ Robert Pippin – Troop 66
- ▶ Austin Raatz – Troop 3
- ▶ Trinity Lowe – Troop 29
- ▶ Michael Merrill – Troop 3
- ▶ James Spicer – Troop 110

Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievement, and ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

## Eagle Projects

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Fred Morris is the contact at the Mary Martha mission in Bartlesville for Eagle projects if anyone is looking for a good project. He has several outside projects in the garden area just south of the Mary Martha building at many different levels.

Some Scouts have already done projects there, and there are many more available. The cell phone for Fred Morris is (918) 519-0579, or the home phone is (918) 333-4209.

## Volunteer Development Training Conference January 17-22, 2011

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Come escape the cold winter weather for a week in the Florida Keys!

Scout leaders will have the opportunity to attend a Philmont-style training conference at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base the week of January 17–22, 2011. Each conference will be staffed by experienced, informed Scouters. The conference schedule includes

ample time to enjoy the mild climate and natural beauty of the Florida Keys.

The following conferences are scheduled:

- Strictly for Scoutmasters
- The Unit Commissioner—Supporting Units' Needs
- Advancement Policy and Procedures
- The District Key Three
- Geocache and Scouting
- Administration of Venturing

The \$350 conference fee includes meals; dormitory housing, sheets, and towels; and course materials.

There is limited space for each conference, so registration will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be postmarked by December 1, 2010.

More information and the reservation form are available here

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/filestore/seabase/pdf/511-108.pdf>

## Scout Sunday February 6, 2011

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BSA designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

A suggested observance for Scout Sunday can be found on the BSA web site here

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/media/relationships/ascoutisrevernt.aspx>

Program covers and inserts can be ordered through the Scout Shop

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Media/Relationships/ascoutisrevernt/ss15.aspx> Orders should be placed

soon to ensure receipt in time for your unit's Scout Sunday observance.

## National Youth Leader Training

March 13-19, 2011

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National Youth Leader Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience you can use in your home troop and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. It is also a requirement to attend NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience) at Philmont Scout Ranch.

**National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)** is an intense, 5½ day, outdoor leadership training experience for Scouting youth leaders. This course is available to currently registered Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts who have completed the required unit level training [note: Boy Scouts must be at least 13 years old, be a First Class Scout, hold a troop leadership position and have parental permission.] Its principle function is to help unit leaders by training their top youth leaders in the skills of leadership. This course is a National BSA-developed course that closely parallels the material provided in the 21st Century Wood Badge training for adults. **NYLT** is limited to 48 candidates.

For many years, junior leader training (JLT) was an important part of the leadership training continuum of BSA local councils throughout America. In 2003 and 2004, a task force of leadership experts and hundreds of Scouts in pilot courses across the nation reviewed and tested every aspect of the new NYLT syllabus, which incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to

understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Built on the legacy of past JLT successes, the new NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Don't delay; space is limited, so contact the Scout Service Center today to sign up!

## Wood Badge Course

September 16-18, 2011

October 21-23, 2011

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An important part of providing a Scouting program is to have trained leaders. BSA recommends that all adults take Wood Badge within the first two years of being a Scout leader.

Wood Badge is leadership training for all Scout Leaders who are involved in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing, as well as council and district leaders, and professionals. This new contemporary training program focuses on leadership and "people" skills, and not Scoutcraft or outdoor skills. Participants will learn techniques to make them better leaders, and also how to lead groups to achieve objectives.

Wood Badge is offered over two weekends in the fall of 2011. The application provides more detail <http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/WoodBadge2011.pdf> Enrollment is limited to 48 adults, so be sure to fill out the application and submit with your \$50 deposit so that you are ensured a slot on this fun and rewarding event.

# Philmont Trek for Youth Cancer Survivors

July 3-July 15, 2011

The Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America along with the Grand Canyon Council of Arizona is excited to announce a Philmont trek for youth cancer survivors.

The coed trek is open to Philmont age youth. For more information see our website [www.cancersurvivortrek.org](http://www.cancersurvivortrek.org) or email the trek advisor at [stevemiller.az@cox.net](mailto:stevemiller.az@cox.net).

## Flag Retirement

Washita Lodge recently retired over 488 flags at a ceremony during the Council's Fall Camporee.

The flag retirement was a project led by Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief Aaron Lewis. Over a hundred Scouts and Scouting volunteers were involved in the project to collect and properly retire the worn flags.



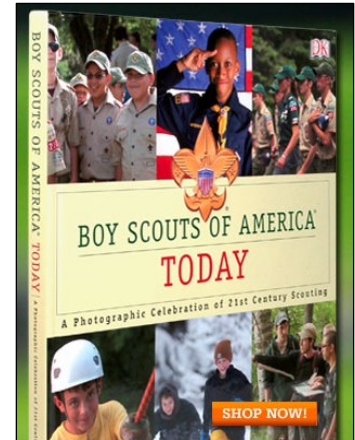
Each flag had the Union (Blue with Stars) removed from the Stripes.



The separated cloths were respectfully burned and the ashes scattered.

## Introducing Boy Scouts of America: Today Customize the Dust Jacket with Your Photos!

This is what second-century Scouting looks like! An exciting new coffee-table-style book uses vivid, real-life Scouting photos to create a refreshing portrayal of America's youth at their best - helping others, building character, and being active participants in their communities.



Produced in close partnership with the BSA®, DK Custom

Publishing presents Boy Scouts of America: Today (\$35) featuring hundreds of never-before-seen photographs, including many drawn from BSA's recent nationally-held photography competition during which you, the Scouting family, submitted photos of Scouts exemplifying Scout Law.

Arranged upon the theme of the 12 Points of Scout Law (Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent), this book is a visual representation of the Law in action.

**Attention Jamboree Participants!** In addition to the Scout-submitted photos, you'll love the new, professionally commissioned photographs of the 2010 National Jamboree.

**Limited-Time Offer: Create Your Own Customized Dust Jacket!**

Now, for a limited time, you can make this beautiful commemorative book an even more meaningful keepsake gift by customizing the dust jacket with three of your own personal Scouting photos! Log on to [dk.com](http://dk.com) to order yours now. Just upload your photos and purchase your personalized dust jacket for only \$11.99

plus tax and shipping. **Offer expires April 15, 2011.**

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Shop online at

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply/?cncl=469>

## Boys' Life Jamboree Souvenir DVD

Boy's Life Magazine is accepting pre-orders for its Boy's Life Jamboree Souvenir DVD. Relive the excitement of the 2010 National Scout Jamboree every time you watch your souvenir DVD.



Visit <http://boyslife.org/jambodvd> to learn more and place your pre-order. DVDs are \$15.95 each or you can save 20% by ordering 12 or more. DVDs are expected to be shipped around mid-November 2010.

## Geocaching Merit Badge MB pamphlet and patch available soon

You won't need your GPS unit to find the Geocaching merit badge requirements. We've got them right here.

Here are a few highlights of what Scouts will learn while earning Geocaching merit badge:



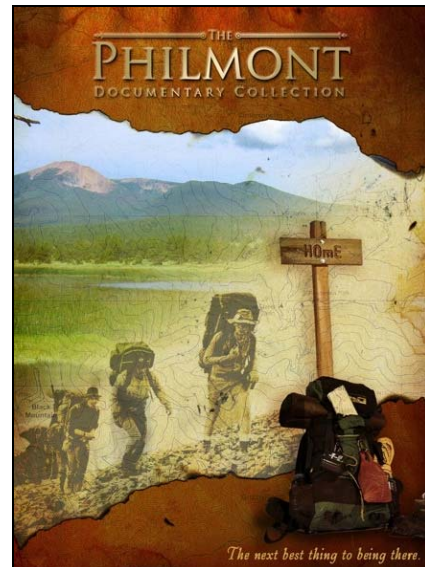
- Precautions necessary to have a safe time while searching for geocaches
- Geocaching etiquette and how the principles of Leave No Trace apply
- Geocaching terms
- How GPS technology works
- Steps for finding and logging a cache
- How to use [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com), the official online home of Geocaching

But it isn't all "classroom work." The majority of the merit badge involves Scouts searching for geocaches. They'll also have the opportunity to create and hide their own caches.

[Click here](#) to download the PDF that contains the official requirements.

## Philmont Documentary Film

Larry McLaughlin from Austin is a teacher (Crockett High School), filmmaker, and was a Philmont staffer for 8 years. He started the musical group "The Tabasco Donkeys" with a number of other Philmont staff members and they have published several CD's of Philmont songs. He is known as "Dirty Larry" at Philmont.



Larry was commissioned by Philmont to develop and produce a documentary video about Philmont. Larry "shadowed" one of the Capitol Area Council's 2009 contingent crews and filmed them as they prepared for the trek and while they were on the trail.

In addition to shadowing the crew, Larry interviewed a number of people to present the background and history of Philmont. These interviews are incredible, particularly the ones with Choze Phillips, son of Waite Phillips, and his wife.

The documentary is available in DVD and Blu-ray formats and can be ordered at <http://www.philmontmovie.com/>. You can also view clips

of the documentary - the quality is outstanding - it will make you want to go back!

## Cranston Fabrics To Introduce "A Scout Is...", New BSA® Fabrics Featuring Norman Rockwell Illustrations



"A Scout Is..." is a new fabric line by Quilting Treasures depicting qualities encouraged in Scouting programs. This line will debut in January 2011 in stores.

## W.R. Case Introduces Collectible Pocketknife



W.R. Case to introduce the golden rod bone Grand Daddy Barlow pocketknife in a collectible walnut shadow box commemorating the Centennial Boy Scout Rank Insignia. The 8½" x 14½" walnut box features the W.R. Case Golden Rod Bone Grand Daddy Barlow Pocketknife with the BSA® logo on the blade.

Inside the box is a printed rank advancement replica depicting the trail to Eagle showing each advancement and ending in the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Also, included is a genuine W.R. Case collectible medallion.

For more information on where to purchase this product, please visit [wrcase.com](http://wrcase.com).

## Revell Introduces New Pinewood Derby® Kits and Accessories



Coming this December, Revell will unveil its 2011 extensive offering of Pinewood Derby® car kits and accessories in Michaels stores.

In addition to the race kits that were introduced last year, Revell has also added new racer kits such as the Sprint Car, Semi Truck, Monster Truck and Tractor Puller kits. Additionally, more tools have been added to help build the perfect car, including a Pro Wheel Truer, Pro Axel Alignment Tool, Pro Hub Tool, and Pro Axel Straightener, to name a few.

Finally, to decorate and display the car, there are additional sticker decal sets and a Pro Car stand.

To find a retailer carrying these products in your area, please visit [revell.com](http://revell.com).

## Cherokee Scouter publication schedule

Do you have news to share? Please submit your news and information to the Cherokee Area Council. You can e-mail [cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org](mailto:cherokeebbsa@cherokeebbsa.org)

Issue	Issue Deadline
December	November 22
January	December 27
February	January 21
March	February 18
April	March 23
May	April 20
June	May 24



## Upcoming Key Dates

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

November 4 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

November 5 – OH District popcorn pickup

November 6 – GL District popcorn pickup

November 6 – Recruiting event

November 11 – GL Roundtable

November 18 – OH District Committee

November 24-26 – Scout Service Center closed at Noon on Nov. 24 for Thanksgiving holiday

November 29 – Popcorn money due at the Scout Service Center

December 2 – OH District Banquet

December 9 – GL Roundtable

December 17 – OA Vigil Weekend

December 22-24 – Scout Service Center closed at Noon on Dec. 22 for Christmas holiday

January 6 - OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

January 7-8 – OA Lodge Leadership Development

January 8 – OA Winter Banquet

January 13 – GL District Banquet

January 22 – Scouting for Food in Bartlesville

January 27 - OH District Committee

January 29 – Scouting for Food in Bartlesville

February 3 - OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

February 10 - GL Roundtable

February 15 - Friends of Scouting Patron Dinner

February 24 – OH District Committee

February 26 – Winter Merit Badge Festival

March 2 - OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

March 4-6 – Spring Camporee

March 10 – GL Roundtable

March 13-19 – National Youth Leader Training

March 22 – Council Banquet

March 24 – OH District Committee