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Our congratulations go out to the following Scouts who have achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- John Glenn – Troop 3 (GSPC outdoor fireplace)
- Dakota Jester – Troop 43 (Book shelves at Pawhuska Public Library)



Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievement.

## WEBELOS OUTDOOR WEEKEND – EVENT CANCELED

**Who:** all 1st and 2nd year Webelos (must either have parent/guardian or have 1 leader for every 5 boys with at least 2 deep leadership)

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Cost:** \$6 per person, Scout and adult, for early registration before October 29th, \$10 per person for late registration

**Registration:** Registering as a Pack is preferred and recommended. You may register individually and will be camped with your Pack. More information is available in the WOW Leader's Packet.

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/WebelosOutdoorWeekend.pdf>

**When:** November 3rd, Saturday, check-in starts at 9AM. Events begin promptly at 10am. Events will finish Saturday by Campfire but you are strongly encouraged to camp overnight and experience camping in a real Scout Camp and to attend our Scout Worship Service on

## POPCORN SALES

Money due in Scout Office      December 6

## EAGLE SCOUTS

Only 5 percent of the Scouts have achieved Eagle rank, Cherokee Area Council ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

Sunday, at 9:30am.

All Packs are also invited to camp Friday night if they wish to visit Troops. However, there are no events scheduled Friday for Webelos.

## CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING & CLIMBING TOWER ORIENTATION

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**Who:** Open to adults & Scouts age 16 and up

**When:** November 10, 9 AM to 5 PM

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Cost:** \$10 - Lunch will be provided

- Participants will learn the purpose of the Climbing/Rappelling program
- Responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor
- How to belay, climb, rappel and spotting
- Use of equipment in the climbing program
- How to tie knots and hitches used in the Climbing program
- Learn anchor points and anchor systems
- Safety and First Aid
- Be able to lead a group through a climbing/rappelling experience.

For more Information, or to register, contact the Scout Service Center: 918 - 336 - 9170

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/Climbing-Instructor-Training.pdf>

## CUB LEADER ESSENTIALS TRAINING

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**Who:** Any Cub Scout leader or parent

**When:** November 15,  
6:30pm to 10:00 pm

**Where:** Scout Service Center, Bartlesville

Basic Leader Training goes into greater detail on youth development and boy behavior, program planning,



activities, and the purposes of the program. This is an opportunity to supplement the online training offered by BSA. We will go into greater detail about leader positions and available recourses.

Additional training prepares leaders to deliver a quality, fun-filled program. Leaders who understand the whys and hows of the program are more effective in their roles. They know how to use available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for boys. Trained leaders have confidence in carrying out their responsibilities and, along with the boys, have more fun.

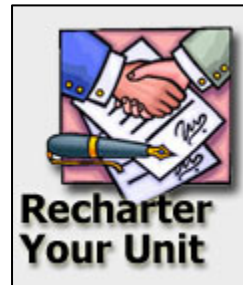
Every Cub Scout leader should complete the online Basic Leader Training in advance.

More information

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/2012CubLeaderBasicTraining.pdf>

## OH DISTRICT RECHARTER NIGHT

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**Who:** Unit leaders in the OH District

**When:** November 15 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**What:** Annual unit recharter turn-in – commissioners will be available if assistance is needed

**Where:** Scout Service Center, Bartlesville

More information -

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/activities/2012-OH-Recharter-Night.pdf>

## SAVE THE DATE

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Both the Osage Hills and Grand Lake District Banquets are scheduled to be held on January 10, 2013.

The Osage Hills District Banquet will be a Chili Cook Off and Corn Bread Competition so dust off those recipes! The District Committee has asked for nominations to be submitted for Best Scouting Family, Cubmaster of the Year, Scoutmaster of the Year, District Award of Merit, and Rising Star.

District Banquet is a time for all Scout leaders and their families to celebrate the year's efforts to bring the Scouting program to the youth in the district.

District Banquet is also an opportunity to recognize the volunteers who have been instrumental in providing the various program activities for Scouts and Scouters in the district

Watch for details about each district's banquet next month!

## WINTER MERIT BADGE FESTIVAL

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This year's Winter Merit Badge Festival is on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at the Tri-County Technology Center in Bartlesville.

The information desk will open at 7:30 for people to pick up their registrations, and the event will be over at 5 pm.

The cost of \$11 for youth and adults covers a light lunch and a patch.

Registration information will be posted in mid-December on the council web site. Council units will need to get their reservations in by the end of January to be assured slots, as the attendance will be limited to 300 Scouts. The event will be opened to out-of-council reservations as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. History says the event will reach it's maximum reservations that day.

Scouts will be able to take up to 4 merit badges, each consisting of a two hour session (except for a few which will be 4 hours total.) All of the Eagle required merit badges will be offered, except for few which are not required to get Eagle (Lifesaving, Biking, and Hiking). A large number of optional merit badges will be offered as well. Scouts do well to take a couple of Eagle required and optional merit badges each year, so that they will have the needed Eagle required to keep advancing when their get ready for Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. For the normal path, a Scout would need to be earning 4 or 6 merit badges each year to stay on track to reach Eagle in 5 years, with 12 of these Eagle required.

Adults will also be able to take training and information sessions, and should register with the Scouts to be assured of a place in the sessions. The CPR/First Aid

session usually fills up, so get your reservations in early. Training for SM/ASM Leader Specific Training, and Venturing Leader Specific Training will be offered, and these sessions are not available online. BALOO will be offered for Cub Scout leaders, as one person on the Cub overnight must have this training for the event to proceed. There is also an online training center when adults can complete other training needed, such as youth protection (needed within the last two years) and a number of other courses required on tour plans for specific types of outings. Get your registration in with the unit, so that you can be assured to get your training up-to-date.

## SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

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Special Needs committee continues working with Salvation Army on registering cub scouts.

Twenty-one attending on weekly basis with ten registered so far! Linda Cole and husband David with Salvation Army staff

are doing a great job in establishing and giving this new special needs program a great start! Also thank you to Will Arnold for support of the Pack!



Other activities of the Special Needs committee include meetings with On The Rock Ministries (OTR) in establishing a Venture Crew. The OTR has a youth population of 500+ and is excited about adding this program to their agenda. They are already using some of our scout literature in their current programs.

## INTRODUCING PAUL HUTTENHOFF

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Paul Huttenhoff is a new member of our Council Training Team, and will be leading our Youth Leadership Training programs.

Paul has recently moved to Bartlesville, as the Director of IT Security for Phillips 66. Paul served for over 20 years in the Sam Houston Area Council, as both a unit leader and as a member of District and Council program and training teams.

Paul brings an extensive background in youth leadership training, including 12 years as a Scoutmaster, 4 Council National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) courses in Sam Houston Area Council, and 2 National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) courses at Philmont.



Paul will serve as course director for our next Council NYLT course in June of 2014. Please welcome Paul to the Cherokee Area Council.

## OA NEWSON WHAT IS HAPPENING!

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**Fall Fellowship 2012** - I hope you had fun at fellowship. If you missed it there will be another one in the Spring. The feedback was very positive on the entire day although the weather was a challenge. I think the training on Beading was probably the biggest hit of all. We had a total of 58 attend. We had 6 attend the Brotherhood Class (AKA Ordeal members meeting). Climbing tower and zip line were a nice addition to the event. Thank you to all who made the event a success. Please talk to your Chapter Chief about training ideas and other events you would like to see at Spring Fellowship 2013.

**OA One Day of Service** OA Troop Representatives turn in your unit member names, type of project you did and how many hours to your Chapter Chief. The Lodge needs this recorded for JTE and recharter. Event attendance also counts towards elevations.

Grand Lake Chapter Chief - Michael Fuhrmeister - [pkf74-scouts@yahoo.com](mailto:pkf74-scouts@yahoo.com)

Osage Hills Chapter Chief - Chris Jones - [judonblock@gmail.com](mailto:judonblock@gmail.com)

**Vigil Weekend (Nov 16-17)** - There are six members of this year's Vigil class. All current Vigil members are encouraged to attend.

**LLD & Winter Banquet (Jan 5-6)** This year the event will be on the Grand Lake side (location to be determined). All Arrowmen should attend as well as all Lodge Leadership Youth and Adults. This is an opportunity to meet all your Lodge Leaders and learn how the Lodge is run. We all do our annual budget and event planning at this meeting.

## SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

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The local Building Bridges antipoverty program is offering a once-a-month service project for one or more Boy Scout Troops. The opportunity, lasting about 1.5 hours each month and requiring 3-4 Scouts, would be to act as dinner servers at the organization's regular Thursday evening gatherings of participants. Duty would be from 5:30 to 7 p.m., including cleanup following the meal.

Although the group meets every week, Scouts are being asked to serve for just one Thursday per month, with the service term beginning in January 2013.

The troop may choose which Thursday to serve, but it should be the same Thursday each month for ease of scheduling.

If your troop is interested, please contact Dan Droege at [dbdcomm@aol.com](mailto:dbdcomm@aol.com).

For more on the Building Bridges program, See Building Bridges-Bartlesville, OK on Facebook or go to [www.buildingbridgesok.org](http://www.buildingbridgesok.org).

## THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

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Do you know a Scouter who goes above and beyond in living and teaching the Scout Oath and Law? Do you know a Scouter who not only gives to Scouts but to their community? You may know a Silver Beaver. It is time to recognize this individual.

The Silver Beaver Award, is one of the more prestigious awards made by the Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented by the National Boy Scouts and is the highest award that a local council can bestow on a volunteer for rendering outstanding service to Scout Youth.



Nominations are sought annually for Scouters within the District, Council and community who are worthy of this high honor. The criteria for selection go beyond a history of service in Scouting, and include notable service to the community (business, professional, civic, religious, veteran, fraternal, veteran, rural, and other fields) in addition to exceptional service to Scout youth.

#### **HOW TO RECOMMEND A SCOUTER FOR THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD**

1. Any Scouter may nominate another Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award. Other year's nominees, who were not selected, can be re-nominated. Nomination forms are available at the Cherokee Area Council Office, or <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>.
2. Complete the form by getting the information regarding your nominee without his or her knowledge. Additional pages should be added as required to demonstrate the nominee's qualifications.
3. Since there are many worthy Scouters being nominated each year, the committee will give additional weight to a nominee's tenure as a registered Scouter and his involvement in other community youth activities.
4. The Silver Beaver Award is not the type of recognition that Scouters seek or apply for themselves.
5. The Council Executive Committee will approve the appointment of a Silver Beaver Selection Committee. At least one of the members of the Selection Committee will not have served the previous year. The Selection Committee will be representative of each geographical area of the Council and a committee member will be asked during the

selection process to secure further information from a district if it becomes necessary.

6. The DEADLINE for submittal is JANUARY 31, 2013

#### **SILVER BEAVER AWARD INFORMATION**

What is the award and what rules and regulations govern its presentation? The following is taken from Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 of the "Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America."

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- A. This award may be made each year upon the nomination of chartered local councils. These nominations shall be submitted not less than 30 days in advance of the date upon which it is desired to present the awards.
- B. The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Boy Scouter, Cub Scouters and Explorer Leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- C. As evidenced of the award, there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor, and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- D. It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- E. These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public function."

Please submit applications by mail or facsimile to the:

Silver Beaver Selection Committee  
Cherokee Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
520 S. Quapaw

Bartlesville, Ok 74003

Fax: 918-512-4789

Click here for a list of previous Silver Beaver awardees  
[http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=226](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=226)

## WOOD BADGE NEWS

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Congratulations to Michael Francis, Eagle patrol, from S8-469-11 Wood Badge course on his ticket completion and beading on Oct. 30th, 2012. Reminders to all of the course participants to follow Michael's lead and complete those tickets which not only moves you towards receiving your beads, but helps our units, districts, and council to be strong and vibrant.



Karen Slagel, S8-469-13, Wood Badge Course director, and John Wurtz, back up course director, attended the course directors' conference in Austin, TX, on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for the next Cherokee Area Council course. The next Wood Badge course for our council will be held in the Fall 2013. Be looking at your training prerequisite needs and place this on your calendar.

If you do not see a training that you need, please, call Donna Copeland, Council Training Chair, at 918-333-4488 or email [donna@copelandappliance.com](mailto:donna@copelandappliance.com). Always be thinking that all of our youth deserve a trained leader.

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2013 JAMBOREE STAFF

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There continues to be a great need for adult leaders to staff the 2013 National Jamboree that will be held at The

Summit in West Virginia. The Jamboree runs from July 15 to July 24, 2013.

There is a need for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and technicians in the medical area. If you have questions about volunteering on the medical staff, you may contact Dr. Paul Bicket at [Paul.Bicket@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Bicket@gmail.com)



There is also a need for staff in various program areas. For more information and to sign up to participate, please click on the following link:  
<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/Staff.aspx>

## VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT SEA BASE

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Want to escape the winter weather next January? Save the date now to attend a fun and informative week at the Florida Sea Base. January 13-18, 2013 or January 21-26, 2013

There's sure to be a conference that will apply to your role in Scouting.

More information - [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-027\\_SeabaseTrainingEmail.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-027_SeabaseTrainingEmail.pdf)

## TIME TO MAKE 2014 PHILMONT RESERVATIONS

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Yes, it is time to make reservations for your 2014 Philmont treks! This is done for our area online the week of November 19-25, 2012. For full instructions, go to [www.philmontscoutranch.org](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org) and select camping and registration information.

Registration begins at 12:00 am CST on the 19th.

If you forget to make your reservation that week, then there is an open week for anyone Nov 26-Dec 2.



An automated drawing will be done in early December, and those that are selected for treks will be notified via

e-mail. The initial \$100 deposit per participant will be due Feb 28, 2013.

Be sure to print out the registration information prior to going online, as you will need to provide several items, which are all identified on the forms. You may also need to confer with others, as you will be providing the preferred dates you want to go on the trek.

The usual treks are 12 days and nights, with the cost per participant (youth and adult) of \$800. They also have 7 day and night treks which are \$469 per participant.

The age requirement for expeditions is that you must be 14 years of age (by date of arrival) OR completed 8th grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.

The minimum crew size is 7 and maximum 12. Crews must have a majority of youth participants and no more than four adults over 21.

Philmont also offers a number of other options for attending, including training sessions during the summer, where the whole family can go and have fun for the week. Scouts can also be on staff at Philmont and they have OA options for attending.

## MERIT BADGE GOALS

An important part of Scout is the adventure on the path to achieve Eagle. A Scout learns a great deal during this adventure, and it is only reached by about 5% of Scouts nationally each year. One of the parts of being successful in this adventure is earning merit badges. The best path is to start early and be consistent. For the normal path, of Eagle in four to five years, this means the Scout must earn a minimum of four or five merit badges each year.

So the first thing is to start as soon as you become a Boy Scout. Set a goal of earning five or six merit badges each year, and that way you may end up with a few extras, but better have a couple of extra than missing one and not getting your desired rank. And many of these are just plain fun, so you may want to go way beyond your goal which is fine. And you will find out that these "extra" merit badges will be useful for you to earn Eagle Palms after you achieve your Eagle rank.

Select merit badges split these half and half between Eagle required and optional merit badges. This approach keeps you moving forward, and you don't get delayed when you want to become Star, Life, or Eagle because

you don't have the needed number of Eagle required merit badges.

Another point is that a partial merit badge doesn't help achieve any rank, so be sure when you start a merit badge to spend that little extra effort to push to the end of the trail, and get the reward of earning the merit badge. Sometimes particular requirements seem tough, but instead of getting stuck, ask for help from one of your unit leaders.



Opportunities for merit badges abound for the Scout during the year. The unit often offers merit badges which you can take during the regular Scout meeting. Summer camp is a great time to earn merit badges, and most can be completed there. The council offers a Merit Badge Festival the last Saturday in February each year, and you can earn up to four merit badges, though many are partials, and you need to do a few things before or after the festival to complete the mb. There are also selected individual mb sessions during the year that you can attend as well.

There are great resources for helping you through each merit badge, with requirements listed online or in the Boy Scout Requirements book that is updated yearly. The merit badge pamphlet gives you all of the information needed to complete the merit badge, so use your unit copy or get your own copy at the Scout Office. The merit badge counselor is a person that will help guide you through this process.

Just remember that to achieve Eagle rank, you need 21 merit badges, 12 of which are Eagle required, and the other 9 are optional. The Scout handbook has information about what is required for Star, Life, and Eagle and which ones are Eagle required. Just remember

to start earning these when you become a Scout, push through to completion, and keep it up every year. That way this won't be an obstacle in earning the Eagle rank.

## BSA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

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The new Annual BSA Health and Medical Record has a section in Part B added entitled **ADULTS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE YOUTH TO AND FROM EVENTS** and Adults NOT authorized to take youth to and from events. The information here is provided to help people understand why this information is provided and to ensure that at least one person is listed on the "authorized" section.

The "authorized" list is provided in the case the unit needs to contact someone to provide transportation for a youth in the unit (for example if a Scout gets sick during an activity and needs to go home.) This applies only to a Scout being brought to the event or taken home from the event, and does not apply to transport of the entire unit, which is covered by the tour plan.

The "not authorized" list details that the Scout cannot be transported by this adult. Transport to the meeting is usually not something the unit arranges or is even aware of, but units need to ensure that Scouts who have one or more persons on the "not authorized" list do not get picked up by these people. The easiest way to ensure this is to have the Scout stay in the meeting room, and the person transporting them must come to the meeting room to retrieve the Scout.

To summarize the implications of this section, be sure to observe the following three items:

1. If someone appears on the NOT authorized list, then the unit should ensure that the youth is not being picked up by that individual.
2. The authorized list should be used when the unit or a leader becomes engaged in arranging transport for the youth to or from the event, and these people can be contacted about providing transport home for the youth. Please note that any registered BSA leader must abide by the never one-on-one (other than their own child) which means they cannot transport one Scout without another adult for two deep leadership, even if they are listed on the "authorized" list by the parent. Transport of two or more Scouts is permitted, so if the registered

adult delivers two or more Scouts to the last stop, or has their Scout along, then this would comply with the minimum requirements.

3. This authorized list does not apply to transporting the unit on a tour and activity plan type transport, as that is governed by the tour and activity plan. The not authorized list is something that should be discussed with the person who signed the physical if the person not authorized for transport will be part of the transport or activity.

Failure to abide by the BSA youth protection rules will result in loss of BSA registration and ability to participate in activities as noted in the Youth Protection Training.

More information about the form can be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/hmr.aspx>.

## YOUTH PROTECTION BEGINS WITH YOU

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The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating a secure environment for our youth members.

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and must be taken **EVERY TWO YEARS**. To take Youth Protection training go to [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org).



## COOKING, SUSTAINABILITY MERIT BADGES TO BECOME EAGLE-REQUIRED

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Sustainability and Cooking merit badges will join the list of Eagle-required merit badges over the next 14 months, the Boy Scouts of America's National Executive Board announced.

**Sustainability**, a new merit badge, will join Environmental Science as an Eagle Scout option after its debut at the **2013 jamboree**.

**Cooking**, meanwhile, will become Eagle-required as of **Jan. 1, 2014**.





The total number of merit badges required for the Eagle Scout Award **will remain at 21**. In other words, instead of 12 Eagle-required badges and 9 elective badges, a Scout must earn 13 Eagle-required and 8 elective badges.

Why the change? The goal is to “reflect a better balance of the needs of youth and our nation today and in the future,” according to the BSA’s resolution..

Sustainability becomes more important as our population increases while resources decrease. And a boy who reaches Eagle without skills in cooking and healthy eating habits hasn’t become fully “Prepared. For Life.”

(Reprinted from Bryan on Scouting

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/10/17/cooking-sustainability-merit-badges-to-become-eagle-required/> )

## ADVANCEMENT IN THE DEN

Since the publication of the *Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide*, No. 34409, Cub Scout advancement

now generally occurs in den meetings using rank requirements and electives outlined in the complete den meeting plans for Tiger Cubs through Arrow of Light.

To be most effective, the *Guide* needs to be reviewed during a pack’s annual planning

conference to ensure den leaders develop meeting plans that will allow den members time to achieve the next rank by the desired date.

The numerical order of the den meeting plans does not need to be strictly followed, so long as den leaders account for accomplishments that build one upon another from meeting to meeting. Den leaders take the lead in approving requirements, perhaps with help from assistants and parents who attend meetings. Convenient as the plans may be, not all Cub Scout advancement can be completed at the meetings; thus parents or guardians may approve some requirements at home according to den plans and instructions in the boys’ handbooks.

For example, Wolf Achievement 11 (Duty to God) and Bear Achievements 1 and 2 (God) are examples of requirements that many packs ask families to complete



at home, especially when there are boys from different faith traditions involved. If arranged and okayed by the den leaders, parents may also sign for requirements completed at home if their Cub Scouts have missed den meetings.

Finally, leaders should remember that successful pack and den programs include field trips, day trips, and outdoor experiences rich in advancement opportunities. These will provide the variety necessary to retain youth, and the fun and excitement Cub Scouts will not experience in a classroom.

## UNIT AND DISTRICT TOOLS

Adding *Unit and District Tools* to [MyScouting.org](http://MyScouting.org) is the next step in moving toward a more user-friendly, self-service oriented BSA member web site - and to provide tools that will help trainers (and others) manage the process by having access to the data they need. These new tools will be the first piece in a new BSA membership database that is currently being built.

Unit Tools will eventually give unit leaders, volunteers, parents, and Scouts the opportunity to take and track training, perform rechartering, maintain advancement, plan activities, and more.

The new Unit and District Tools application will also give the unit Key 3 the ability to access their rosters and update contact information for unit members.

Unit Tools will be released in multiple phases. Phase I (set for release this fall) will include the basic items, while Phase II is set for release later this year and will include additional tools.

The new features that will be introduced in Phase 1 for units are the following:

- **Security Administration:** The unit Key 3 (unit leader, committee chairman, chartered organization representative) will have full administration on all unit-modifiable fields
- **Person Profile:** Allows updating of contact fields in membership record (excluding name and birth date)
- **Unit Access:** Unit registered adults will have read-only access to rosters, calendars, announcements, etc.

- **Unit and District Calendar:** Ability to publish calendar events for respective viewing by organization-specific adult leaders/volunteers
- **Unit and District Announcements:** Ability to publish important information for respective viewing by organization-specific adult leaders/volunteers
- **Unit Roster:** Unit roster will be made available and exportable

The new features that will be introduced in Phase 1 for districts are the following:

- **Person Profile:** Allows updating of contact fields in membership record (excluding name and birth date)
- **Security Administration–District:** The Key 3 (district chairman, district commissioner, district executive and professional management staff) will have full administration on all district-modifiable fields.
- **Unit and District Calendars:** Ability to publish calendar events for respective viewing by organization-specific adult leaders/volunteers
- **Unit and District Announcements:** Ability to publish important information for respective viewing by organization-specific adult leaders/volunteers
- **District Roster:** Unit and District rosters will be made available and exportable.

Phase II is scheduled to include more detailed, position-oriented items including the first of many training report and entry functions.

Also as part of this effort a new training report feature will soon be available (depending on registered role) in MyScouting.

### Unit Training Detail

The Unit Training Detail report will be provided to unit adults holding the Unit Leader, Committee Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative positions in their units. Unit Training Detail will provide each unit with a listing of adults and display all BSA training courses

shown as completed in the persons' record. Key unit adults who are affiliated with several units will be able to select each unit individually for viewing. For example, a chartered organization representative for a pack, troop, team, and crew will be able to view all units.

The adult training information may be printed in a report or exported for the use of the unit to provide an inventory of training courses completed by all to the unit's adult leaders.

### Unit Training Tracking Report

The Unit Training Tracking report will be provided to council and district-level volunteers. Unit Training Tracking will allow volunteers to view each unit in their service area and will list adults with BSA training courses completed by unit.

The adult training information report may be printed by unit, or exported to provide an inventory of training courses completed.

These new reports are scheduled to be released before the end of 2012. The release of the other phases will follow as they are ready.

## CANADIAN JAMBOREE

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**Event:** 14th World Scout Moot

**Date:** Aug 8-18, 2013

**Country:** Canada

**Host:** The Association des Scouts du Canada

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

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

**Location:** Awacamanj Mino Base Camp, Quebec, Canada

**Cost:** \$1100 (lodging, food, event fee, patches, bags and more fun!!)

Interested Venturers and adults must be nominated by International Representatives and local councils.

**Nomination deadline:** March 31, 2013

If a Scout or Scouter is interested, contact Dale Copeland at [copelandapplicances@gmail.com](mailto:copelandapplicances@gmail.com)

## ONE OATH AND SCOUT LAW

October 17th the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America approved a resolution to use the Scout Oath and Law in the Cub Scout and Venturing programs.

Specifically, the changes approved are as follows:

### Cub Scouts:

- Adopt the Scout Oath and Law for use in the Cub Scout program, retiring the Cub Scout Promise.
- Revise the Core Values of Cub Scouts to align exactly with the twelve points of the Scout Law.
- Retire the Law of the Pack, while maintaining the concept of “Akela” as leader.
- Maintain the current Cub Scout motto, sign, salute, and handshake.

### Venturing:

- Retire the Venturing Oath, Code, sign and salute
- Adopt the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout sign, and Scout salute
- Engage the task force and National Youth Cabinet to determine whether Venturing should have a differentiating motto/slogan or adopt “Be Prepared”

These **changes will become effective** with the release of youth handbooks and leader aids supporting this and other changes related to Strategic Plan Goal 411; **approximately January 1, 2014 for Venturing-related changes and May 15, 2015 for Cub Scout and Boy Scout-related changes.**

Copies of the board resolution and an FAQ have been posted to the Council web site.

Board Resolution –

<http://www.cherokeebsa.org/Resolution-Oath-Law-2012-10-4.pdf>

FAQ – <http://www.cherokeebsa.org/FAQ-One-Oath-and-Law.pdf>

Additional questions or requests for additional information may be directed [411@scouting.org](mailto:411@scouting.org).

## BEST PRACTICES PORTAL

“Crowdsourcing” has come to Scouting in the form of a new best-practices feature available online at [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org). **The Best Practices Portal** makes it easy for any registered adult Scouter to contribute good ideas and see them spread throughout the organization.

The new web feature was devised by Dr. Robert Sadock, NE Region marketing chairman and lead volunteer on the project. “One thing Scouting is not short on is ideas and initiatives,” Sadock says. “And people are very proud of them, from recruitment to advancement to fundraising.”

Any registered volunteer with a MyScouting account and a current membership ID can post worthwhile ideas. Similarly, they can do a Google-type search for practices that have worked well in other parts of the country. Sadock believes that this kind of sharing will result in less “reinventing the wheel” and quicker assimilation of innovative ideas.

To post on the site, you’ll sign a waiver acknowledging that the ideas are not created by, or approved by, BSA corporate leaders. However, as contributions to the site increase, the name office may grant “Gold Seal” approval to ideas that have been vetted and proven effective. And when using the site, you can rate ideas on a scale of one to five stars and add comments. Over time, Sadock says, “the cream will rise to the top,” and some five-star ideas will earn the coveted “Gold Seal.”

“We have so many people who come up with ideas and try them out on the local level,” he says. “Now we have a mechanism by which a great idea from Wisconsin can easily be share with someone in New York.”

Need a ceremony for your Pack meeting?

Want suggestions on how to increase parent involvement in your unit?

Need information about activities for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Venturer?

You’ll find ideas about these topics and much more in the Best Practices Portal

<https://bestpracticesportal.scouting.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

- Nov. 1 - OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Nov. 2 – Popcorn distribution for the OH District
- Nov. 3 – Popcorn distribution for the GL District
- Nov. 3-4 – Webelos Outdoor Weekend – **EVENT CANCELED**
- Nov. 8 - GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Nov. 8 - OH District Eagle Boards of Review
- Nov. 10 – Climbing Instructor Training & Climbing Tower Orientation
- Nov. 15 – OH Recharter night at the Scout Office
- Nov. 15 – Cub Leader Essentials Training
- Nov. 21-23 – Scout Office closed
- Nov. 29 – OH District Committee
- Dec. 6 - OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Dec. 6 – Popcorn money due in the Scout Office
- Dec. 13 - OH District Eagle Boards of Review
- Dec. 13 - GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Dec. 21-25 – Scout Office closed
- Dec. 26-31 – Scout Shop closed; Scout Office open
- Dec. 27 – OH District Committee
- Jan. 1. – Scout Office closed
- Jan. 8 – OH District Banquet
- Jan. 10 – GL District Banquet
- Jan. 10 - OH District Eagle Boards of Review
- Jan. 11-12 – OA LLD and Winter Banquet
- Jan. 17 – First Aid/CPR certification
- Jan. 19 – Scouting for Food day (flyer distribution)
- Jan. 26 – Scouting for Food (food pickup)
- Feb. 2-3 – Wilderness First Aid
- Feb. 7 - OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- Feb. 14 - OH District Eagle Boards of Review
- Feb. 14 - GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- Feb. 23 – Winter Merit Badge Festival
- Feb. 28 – FOS Patron Dinner