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Camp Closure

Camp McClintock will be closed starting November 1, 2013. Camp should reopen by April 1, and may actually open before that date. Updates will be posted on the council website www.cherokeesbsa.org

Recharterers

IT'S RECHARTER TIME (AGAIN)!

Every year, every member of the Boy Scouts of America, youth and adult, must re-register and pay the \$24 membership fee. This process is call rechartering.

Again this year, units will recharter using the Internet Rechartering System. Internet Rechartering is a Web-based method for units to renew their charters from any online location. Units will receive a roster listing all youth and adult leaders currently registered in their unit. If you have youth or adult leaders who are active in your unit, but are not listed on that roster, please submit completed applications with appropriate registration fees to the Scout Office so we can get them registered before you begin the online recharter process. Remember, adult applications must include all signatures.

Recharter and JTE assistance is available from your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner and District Executive. **Recharterers are due in the Scout Office by December 18.**

2013 Popcorn Sale

Incredible Pizza \$1000 Popcorn Club Party on December 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Youth selling \$1000 or more in popcorn earn: one ticket in a drawing for additional prizes, an additional \$200 in popcorn sold gets Scout another ticket in the drawing. The Top Seller in the Council earns first choice of any prize and is also entered in the drawing. **Scout MUST BE PRESENT to win.**

The Incredible Pizza party is open to all units at a discounted price. See the flyer for more information. <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/Incredible2013.pdf>

Popcorn Money Due at Scout Office.....December 6

Payments received after December 6 will result in a 5% commission loss each week payment is past due.

District Award of Merit

Volunteer Recognition Banquets in both districts will be held on January 9th.

Nominations are now open for the District Award of Merit.

Previous recipients of the District Award of Merit are listed on the each district web site.



Grand Lake District

http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=118&Itemid=227

Osage Hills District

http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179

The nomination form is available here

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>

Unit Leader Award of Merit

Nominations are also open for the Unit Leader Award of Merit. This award will be presented at the District Volunteer Recognition Banquets

The Unit Leader Award of Merit encourages units to be strong and viable by attaining certain benchmarks characteristic of strong units. Seven requirements must be met with nomination by the top youth leader if for a troop, team, or crew. The nomination is certified by the unit commissioner.

This award can be earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors.

The nomination form is available here

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf

THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD

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, 2014.** The Silver Beaver will be awarded at Council Banquet, March 27, 2014.



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

BSA membership fee increase

Across the country, millions of Scouts rely on support from the National Boy Scouts of America to provide the world-class programming and training that makes Scouting the nation's foremost youth program.

The National BSA is funded directly by the membership fee you pay when you register to be a Scout or leader. In order to maintain their support of local Scouting, the national organization has announced an increase in their annual membership fee from \$15 to \$24 effective January 1, 2014.

This new fee has immediate implications for fall youth recruitment and for rechartering, so we want you to know what steps will be necessary to make a smooth transition to this new fee structure, given that current materials are now outdated. We also want to share the rationale for the change and its timing.

In a letter to Scouting professionals, Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock explained the reasoning behind the increase.

“First, I want to make clear that the Boy Scouts of America maintains a strong financial position,” he wrote. “In order to continue to deliver the nation’s foremost youth program, it is occasionally necessary to increase membership fees so that we can offset rising administrative costs.” These costs are in the areas of support to local councils that include technology, liability insurance, communications, program development/standards/supplies, and national high-adventure bases/events. As you know, the membership fee is collected locally, but transmitted to the National Office to pay these costs.

The BSA’s last fee increase — to \$15 from \$10 — was in 2010, and since then, the organization has taken steps

to control and reduce costs. But “administrative costs have continued to rise faster than projected,” Brock wrote. “As always, our focus is to build the future leaders of this country by combining adventure, educational activities and lifelong values. The fee increase is a step we must take in order to continue providing the services you and our members expect and need.”

The National BSA Executive Board appointed a special committee in May to thoroughly review current and future budget needs. The August 30 fee increase announcement was the result of their recommendation which was approved by the BSA Executive Committee.

WHAT DOES YOUR \$24 BUY?

What exactly does your \$24 annual fee pay for? And how does that \$24 fee compare to other youth organizations and activities?

Simply put, the Boy Scouts of America National Council provides program materials and support for 280 local councils that administer the Scouting program, with each covering a specific geographic area. To be more specific, the following are the key functions of the national council:

- Provide liability insurance to registered adult members, local councils, chartered organizations and the national organization
- Provide technological platforms for the Scouting movement
- Provide local councils with program as well as tools for camp and office planning and evaluation, extensive financial counseling, planned giving and fundraising information, and professional personnel support
- Coordinate a communications network through magazines and literature (handbooks, merit badge pamphlets, brochures, training materials, and professional development training)
- Make available uniforms, equipment, and program supplies
- Develop and maintain year-round national high-adventure bases and execute national events (jamborees, National Eagle Scout Association and

Order of the Arrow conferences, and National Council meetings)

- Maintain communication with chartered organizations that use the Scouting program (religious institutions, civic organizations, labor unions, professional organizations, business, and industry)
- Maintain liaison with Scouting associations in other countries as a member of the World Scout Conference
- Set and maintain program standards (e.g., Advancement, health and safety, etc.) to ensure consistency of the brand throughout councils across the country.

WHAT FEES DO OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS CHARGE?

Scouting's a steal. That \$24 a year works out to \$2 a month or roughly 6.5 cents a day.

Look at what you'll pay for other youth activities. Here's a small sampling. *Note: The costs in bold are just the fee to join and don't include equipment, travel costs, uniforms, etc.*

- **Tackle football, \$140:** In Plano, Texas, second-through sixth-graders who play tackle football pay \$140 for a three-month season. That fee doesn't include equipment.
- **Youth orchestra, \$1,000:** Members of the prestigious Los Angeles Youth Orchestra pay \$1,000 annually and must buy their own instruments.
- **Select soccer, \$400:** In Cleveland, select youth soccer players age 15 to 18 pay \$400 a season, plus \$135 for uniforms.
- **Youth basketball, \$500:** In Queens, N.Y., boys age 8 to 13 pay \$500 a year, not including uniforms.
- **4-H Program, \$25:** Participants of the 4-H Program in College Station, Texas, pay \$25 a year, not including fees for individual activities.

The annual membership fee is the only direct cost from the National BSA to youth and adult members. All other services from the National BSA are without additional charge. Scouting remains the best value among the many activities your family could choose to take part in. Even with this fee increase, it only costs \$2 per month to be

part of the once-in-a-lifetime adventures and leadership development programs you can only find in Scouting.

At \$2 per month, Scouting continues to be a great investment compared to other choices, providing unique, life-enriching experiences that develop leadership, character, citizenship and fitness. This change will put Scouting in an even stronger position to continue to be a positive influence in all our communities.

As always, our focus is to build the leaders of this country by combining adventure, educational activities, and lifelong values. This fee increase ensures that the National BSA will be able to continue providing the excellent services you and your family count on - and will make sure that we can continue doing great things for the young people and communities we serve.

For questions about the National BSA membership fee, please check with your unit commissioner or District Executive.

Cub Scout Mid-America Science Museum Patch Day

November 16, 2013 • 10am - 3pm

\$8/Cub Scout • \$5/accompanying adult

A special event just for Cub Scouts! Each scout will earn a unique MASM patch, explore the Museum and special activity stations tailored to support a variety of merit badge requirements, and learn about other offerings for Cub Scouts. *New to Cub Scout Day this year:* Dinosaur exhibit, Mastodon Muck Citizen Science Project, and Tinkering Studio. Register by contacting the Educational Programs Coordinator at 501.767.3461 x15 or groups@MidAmericaMuseum.org



And be sure to look for our other Scout packages!

Is your Cub Scout Pack looking to earn a science related activity pin? Are you intimidated by the experiments or don't want to deal with the mess? Bring your Pack to Mid-America Science Museum and we'll take care of it!

MASM offers a 2-hour hands-on workshop to earn the Webelos - Scientist Activity Pin (Cub Scout Academics belt loop for Science included, insignia included)

Program includes 2 hour workshop. Cost: \$14 per Scout (additional fees for admission to exhibits, Tesla Coil Show, and simulator ride).

Contact the Educational Programs Coordinator at 501.767.3461 x15 or groups@MidAmericaMuseum.org.

Mid-America Science Museum
500 Mid America Blvd.
Hot Springs, AR 71913

OA Lodge Leadership Development & Winter Banquet

December 7

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Washita Lodge will hold its annual Lodge Leadership Development event on December 7th at Town & Country Christian Church in Bartlesville. Check-in: 8 AM Saturday, December 7

The purpose of the event is to build the team of lodge leaders who will guide the Lodge for the coming year. The event consists of a number of training sessions and team building exercises.

LLD is open to all Arrowmen, and Lodge officers and committee chairman and their advisors should plan to attend. Please wear your field uniform ("class A").

WINTER BANQUET

Winter Banquet will be held at Town & Country Christian Church in Bartlesville on December 7th at 6 PM. Cost is \$15.

Registration for both LLD and/or Winter Banquet is due in the Scout Office by December 5th.

The registration form can be found on the Lodge web site here

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/oa/201312WinterBanquet.pdf>



“Duty to God” Patch Contest

Submission deadline December 31

Here’s a chance for a Scout to design a new patch!

The patch will be presented at the Council Recognition Banquet each year to those Scouts who have earned their Duty to God religious award during the previous year.

All Scouts are eligible to enter the contest by designing a patch honoring the “Duty to God” theme.

The template and guidelines to design the new patch are available here

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/Duty-to-God-Patch-contest.pdf>

Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2013.

Winter Merit Badge Festival

February 15

The schedule of merit badges that will be taught will be posted on the Council web site (<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org>) and distributed via e-mail soon. Registration begins as soon as the schedule is posted.

The following Eagle-required merit badges will be offered: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Sustainability, and Swimming. Family Life will not be offered in a separate session, but will be discussed during the Personal Fitness and Personal Management sessions.

New merit badges being taught this year include: Art, Collections, Electricity, and Skating.

In-council registrations should be submitted to the Scout Service Center no later than January 15th. Note that there are a limited number of spots available. Troops not registered by January 15th might not be able to participate.

A drawing will be held on January 16th for out-of-council registrations to fill any remaining open spots.

Registration closes January 31st or when the maximum number of registrations has been reached. No late registrations will be accepted.

Council now recruiting Staff for 2014 NYLT Course

In 2014, the Cherokee Area Council will deliver the National Youth Leadership Training course. NYLT is an intense 6 day leadership training program and is the premier youth leadership training offered by BSA. NYLT will be delivered at Camp McClintock June 8-14.

Course Director, Paul Huttenhoff, is now recruiting youth to serve on our Council NYLT Staff. To serve on the NYLT Staff, a Scout must have previously completed the NYLT course and be under age 21 at the time of the course. We are especially interested in speaking with any Scout that has previously served on an NYLT Staff.

Interviews for NYLT Staff will be held at the Council Service Center on Saturday, November 16 (9:00 AM to 11:00 AM) and Tuesday, November 19 (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM).

To schedule an interview time, contact Paul Huttenhoff at 918-397-7048 or pchuttenhoff@gmail.com. (Walk-ins are also welcome, if time permits).

High Adventure Opportunities at the Summit

THE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE – gives Scouts a taste of the awesome high adventure activities available at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

The Summit high adventure venues are among the largest and most diverse of their kind in the country. More importantly, The Summit is the only place where you can find all of these adventure sports venues at one location.

Why limit yourself? Come try all the Summit has to offer.

THE PROGRAM

This is a seven-day/six night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues. In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip – a ¾ mile zip line.

In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), the Summit Center is open for activities, fun and socializing. The

Summit Center incorporates small versions of the adventure sports venues.

THE DETAILS

This program is open to registered Scouts and Venturers who are at least 13 years old by September 1 of the year they attend and their registered leaders.

The minimum group size is seven with the majority being youth members. There is no maximum group size.

The Summit provides tents, cots and all program equipment for your unit. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the Summit dining hall. Shelf-stable lunches will be issued to accompany participants to their daily program venues.



PROGRAM DATES

The Summit Experience will be offered beginning June 8, 2014 with sessions running weekly through August 23, 2014.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations will be accepted beginning July 1, 2013 on a first-come-first-served basis. Reservation instructions and forms along with more detailed program information will be available at The Summit website (www.SummitHighAdventure.org) beginning June 30, 2013.

COST

The cost of The Summit Experience is \$575 per person. If you choose whitewater rafting instead of kayaking, please add \$60 per person.

QUESTIONS

Email summit.program@scouting.org or call (304) 250-6750.

OA High Adventure

Applications for OA High Adventure 2014 are open, including a brand new "Summit Experience" program! Other adventures include Canadian Odyssey, Ocean Adventure, Trail Crew, and Wilderness Voyage.

High Adventure programs are offered by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to Arrowmen ages 16-20.

Download a registration form at adventure.oa-bsa.org. Selection for this program is competitive and is both an honor and a privilege.

The National Order of the Arrow Committee subsidizes the cost of participation in all three high adventure programs to minimize the fee paid by all participants. Because of different operational costs, each program has a separate fee. To determine what this year's fee is go to the OA High Adventure website.

Visit adventure.oa-bsa.org today!

2014 NESAscholarship window opens

Eagle Scouts, get your typing fingers ready.

The application window for the prestigious and highly competitive National Eagle Scout Association scholarships is officially open.

For the first time, NESAscholarship will only accept applications submitted online. So forget the printer and stamps and switch on the laptop.

Also new this year is a minimum SAT or ACT score for academic scholarship applicants (1800 SAT or 28 ACT). Like last year, applicants must be members of NESAscholarship to apply, but it's easy to [purchase or renew a membership](#).

NESAscholarship will award Eagle Scouts more than 200 academic and merit scholarships, ranging in value from \$1,000 to



\$50,000 each. As always, many will apply but only a select few will receive scholarships.

Before you send the [2014 scholarship application link](#) to Eagle Scouts in your family, troop, team, post, ship or crew, read the following requirements carefully. Some of these have changed from previous years.

2014 NESAscholarship Requirements

- These scholarships are not available to students attending trade schools, two-year colleges or any of the U.S. military academies, because at these academies expenses covered by NESAscholarship are already paid by the U.S. government.
- Academic scholarship applicants must apply during their senior year in high school unless the Eagle Scout board of review was held after Dec. 31, 2012. In those cases, the applicant must apply by Dec. 31, 2013, even if he is already attending college.
- All academic scholarship applicants must have a minimum 1800 SAT or 28 ACT score to apply. A "superscore" may be used to meet the minimum 1800 SAT requirement
- All applicants must be current members of the National Eagle Scout Association to apply. Applicants with memberships that expire on Dec. 31, 2013, are still eligible to apply and invited to renew.

Application deadline: **Dec. 31, 2013**. Winners can expect notification in summer 2014.

Find more by sending your Eagle Scouts to [this link](#).

Merit Badge Counselor Resource Page Available

A new BSA Web page is available for merit badge counselors searching for just the right resources. Recently posted, it contains informational fliers on all the newest merit badges—including Sustainability, Programming, Cycling, and Game Design.



You will find information on upcoming merit badges, a section on how to propose new merit badges, plus the latest news about competitions and scholarships. In addition, there are links to specific sites supporting merit badge requirements.

The “Introduction to Merit Badges” link takes the Scouter on an informative walk through the merit badge process and then displays all the merit badges with links to requirements.

For access, visit

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx>

Cinematography merit badge becomes Moviemaking merit badge

Think of it as the long-awaited sequel.

Cinematography merit badge is now Moviemaking merit badge, effective immediately.

The design of the badge won't change, and new pamphlets are expected in Scout shops in mid-November.



Why make this change? Well, anyone who sticks around to watch a movie's credits knows that cinematography is just one specific part of making a movie. So calling a merit badge that covers all of moviemaking “Cinematography” was something of a misnomer.

The BSA's merit badge team also saw this as a chance to make a few other changes, including:

- Tweaked requirements in light of the title change and focus away from cinematography and more toward moviemaking in general (find the new requirements after the jump)
- Updated text in a number of places to reflect the name change and address newer technology
- New information about intellectual property

Moviemaking merit badge requirements

1. Discuss and demonstrate the proper elements of a good motion picture. In your discussion, include visual storytelling, rhythm, the 180-axis rule, camera movement, framing and composition of camera shots, and lens selection.

2. Do the following:

a. In a three- or four-paragraph treatment, tell the story you plan to produce, making sure that the treatment conveys a visual picture.

b. Prepare a storyboard for your motion picture. (This can be done with rough sketches and stick figures.)

c. Demonstrate the following motion picture shooting techniques:

(1) Using a tripod

(2) Panning a camera

(3) Framing a shot

(4) Selecting an angle

(5) Selecting proper lighting

(6) Handheld shooting

d. Using motion picture shooting techniques, plan ONE of the following programs. Start with a treatment and complete the requirement by presenting this program to a pack or your troop, patrol, or class.

(1) Film or videotape a court of honor and show it to an audience.

(2) Create a short feature of your own design, using the techniques you learned.

(3) Shoot a vignette that could be used to train a new Scout in a Scouting skill.

3. Do ONE of the following:

a. With your parent's permission and your counselor's approval, visit a film set or television production studio and watch how production work is done.

b. Explain to your counselor the elements of the zoom lens and three important parts.

4. Find out about three career opportunities in moviemaking. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession.

Discuss this career with your counselor. Explain why this profession might interest you.

(Reprinted from *Bryan on Scouting* October 3, 2013 <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2013/10/03/cinematography-merit-badge-becomes-moviemaking-merit-badge/>)

Options Added to Scouting Heritage and Sustainability

The National Advancement Committee recently added the following options to Scouting Heritage and Sustainability merit badges. The additions are effective immediately and will appear in the 2014 Boy Scout Requirements book and both merit badge pamphlets when they are next reprinted.

Scouting Heritage

Requirement 4(c) added:

Visit an exhibit of Scouting memorabilia or a local museum with a Scouting history gallery, or (with your parent's permission and counselor's approval) visit with someone in your council who is recognized as a dedicated Scouting historian or memorabilia collector. Learn what you can about the history of Boy Scouting. Give a short report to your counselor on what you saw and learned.



To see this addition in context with the rest of the requirements, visit www.scouting.org/scoutsources/boyscouts/advancementandawards/meritbadges/mb-scout_heritage.aspx .

Previously, requirement 4 had just two options, which required either (a) attending a jamboree or BSA high adventure base or (b) visiting or writing the National Scouting Museum in Irving. There are, however, many other opportunities to learn about Scouting history.

Sustainability

To meet the needs of Scouts who, for whatever reason, are not able to review water bills for their home, the National Advancement Committee has approved



the following option to requirement 2(a).

Develop and implement a plan that attempts to reduce your family's water usage. As a family, discuss water usage. To aid in your discussion, if past water bills are available, you may choose to examine a few. As a family, choose three ways to help reduce water consumption. Implement those ideas for one month. Share what you learn with your counselor, and tell how you think your plan affected your family's water usage.

It should be noted that Scouts may choose to use the alternative requirement whether or not they have access to water bills. Both requirements are listed with the online merit badge requirements at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-SUST.aspx> .

Robert M. Gates serves as national president-elect



Robert M. Gates, a Distinguished Eagle Scout and our nation's 22nd secretary of defense, has been elected to the national executive board of the Boy Scouts of America. Gates will serve as a member of the executive committee and as the national

president-elect.

This move means that upon approval of voting members of the National Council, Gates would begin a two-year term as the BSA national president in May 2014. The national president works alongside Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock and National Commissioner Tico Perez to form the National Key 3 that guides the organization. (Learn more about the National Key 3 in the sidebar at right.)

Gates' appointment was made upon the recommendation of national volunteer and professional leaders, including the BSA national nominating committee. Following the

National Council's approval of Gates' two-year term as the BSA national president beginning in May 2014, Randall Stephenson, chairman and chief executive officer of AT&T Inc., has agreed to serve as the president-elect of the BSA.

"There is no finer program for preparing American boys for citizenship and leadership than the Boy Scouts of America," Gates said recently. "As an Eagle Scout, I know firsthand how impactful this program can be, and I believe its mission is more important today than ever before."

Gates' Scouting résumé is voluminous: Distinguished Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, former president of the National Eagle Scout Association, past National Executive Board member and Silver Buffalo Award recipient. When it comes to the Scouting movement, Gates gets it.

"When I joined the CIA at age 22, I had no connections and didn't know a soul," he told the crowd at the opening arena show of the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. "The only thing in my life that led me to believe I could make it was my Eagle Scout badge. It was the only thing that distinguished me from most high school kids."

Gates has a tremendous passion for Scouting but also a sense of humor when appropriate. In his 2010 jamboree speech, Gates described what happens when the director of the CIA goes camping with his Boy Scout troop.

"I think the edge gets taken off the wilderness experience when 100 yards away there are three large black vans, a satellite dish and armed security guards," he told the crowd, drawing a big laugh. "It's a challenge no Scoutmaster ever anticipated."

Last year, Gates indicated a willingness to re-engage with the BSA, and because of his leadership capabilities and his long history of participation and service in Scouting, the BSA had the opportunity to take advantage of a unique moment to bring on board a truly great leader in Gates. He is one of our nation's most respected public servants and a proven leader of the highest caliber.

"I am honored to take on this role and look forward to working on behalf of the millions of youth and adult members who make Scouting what it is today — an

organization providing life-changing opportunities to today's youth," Gates said.

Come Catch the Fun with Us Be a part of the BSA contingent to the 2015 World Scout Jamboree!

**Kirara-hama, Japan - July 28–August 8,
2015**

Unity and harmony, friendship and peace -- All that and more is reflected in Japanese culture and in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

Make plans now to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, where Scouts and Venturers from around the world will meet at the intersection of tradition and innovation to explore energy, technology, and harmony.



ABOUT THE JAMBOREE SITE

Japan is an island country in the Pacific Ocean, where natural beauty and modern cities coexist. Here you'll find a rich mix of traditional and modern culture and a history that dates back thousands of years. Yamaguchi Prefecture is located on Honshu Island in the western part of Japan facing the calm Seto Inland Sea. It exemplifies many aspects of contemporary Japan, including modern cities, beautiful natural areas, traditional performing arts, historic buildings, and modern industries.

The jamboree site, Kirara-hama, is reclaimed land in Yamaguchi City, which is located in the western part of Honshu. Equipped with developed facilities and parks, it was the site of Japan Expo Yamaguchi in 2001.

Climate

You can expect sunny weather with occasional showers and clouds and perhaps strong winds. August temperatures in Yamaguchi City average 82 degrees F, and rainfall averages 6.2 inches.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Participants

Eligible participants must be registered with BSA as a Boy Scout or Venturer and have been born between July 27, 1987 and July 28, 2001.

International Service Team (IST)

To join the IST at the jamboree, you must have turned 18 at the start of camp, July 28, 2015.

Leaders

All BSA leaders must meet the requirements listed on the adult leader web page at

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>. In addition, councils must first give their approval to applicants. Selection will then be made under the direction of each regional director.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Registration and payment of fees will be done online. The cost of participation in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree is as follows:

- Adult leader and youth participant - \$5,750
- International Service Team - \$2,000

Registration will be open in January 2014. Watch the World Scout Jamboree web site for more information <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>

THE PROGRAM

Scouts will experience the 23rd World Scout Jamboree through module activities, subcamp life, arena events, and interaction and exchange with Scouts from all around the globe. Here are some highlights.

Module Activities

Module activities will include exploration of global, cultural, and peace- and community-related issues, participation in recreational water sports, hands-on experiences with science and technology, and nature excursions. In their free time, participants will also be able to choose from a wide variety of programs in their subcamps, at the World Scout Center, and in the Faith and Beliefs zone.

Other Activities

During free time, participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of programs in their subcamps and

at the World Scout Center. The Faith and Beliefs area will always be available for participants to practice their own faith and learn about other religions. Participants can also sign up to be Young Correspondents and help tell the jamboree story to the world.

Peace Memorial Ceremony

On August 6, 2015, a delegation of jamboree participants will attend the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony. This moving ceremony will give them – and through them all jamboree participants -- the chance to think about peace and about how they can promote peace around the world.

PRE-JAMBOREE TRAINING WEEKEND

Leaders and youth should participate in a pre-jamboree training experience to ensure a safe and fun trip for everyone. During this weekend, they will get to know one another and come together as a unit. The jamboree fee does include the training weekend itself, but not the travel to and from the training sites.

JAMBOREE TRAVEL AND TOUR

The BSA contingent will meet at a series of “gateway cities” in the U.S. before departing for the jamboree. The jamboree fee includes round-trip airfare from attendees’ home-city airport, the jamboree fee, administrative expenses, and costs associated with the specially arranged tour immediately before or after the jamboree.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

- November 1 – Camp McClintock closed until April 1
- November 7 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- November 8-10 – Council Camporee, Woolaroc, near Bartlesville
- November 14 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- November 15-16 – OA Vigil weekend
- December 5 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting
- December 7 – OA LLD and Winter Banquet, Town & Country Christian Church, Bartlesville
- December 12 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting
- January 9 – OH District Banquet
- January 9 – GL District Banquet
- January 16 – CPR/First Aid certification, Bartlesville
- January 17-19 – Trappers Rendezvous, near Newton KS
- January 25 – Scouting for Food, flyer distribution, Bartlesville
- February 1 – Scouting for Food, food pickup, Bartlesville
- February 15 – Winter Merit Badge Festival, Tri County Technology Center, Bartlesville
- February 27 – FOS Patron Dinner
- March 7-8 – OA Ordeal
- March 8 – Helpful Day
- March 27 – Council Banquet
- March 29 – Pinecar Derby
- March 29 – OH Cub Scout Fun-o-Ree
- April 1 – Camp McClintock reopens
- April 4-5 – OA Spring Fellowship
- April 9-10 – SM/ASM Leader Specific Training
- April 11-12 – Cub and One
- April 12 – Boy Scout recruitment event