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## Fall Popcorn Sale

- October 19 - Fill It Up Drawing  
 The first Fill It Up winner is Jayden Muirheidt, Pack 108. Jaayden gets to choose between a Play Station Portable or an iPod Nano.
- October 19 - unit order forms due in Scout Office, prize forms due, camp incentive forms due
- November 4 - Popcorn pickup in the OH District
- November 5 - Popcorn pickup in the GL District (at T. H. Rogers Lumber Co., 115 S. Main, Grove)
- December 6 - money due in Scout Office

## End of year deadlines

National has a set of deadlines for the end of the year that cannot be altered.



- 2011 Rank: all data must be entered by December 31, 2011, with the effective dates between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011.
- 2011 Merit Badge: all data must be entered by December 31, 2011, with the effective dates between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011.
- Top Leader Trained Status: all traditional units that qualify for the Top Leader Trained status must qualify by December 31, 2011.
- Excellence Award Status: All Learning For Life Posts that qualify and have been approved for the award status, must be flagged by December 31, 2011.

This means that ranks, merit badges, and training need to be done before the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Anything entered late, will not post for this year.

Be sure to get this information to the Scout Office well before the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline!

## Internet Rechartering

Each unit will receive its Charter Renewal Package as usual. The packet includes information for Internet Rechartering, including an access code especially for each unit.

The unit selects an adult to complete the online process. This renewal "processor" uses the access code to log onto the [Internet Rechartering Web site](#), selecting whether to start the process with current ScoutNet data, or data from unit-management software. At anytime, the renewal processor can suspend the electronic rechartering process and return later to the last complete screen.

The system lets you enter new members, renew current members and update information for any registrant. When completed, the new unit roster is submitted to ScoutNet and a Unit Charter Renewal Report Package is printed. This package includes the unit charter application.



When the online process is completed, the renewal processor prints the completed charter renewal application.

The unit leader and the Executive Officer (Institution Head) sign the charter renewal application. Bring the application along with the material you received in your recharter packet and all appropriate fees to the Scout Office.

Additionally, anyone who wants to learn more about how Internet Rechartering works can take the [interactive Internet Rechartering tutorial](#) and view the [Online Help](#).

Please note that you will need to have [Internet Explorer 5.5 or better](#) to use this new Internet Rechartering feature.

Please be advised that ScoutNet shuts down from 9:00 pm Saturday through 6:00 pm Sunday, every weekend, for routine system maintenance. There are also upgrades performed quarterly that last slightly longer.

## Eagle Scouts

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 Scout who has achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- Austin Burrus – Troop 2 (Out of the Sun, Into the Arbor)



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

## Local Scout Receives National Eagle Scout Merit Scholarship

Aaron Lewis has been selected as one of eighty-four Eagle Scouts from across the country to receive a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the National Eagle Scout Association.

Over 5,000 applications were submitted for different Eagle Scout scholarship programs. Aaron's selection represents recognition of his superb record of accomplishments.



The National Eagle Scout Association, under the direction of the National Development Office, Boy Scouts of America, awards the

scholarships based on recommendations made by regional selection committees. The national committee determines the number and size of scholarships to be granted each year to deserving Eagle Scouts.

Besides being an Eagle Scout, applicants must be a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate college student who applies no later than completion of his junior year. Additionally, each candidate must have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting, and have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who knows the applicant personally.

One of the nation's largest youth development organizations, the Boy Scouts of America currently has 2.7 million youth members and over a million adult volunteers.

Applications for the 2012 Eagle Scout scholarship program will be available at [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org) beginning in October 2011, with a submission deadline of January 31, 2012.

## Jamboree on the Air October 15-16

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Jamboree on the Air will be held world wide on the weekend of October 15 & 16. JOTA is the largest Scouting event in the world with the World Organization of the Scouting

Movement reporting over 700,000 Scouts participated from nearly 6,000 stations around the world in 2010. You can find a great deal of information about JOTA at

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



While it may be a little late to organize your own station operation for JOTA, you can still visit one near you. The list of registered stations is at

[http://www.scouting.org/jota/registered\\_stations.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/jota/registered_stations.aspx)

Included in this list is Astronaut and Scoutmaster Mike Fossum who will be operating from the International Space Station via NA1SS.

You might be wondering, what's the big deal about amateur radio? After all, it's been around for over 100 years. Isn't it kind of old fashioned? The answer to the first question is that interest in amateur radio by Scouts has been growing by leaps and bounds over the last two decades. You can see that by the jump in the number of Radio Merit Badges earned annually. Through the 1980's that number had leveled off at less than 1,000 per year. Then it started a steady growth through the 1990s and the 2000s to the point of 7,000 earned in both 2009 and 2010. You can see a graph of the badges earned each year since 1949 at

<http://www.k2bsa.net/radio-merit-badge/>

As to old fashioned, ham radio has always been at the forefront of technological innovation. From the original experiments with "wireless" communication to current day communication by satellite using a handheld radio and antenna as shown in the photo below.



Yet another exciting activity is called Fox Hunting, which uses amateur radio direction finding to complete an orienteering course by finding hidden transmitters using a handheld radio and directional antenna.

That's October 15 and 16. Check it out!

## Council Camporee October 28-30

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This year's Fall Camporee will be held at Camp McClintock. The plans for the Camporee include doing the Indian Lore and Leatherwork merit badges, having patrol games, a big campfire event, and an Interfaith worship on Sunday morning.

Troops are to do their own cooking. Cost for the event is \$5. Those taking the Leatherwork merit badge will have an additional cost for supplies which should be around \$5.

Registration forms for the event should be available at Roundtable and on the web by the end of this week.

## 2013 Philmont Registrations Occur In November 2011

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Due to the popularity of the 12-day Expeditions, registration entries are taken online during the month of November, two years before the summer you would like to reserve for your unit. This will result in a random draw in early December.

A registration packet is available on the Philmont web site here

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/TrekPlanning/HowToReserve.aspx> Be sure to check out the registration information early, as sometimes weeks are assigned for various areas to register during the month to spread out the site loading.

Registration requests will be accepted for 12-day and 7-day Expeditions. Reservations will not be assigned in the order that registration requests are made. Reservations will be picked randomly by computer beginning December 5, at the close of the registration request period.



Units may make only one registration request during this process. However, the request may be made for consideration of multiple arrival dates. Please do not attempt to make duplicate registration requests.

A unit representative may place a crew registration request for members of their chartered unit only, but are not limited to one crew (maximum crew size = 12 participants); however, please be realistic when estimating attendance to avoid unnecessary expense (forfeited fees) and to permit the maximum number of units to obtain a reservation.

Please refer to the formula on the worksheet for determining the number of crews you are reserving. A \$100 non-refundable deposit, per participant will be due February 25, 2012.

## Venturing at Robbers Cave November 18-20

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Come join Indian Nations Council for a weekend of climbing, rappelling, hiking, camping, and venturing. This annual activity is open to all registered Venture Crews and individual Venturers. Individual Venturers will need to join with a registered crew for this event.

All the climbing and rappelling equipment will be provided. You may bring your own harnesses, helmets, shoes, etc. if you like (but not required) provided they meet safety standards.

Please leave any ropes, carabineers, belay devices, webbing, etc. at home. All safety and emergency equipment will be provided.

There will be an \$8 per person fee payable to the Indian Nations Scout Office in Tulsa by November 13<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place in this event.

The fee covers campsite and supplemental accident insurance. There will be no need to pay park rangers for your campsite when you arrive.

Each unit must file their own Tour Plan. Units are responsible for their own transportation, meals, and two-deep leadership. Each participant must have a signed Parental Consent Form and a completed "Annual BSA Health and Medical Record" in the possession of the Unit Leader at the time of the event.



For more information and registration material see the flyer on the council web site

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2011-Venturing.pdf>

## District Level Awards Submission deadline Nov 30

Both the GL and OH District Banquets will be held on January 12, 2012. In addition to an opportunity to celebrate the past year's accomplishments, two district level awards are bestowed at the District Banquets – the District Award of Merit and the Unit Leader Award of Merit.

### DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

- ▶ The nomination form is available on the BSA web site  
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>
- ▶ Must be submitted to the Scout Service Center no later than Nov 30<sup>th</sup>



- ▶ A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
- ▶ A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.

Note: The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

- ▶ Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
- ▶ The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
- ▶ Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

A list of previous awardees of the District Award of Merit can be found on the council web site.

OH District -

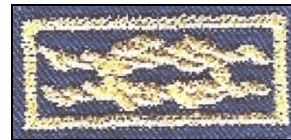
[http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87&Itemid=179)

GL District -

[http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=118&Itemid=227](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=118&Itemid=227)

### UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT

- ▶ The nomination form is available on the BSA web site  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf)
- ▶ Must be submitted to the Scout Service Center no later than Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)



1. Be a currently registered Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor who has served in that position at least 18 continuous months.
2. Meet the training requirements for the registered position.
3. Distribute a printed or electronic annual unit program plan and calendar to each family in the unit.
4. Have a leader succession plan in place.
5. Effectively use the advancement method so that at least 60 percent of the unit's youth have advanced at least once during the last 12 months.
6. Cultivate a positive relationship with the chartered organization.
7. Project a positive image of Scouting in the community.

A list of previous awardees of the Unit Leader of Merit and its predecessor, the Scoutmaster Award of Merit can be found on the council's web site

OH District –

[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)

[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) and [http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=180](http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=180).



## Potential Eagle Project

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The City of Bartlesville is working with the Oklahoma Fisheries Management Program to improve fish habitat at the city owned Lake Hudson (northwest of Bartlesville) by installing fish habitat structures, aka Fish Attractors.

These consist of PVC piping fitted together to mimic underwater structures in place of the old method of placing trees and other vegetation into the lake. The old vegetation decayed which meant it only lasted a limited time and contributed to other issues with the water chemistry.

These new structures are relatively simple to construct, last a long time and don't create any of the other problems. The desired result from these will be increased and improved fish populations in the lake.

The city will provide guidance on constructing the structure and supply the materials. The Scout would need to initiate the contacts and create the program to achieve this goal. The level of expertise needed is well within that of a Scout working on their Eagle rank. The city & state will place the completed structures into the lake.

Contact for this activity is Lisa Beeman, Interim Parks & Recreation Director. She can be reached at (918) 338-4238.

FYI - Lisa Beeman is also an excellent resource for other potential Eagle projects around the city. Past projects have included Pathfinder Parkway projects and other improvements in the city parks.

## Recruiting with [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org)

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BSA maintains a web site for recruiting for all types of units at [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org). This site lets anyone interested in Scouting enter their zip code and find units near that zip code.

All registered units appear on the web site, but the information for each unit is very generic. Any request will be referred to the council if made via the web site.

However, units can personalize the information that is displayed, including adding direct contact. Units update unit information in BeAScout.org via [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org).

Login to MyScouting.org and click on the BeAScout menu item on the left side of the screen. Follow the setup process for entering unit specific information.

By putting a direct contact, phone, and address, along with some other information such as meeting day/time, (9 or 12 months meetings) and place of meeting, units will provide more information and thus would be more likely to recruit someone for their unit.

Now is the time that people get engaged in looking for a unit, so be sure to go in and give unit specific information for your unit. You may be positively surprised with the results!

## Endowment Corner: Wills and Bequests

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Wills are the best known and most widely used form of planned giving. They are the foundation for any estate planning. Yet, as important as having a will is, over 70% of the people in this country who could have wills and should have wills do not have them. Dying intestate (without a will) is a guarantee that, upon death, estate taxes and probate costs will be higher, and the property in the estate is distributed in ways never intended or desired by the decedent.



In addition, about 20% of the people who die each year do not have any immediate heirs to whom they can leave their estate—no children, grandchildren, spouse, or parents. These people can, and should, name our council and other charitable organizations as beneficiaries. All they need to do so is a little information and encouragement.

### A. The Importance of Having a Will

In a sense, everybody has a will. Each state has laws dictating where your property will go after death if you don't leave any other instructions. Such a will, though, is probably not the will you want. By making the will you want, instead of the will the *state* wants, you can:

- Directly distribute assets to your family, friends, and relatives
- *Choose the personal representative you want to handle the estate and asset distribution*
- Avoid excess taxes and costs on the estate
- Provide for minor children by establishing a trust, or naming a guardian YOU want
- Make charitable gifts to the Cherokee Area Council and other worthy charitable organizations.

#### **B. Property Distributed By Law and Will**

Just because you have a will does not mean that everything you own will pass under the will. Some of the things you can control in your will include:

- Property held in the name of the donor, such as stocks, real estate, and bank accounts
- Tangible personal property, such as cars, jewelry, paintings, etc.
- Property you have a power of appointment over
- Life insurance proceeds payable to the estate

Other types of property will pass outside of your will, either by contract or other device. The most common will substitutes include:

- Jointly held property, including bank accounts
- The share of community property that goes to the spouse

- Assets held in a trust, such as a charitable unitrust, annuity trust, pooled fund, credit shelter trust, etc.
- Property held in a revocable trust
- Retirement plans and IRAs

#### **C. Charitable Bequests to the Council**

A bequest is a gift of property or cash stated in a will that goes to a person or organization at the death of the testator (the person whose will it is). Donors can place any bequest – including charitable bequests – in a new will when it is made, or they may add it later to an existing will using a codicil (see below). Besides the benefit to the council or charity, a charitable bequest is completely deductible from the donor's estate, likely lowering the estate taxes owed.

There are different types of bequests from which a donor may choose:

1. **Specific.** The bequest of a specific item, such as a grandfather clock or 100 shares of Disney stock. These are the first things to be distributed from the estate. If the item is no longer in the estate at death, the beneficiary gets nothing.
2. **General.** A bequest from the general assets of the estate, usually a specific amount of cash. The second group of assets to be distributed from the estate. If the will hasn't been updated for a while, the gift may be smaller than the charity expects and the donor intended.
3. **Residual.** Leaving all or part of the estate to the council after all of the general and specific bequests have been distributed. If the estate has grown in value, this could be a big gift; otherwise, it's possible the council won't get anything.
4. **Contingent.** You receive the money or item only upon a condition, such as if the donor's son predeceases him. The chances of the council getting something under a contingency are often small.

5. **Percentage.** A percentage of the estate, or of an asset in the estate, such as part of a ranch, or 25 percent of the residuary estate. Protects against inflation, and almost always assures the council of receiving something.

**D. The Codicil**

The codicil is an amendment, change, or addition to an existing will. The advantage of a codicil is that a donor can change his will without having to redraft the entire document. Creating a codicil is common for donors who want to add a charitable bequest for the local council and other charities, or make simple changes. Though the codicil has to be signed and witnessed just like the will itself, they are very short and easy to draft. Many donors are pleased to have an alternative that allows them to make a change to their will without the expense and trouble of completely redoing the will.

*Please note: The information in this communication is not legal or tax advice. The BSA Cherokee Area Council # 469 is pleased to offer complimentary gift and estate planning assistance, however, we urge you to seek the advice of a competent professional before implementing any ideas we suggest to you.*

## Endowment Recognition Awards

The Boy Scouts of America offers three distinct recognition awards.

### THE JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and he served in that position for more than three decades. The West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to – and not replace or diminish – the donor’s annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else – such as in honor of an Eagle



Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary – or in memory of a special individual.

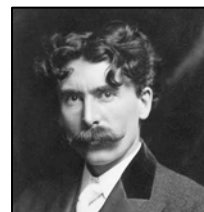
### THE 1910 SOCIETY

Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has grown into something larger and more significant than anyone anticipated. We honor that special date by presenting the 1910 Society award to donors who make gifts of \$25,000 or more to their council endowments.



These gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, land, five-year pledges, or other property suitable for a council endowment fund or easily converted to cash.

There are four levels of recognition in the 1910 Society that honor four very special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting:



- 1) **Ernest Thompson Seton**, nationally known artist and naturalist, author of the first official American Scout handbook and many other books important to Scouting.

**Seton Level membership: \$25,000 minimum gift**



- 2) **Daniel Carter Beard**, first chairman of the National Court of Honor; national Scout commissioner, and author of many well-known books and stories for youth.

**Beard Level membership: \$100,000 minimum gift**



- 3) **Theodore Roosevelt**, first the Chief Scout Citizen, first vice president of the BSA, and president of the United States.

**Roosevelt Level membership: \$500,000 minimum gift**





4) **Waite Phillips**, one of the BSA's first benefactors, and donor to the BSA of almost 130,000 acres of land in New Mexico which became Philmont Scout Ranch.

**Phillips Level membership: \$1,000,000 and up**

**Phillips Silver Level: \$5,000,000 minimum gift**

**Phillips Gold Level: \$10,000,000 minimum gift**

### **THE FOUNDERS CIRCLE**

The Founders Circle is intended to recognize *deferred* gifts designated for council endowment funds. Donors are recognized for gift commitments with a minimum value of \$100,000. Unlike the other endowment recognition awards, a donor may qualify for membership with gifts made through:

- Charitable bequests in a will or codicil
- Charitable trusts, such as unitrusts, annuity trusts, and lead trusts
- BSA Gift Annuities or BSA Pooled Income Fund gifts
- Life insurance/retirement plan designations
- Other deferred gifts approved by the local council



As with the 1910 Society, there are four levels of membership within the Founders Circle. They are:

- Bronze \$100,000 minimum gift commitment
- Silver \$250,000 minimum gift commitment
- Gold \$500,000 minimum gift commitment
- Platinum \$1,000,000 minimum gift commitment

## The Silver Beaver Award

### Submission deadline Jan 15

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.

A list of previous Silver Beaver honorees is available on the Council web site here

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

### **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 15, 2012.

**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

**OH Cub Scout Fun-o-Ree**

Local Scouts recently participated in the OH Cub Scout Fun-o-Ree at MJ Lee Lake across from Lowe's in Bartlesville.

Activities included a canoeing demonstration with a raft built from three canoes to provide safety for younger Scouts...



...and fireman's tug-of-war which allowed attendees the opportunity to put on fire-fighting gear and operate a real fire hose.



Other activities included a mobile archery range for attendees to practice marksmanship safely...



...steer roping...



...fishing...



...and bottle rockets.



## Robotics Merit Badge at the Kansas Cosmosphere

This fall, Robotics becomes the latest addition to the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center merit badge line-up. In this exciting program, Scouts will learn about the dynamic field of robotics. They will tour the new Investigate Space gallery, which includes full-scale mockups of Mars rovers. Using Lego Mindstorms, scouts will design, construct, and program robots. And a day at the Cosmosphere wouldn't be complete without an IMAX film and liquid oxygen ice cream.

### Other Merit Badge Programs

With its vast collection of space artifacts, the Kansas Cosmosphere is the perfect place for Boy Scouts to earn merit badges related to space and technology. Currently, the Kansas Cosmosphere offers Astronomy, Space Exploration, and Engineering merit badges.



Scouts spend the day at the Cosmosphere; complete the requirements for the badge, receive a guided tour of the museum, and experience an IMAX film.

Contact the Kansas Cosmosphere today to come experience how the Cosmosphere turns earning a merit badge into a unforgettable treat!

To secure your space, contact

Laurie Givan  
Education Coordinator  
620.665.9326  
800.397.0330

[laurieg@cosmo.org](mailto:laurieg@cosmo.org)

More information about the Cosmosphere Boy Scout Programs [http://www.cosmo.org/ed\\_sc\\_boy.htm](http://www.cosmo.org/ed_sc_boy.htm)

More information about the Cosmosphere Cub Scout Programs [http://www.cosmo.org/ed\\_sc\\_cub.htm](http://www.cosmo.org/ed_sc_cub.htm)

## Bookshare, BSA open a new chapter

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For some boys, reading doesn't come easy. And that makes the Boy Scouts of America a challenging place. *The Boy Scout Handbook*. Merit Badge pamphlets. BSA training manuals. Daunting prospects for boys with print disabilities.

Fortunately, the BSA has some great resources for those Scouts. Starting with Bookshare. This summer, the BSA signed a memorandum of understanding that cements a partnership aimed at improving the Scouting experience for boys and girls with print disabilities.

Bookshare's cool online library ([bookshare.org](http://bookshare.org)) allows Scouts in your pack, troop, team, or crew to "listen to books, see words and hear them read as they are highlighted on a screen, read in Braille, and much more."



The best part? It's free for U.S. students with a qualified print disability (visual impairment, a physical disability, or a learning or reading disability).

For non-students or students who don't qualify, there's a \$25 setup fee and \$50 per year charge. But if you use the promo code SCOUTS, Bookshare will waive the \$25 setup fee.

Once logged in, users can view or listen to Scouting materials on desktops, laptops, iPads, iPhones, MP3 players, and assistive technology devices.

For more information:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/bks-scout.pdf>

## Camp reviews

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Jim Brisson has created a web site to host camp information and reviews on those camps (<https://www.scoutroom.net/camps/index/1>).

Any registered user can create a camp record or create reviews for camps (registration is free, but provides an email address of the author/updater). Searching and browsing does not require log in.

Searches for camps can be done based on camp city, state, zip, miles from a given zip, council, average rating,

and key attributes (has summer camp, winter camp, primitive only, high adventure). The search results will show distance if you search based on mileage from a given zip code. Search results can be searched, and the results table can be re-sorted by clicking on a column header.

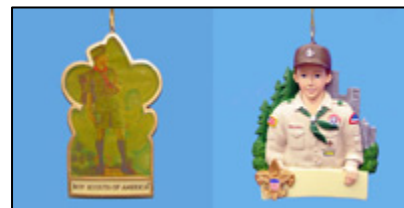
Satellite and road maps are available for camps. The camp information is pulled in from the best source for this info (e.g. council's website). Change history is maintained for camps. Change history allows reverting to previous versions

Other Camp Reviews are available here

<http://scoutcamp.org>

## Kurt S. Adler Introduces New 2011 BSA Licensed Ornaments

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New ornaments include Cub Scout™ and Boy Scout™ figurines as well as Cub Scout and Boy Scout ornaments

that can be personalized. Additionally, there is a nostalgic ornament inspired by the timeless Norman Rockwell painting, "Tomorrow's Leader".

The Cub Scout™ figurine is a 4.25" hand painted resin ornament and the Boy Scout™ figurine is a 5.25" hand painted figurine. The personalized ornaments are also made of resin with the banner space designated for personalization.

Lastly, the Norman Rockwell derived ornament is 4.75" tall with "Boy Scouts of America®" on the front and "Continuing the Journey 1910 - 2010" on the back.

For more information on Kurt S. Adler, Inc. and where to purchase these ornaments, please visit [kurtadler.com](http://kurtadler.com).

# DecoPac Introduces New Eagle Scout® Edible Cake Design

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New edible cake designs by DecoPac include Joseph Csatari's illustration, "Eagle Court of Honor". Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and

Pinewood Derby® designs are also available.

To locate your nearest bakery that carries BSA edible cake designs, visit [www.cakes.com](http://www.cakes.com) and contact them for PhotoCake availability.

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- Oct. 1 – GL Cub Scout Fun-o-ree
- Oct. 1 – OH BALOO training
- Oct. 6 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Oct. 8 – Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival
- Oct. 13 – GL Roundtable
- Oct. 19 – Popcorn unit order forms, prize forms due, camp incentive forms due in Scout Office
- Oct. 21 – Camporee registrations due
- Oct. 21-23 – Wood Badge 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend
- Oct. 27 – OH District Committee
- Oct. 28-30 – Council Camporee, Camp McClintock
- Nov. 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Nov. 4 – OH popcorn pickup
- Nov. 5 – GL popcorn pickup at T. H. Rogers Lumber Co., 115 S. Main, Grove
- Nov. 18-20 – Venturing Climbing at Robbers Cave State Park
- Nov. 19 – Good Turn Saturday at the Salvation Army, Bartlesville
- Nov. 23-25 – Scout Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Nov. 30 – District Award of Merit and Unit Leader Award of Merit nominations due
- Dec. 1 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Dec. 6 – Popcorn money due in Scout Office
- Dec. 16 – Recharterers due at the Scout Office
- Dec. 23 – Scout Office closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 26 – Scout Office closed for Christmas holiday
- Dec. 27-30 – Scout Shop closed for inventory
- Jan. 2 – Scout Office closed for New Year's holiday
- Jan. 7 – OA Winter Banquet
- Jan. 12 – OH and GL District Banquets
- Jan. 21 – Scouting for Food flyer distribution in Bartlesville
- Jan. 28 – Scout for Food pickup in Bartlesville
- Feb. 23 – FOS patron dinner
- Feb. 25 – Winter Merit Badge Festival
- Mar. 2-4 – Council Camporee
- Mar. 15 – Council Banquet
- Mar. 24 – Pinewood Derby
- Mar. 31 – Outdoor Leader Training