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Bartlesville Regional United Way

Boy Scout video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMrcsfJ8wZc&feature=plcp>

Popcorn Sales Underway

Dates to Remember

Sale Ends	October 15
Orders due in the Scout Office	October 15
OH Distribution	November 2
GL Distribution	November 3
Money due in Scout Office	December 6

Service Hours Opportunity

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.

For more on the Building Bridges program, See Building Bridges-Bartlesville, OK on Facebook or go to www.buildingbridgesok.org.

Carol's Corner



I'm sure most of you join in my awe that it is already October. Thank you all for your efforts in helping "round up" youth to be involved in Scouting which I believe is the best character development program around. For those who are new leaders or participants,

please do not hesitate to let us know if there is something we can do to help your experience be more positive.

New in 2012 is a program called *Voice of the Scout*. With this initiative, participants can receive up to two e-mails per year and are asked to provide feedback so we can make the Scouting program even stronger. Sixty-two percent of respondents were either neutral or disagreed with the statement, "I know where to get answers to my Scouting questions." If you live in Osage Hills District - Osage, Nowata or Washington counties - and you or the leader in your unit can't answer a question please call your District Director Will Arnold. For those living in the Grand Lake District - Craig, Ottawa and Delaware counties - give Doug Banner, your District Director, a call. All can be reached through the Scout Office at 918-336-9170. Additionally, Marilyn, DeAnn and Joni are the ones who answer the phones in the Scout Office and they are amazing at customer service, often intervening without even passing a question on to Doug and Will. I, too, am a resource, so if you are baffled by where to turn, please call for our help!

In the Spring 2012 survey only 41% of those surveyed said attending Roundtable helped them become a more effective leader. Please know the new Roundtable Commissioner in Osage Hills, Becky Balli and the Grand Lake District Commissioner Paul Fuhrmeister, are both open to your ideas. Our objective is to make this time so worthwhile that leaders spend less time preparing for their unit responsibilities. Many months we follow the national program but we can be responsive to your needs and suggestions. That said, we cannot improve without your input, so please give any feedback you have directly to them and please take time to share your best practices for the good of all involved!

Other feedback that we heard from those that took time to complete the *Voice of the Scout* survey included comments from parents on why they would tell their friends to get their child involved:

- The activities are good and having other positive influences in our children's life is important. The fact that prayer is still said in these meetings means the world to my family. Great job!
- 100 + year old program which is gestationally age appropriate so that when a young man is

biologically ready to achieve, the age appropriate activity is available for them.

- Because the boys scout program is positive in its influence of young boys. My children have learned so much and have enjoyed this experience as well.
- All the fun and educational things that they do
- The leader cares and works to make meetings enjoyable for kids.

Volunteer leaders, without your time and devotion to put on a quality program the following positive comments, which far outweighed the negative, wouldn't have been made. Exemplary Job!

There were also a couple of less than positive comments. I know as leaders you are always looking for ways to keep the program fun and relevant. The below were in answer to why they wouldn't tell a friend to join:

- The things we are doing with Scouts are things that my family already did before joining.
- Sometimes I like it but sometimes it's boring.

Additionally, there was valuable feedback regarding suggestions to improve Scouting. Note – Responses to suggestions in red italics.

- Some kind of one-on-one orientation (even just 30 minutes) for 1st time Den Leaders to give them a "game plan" of what to do when they start. Ideally a mentorship program would be best - have someone show them how to do a meeting, make a plan, etc. and then watch them do one and then just be there for support upon request. I realize resources are limited, but even some kind of brief orientation BEFORE they start meeting with kids and parents would be good. ***In many cases one on one mentoring is taking place and there is a new initiative to make sure every Cub Scout Pack is adopted by a Troop. However, that doesn't always address the leader that is feeling isolated and alone. Please call the Scout Service Center, 918-336-9170, if you are reading this and feel overwhelmed. We will connect you with help.***
- Lower the price of popcorn! ***We'd like to know if others feel this way. Year after year we***

hear the customers understand it's a fundraiser to give 70% back to Scouting and that's why the price is high. We did have a committee that brought tins back this year and even conducted taste tests. If you would like to volunteer to be on the decision making committee next year, or have input to share, please e-mail me at carol.whitebook@scouting.org.

- The communication to the parents. **Many units are doing this through e-mail and/or Facebook now. We'd be interested in your units "best practices" to share with others, so please let us know**
- That parents' would get a basic info packet upon joining scouts, including important phone #'s, website info, etc. **This was part of the plan this year so if it didn't happen for your unit let us know as we will help make the packets!**
- I REALLY do wish the Troop leaders had more support from the councils and the national organization. There is SO much paperwork which electronically could be easier. ESPECIALLY, there are so many merit badge opportunities which the scouts never find out about, simply because they are too hard to 'locate' them in a timely manner. **We hear you, agree and are open to any suggestions you can offer! Personally, I often feel terrible for our awesome volunteers that have so much on their plates already!**

In closing, the above is only about a quarter of the information we were able to address because many of you took the time to give your opinion. Please continue to communicate your needs, desires, and yes, even great praise for the incredible leaders and Scouting programs out there. We have heard your voice and want to continue to grow from your input. And, to all those in leadership, thanks again for making a great impact and difference!

Council receives unexpected donation

Recently the Cherokee Area Council received a \$5,000 donation from past board president and Emeritus member John Favre. He and his son, Alan, came by to

present the check he explained was from what is called a CRAT Charitable Remainder Annuity trust fund for students.



John explained how he and his wife Wilbarine had put money aside in this manner for their granddaughter's education. With this type of account the fund is used on the education of the beneficiary and then the remaining funds at the end of the trust will benefit a 501C3, such as Cherokee Area Council. He shared that this was an excellent way to avoid tax penalties and such. Their granddaughter will graduate in a few months. We want to publicly thank John and his wife for their great insight that benefited both their granddaughter and Scouting!

Eagle Scouts

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



Our congratulations go out to the following Scout who has achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- Joe Thomas - Troop 33 (flag pole – 73 hours)

Cherokee Area Council is proud of this Scout's achievement.

Washita Lodge News

Update on what has happened and what is still to come.

First is Callout out at Camporee (Sept. 7-9)

Camporee was Awesome!!! Thank you Candi Barlow for

putting that together. We had 24 candidates called out for Order of the Arrow. If you were called out but were not able to attend Ordeal Weekend there is another one in the Spring March 8-9. Put it on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Helpful Day(Sept.15)/Ordeal weekend (Sept. 14-15).

Weather was a little bit of a problem but we are Scouts and a little rain never hurt us. We had a total of 52 show up for Ordeal. 20 were Ordeal candidates. Special thanks to Dave Cole, Steve Defrees, Frank Reeves, Brian Cordsen and Mark Janda for their efforts with the Ordeal. You guys are great. There were about 15 people that showed up to work on Helpful Day. Need to work on this but that is a start. Thanks to the Cub Scouts and parents that braved the potential downpour to help our Council Camp. There was a mountain of brush chipped up and made into mulch for around the climbing tour. THANK YOU ORDEAL CANDIDATES!!!!

2012 FALL Fellowship (Oct 12-13) will be held at Camp McClintock. This is the first Fellowship for many of our new members let's all come out for Fun, Food, Competitions and Fellowship. I have asked the Council to take off the late fee for registration. Please register by October 10, 2012 to give us an accurate head count for food purchase. **All 2012 NOAC Contingent members can attend this event at no charge but you must register. Just write on the top of your form 2012 NOAC Contingent member.** Don't Delay register today!

If you know you are coming but can't get by the Scout office to pay please fax a form in and you can pay at Fellowship. <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/oa/2012-Fall-Fellowship-Registration.pdf>

OA One Day of Service (Oct 27) OA Troop

Representatives - here is your opportunity to lead your unit in a great Service project for your unit that will benefit your community and give your Troop members Service hours needed for advancement. As you get your projects organized please let me know what you are doing so we can record the activities. Park cleanup, planting flowers for springtime, are some good projects. Contact your local Parks Dept, schools, and Nursing homes for more ideas.

I would appreciate any feed back as we move forward finishing this year and starting the new year on likes and yes dislikes and how we can improve these events.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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Washita Lodge Advisor

Webelos Outdoor

Weekend

November 3-4

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)

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 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.

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>

Climbing Instructor

Training & Climbing

Tower Orientation

November 10

Open to adults & Scouts age 16 and up

Cost \$10

9 AM to 5 PM

Camp McClintock

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.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/Climbing-Instructor-Training.pdf>

Grand Lake District News

Special thanks to all the leaders who made the Fun-o-ree so successful. Over 100 scouts participated in this year's exciting activities.

Kick off this year's Scouting program with a bang and have your new and experienced leaders attend **Scout Leaders Roundtable**. Gather ideas for program activities for your Scouts for the coming month. This month (Oct 11th) we will also offer the opportunity to watch the National BSA Cub Scout Leader online training. Roundtable is held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Northeast Technology Center north of Afton. Come have fun, act like a kid, get information and supplies and help your Scouts have their best Scouting year ever.

Popcorn.....Don't forget that orders are due to the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville by October 15th. Popcorn comes to town the weekend of Nov. 2-3-4.

The **Recharter** process is just around the corner. Time to sign up for another year of Scouting! Unit commissioners are here to help. We will have a brief orientation at Roundtable. Come see how easy the online process is.

New Recruiter Patch. A new recruiter patch is available for any Scout who gets one of his friends to sign up for Scouting. The patch is free, just give the

application to Doug Banner and receive the patch for your Scout. It's not too late to join.

Order of the Arrow chapter meetings for the Grand Lake District are held the same night as Roundtable. Arrowmen are invited to attend and share ideas for service and fellowship.

Wood Badge

Wood Badge S8-469-11 is pleased to announce the two first participant ticket completions: Michael Francis and

Steve Heidorn.

Congratulations to these Scouters who have not only completed the outdoor training but also their individual projects which were approved by their Troop Guides.



Osage Hills and Grand Lake Districts continue to offer leader training which will assist in providing great programs for our youth. Encourage your new leaders to pursue on-line training, district training, and look forward to the next Wood Badge course, S8-469-13, to be held in the fall of 2013 at Camp McClintock. Remember, every youth deserves a trained leader!!

Camp Updates Continue

Almost two years ago the council undertook a major capital campaign to improve and add to our facilities at Camp McClintock and the Scout Service Center. Although at times it has been a bit messy and even inconvenient while work was underway, several of the upgrades at Camp McClintock are either complete or nearly so.

The shooting sports pavilion and berm enclosure are completed and at a recent executive board meeting several board members were able to visit the new facility and even practice a bit of shooting.

All major building changes at the Palace of Moo dining hall are finished with some minor tweaks including additional cabinets and improved drink services planned.

The new environmentally friendly Eloo® rest room facility is being appreciated by campers using the Cub

Cabin area which troops have discovered is a great place for a weekend campout.

The low water crossing – for pedestrian use and council owned camp vehicles – is now functional with some additional work remaining on the approaches and the downstream side of the crossing. A springtime 8 inch rain in the creek's watershed and the resulting high water taught some great lessons about how best to complete this work. This crossing and a newly graded road that extends from the crossing all the way to the old Hermit's Cabin makes access to the west half of the camp property much easier and Scouts are rediscovering the great camping and hiking areas "across the creek." One troop reports checking out some of the 1930's era troop camp sites northwest of the Hermit Cabin with thoughts of reestablishing their own troop camping sites.

The biggest excitement at camp is about the all new climbing and rappelling tower. It is reportedly one of the best in the area. This tower is almost 50 feet tall and provides three levels for climbers of all ages and skill levels. And the view from the top is tremendous, especially across Sand Creek while riding the new zip line that terminates across the creek approximately 450 feet away.

Soon to be started projects will include the beloved and greatly missed swinging bridge that was closed several years ago due to concerns of the council risk management team. After extensive investigation and engineering studies a plan was crafted to rebuild this historic structure in the same location but with improved walk treads that will make it even more fun for future generations of Scouts to join those who've gone before. Over the years almost everyone who is asked what they recall about Camp McClintock says the same thing, "the swinging bridge!" Watch for the new and improved suspension bridge in the coming months.

It's a busy time at Camp McClintock and a great time to be a Scout. If you haven't been out to camp in a while make plans to drive out and take a hike, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

JAMCAM 2013

Date: Jan 4-11, 2013

Country: Colombia

Host: Scout Association of Colombia Interamerican Scout Region

Age: 15-18 (Boy Scouts, Venturers) & Adults

Contingent size: 8 youths + 2 adults

Contingent gathering: Jan 2, 2013

Location: Metropolitan Florida Park, Bogota, Colombia

Cost: \$1400 (includes travel [round trip, US-Colombia], lodging, food, event fee, tent, patches, bags and more fun!!)

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

If a Scout or Scouter is interested, contact Dale Copeland at copelandapplicances@gmail.com

Nomination Deadline: Oct 30, 2012

Canadian Jamboree

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

Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

The Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year (NESSPY) is an award given by the National Eagle Scout Association. The NESSPY is meant to "recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity."

The nomination period will open on January 1 and close January 21 of each year. An Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit his Eagle Scout leadership service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed his Eagle board of review in the prior calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

One winner will be chosen from among those submitted at the Council level and then turned in to the Regional competition. The NESSPY will be awarded at the annual Council banquet.

To see past recipients and a link to the application visit http://www.nesa.org/adams_award.html

Scouting Alumni Association

The Scouting Alumni Association welcomes everyone positively and personally impacted by the Boy Scouts of America – former Scouts, family members of Scouts past and present, volunteers past and present, and the millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day – to join today.

Enjoy the member benefits and support the good work that the BSA continues in its second century. Membership costs \$35 annually. Benefits include the following:

- Packet sent upon joining containing an embossed affiliation card, lapel pin, luggage tag, and window cling.
- Quarterly electronic newsletter Alumni Alive! It's a popular, convenient update of all the great happenings in Scouting today.
- Cell phone ring tones of 10 bugle calls.

- Free one-year membership to the National Scouting Museum, this world-class museum is located in Irving, Texas, across the street from the BSA in the museum's quarterly newsletter, Bridges & Trails.
- One-time discount on a purchase from Scoutstuff.org ational office. Membership includes access to

Being a member of the Scouting Alumni Association is a great way to show your support for America's largest youth organization. Go to <http://scouting.org/alumni/association.aspx> and click the "Join Now" button.

Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator

The Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator position was created to strengthen units by building an infrastructure that would create cohesiveness between units and district- and council-level volunteers, ultimately to better serve youth members in the realm of Duty to God.

The responsibility of the coordinator is to educate, motivate, evaluate, and facilitate the religious emblems program at the unit level. In addition to serving on the unit committee, a key function of the position is to serve as the liaison to the District Religious Emblems Coordinator.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Membership.aspx>

2013 Journey to Excellence

The new 2013 Journey to Excellence scorecards for packs, troops, and crews are now online. Go to www.scouting.org/jte

Baloo's Bugle

Baloo's Bugle is a monthly collection of program helps for Cub Scout leaders. Each month a new edition is published with ideas for the following month's Cub Scouting theme near the beginning of each month and features monthly theme stuff, training tips, Tiger

activities, Pack and Den activities, traditions, Pack administration helps, fun foods, games, Webelos materials, and lots of stuff to make a Pack meeting really sparkle like gathering activities, opening ceremonies, skits, stunts, cheers, songs, audience participation activities, advancement ceremonies, closings and Cubmaster minutes.

<http://usscouts.org/bbugle.asp>

Upcoming Key Dates

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

Oct. 4 - OH District Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

Oct. 6 - OH Belt Loop Festival

Oct. 11 - GL District Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

Oct. 11 - OH District Eagle Boards of Review

Oct. 12-13 - OA Fall Fellowship

Oct. 15 - Popcorn orders due in the Scout Office

Oct. 25 - OH District Committee

Oct. 27 - OA One Day of Service

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

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 - 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