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- ▶ Daniel Schluter – Troop 32 (Painting Wesleyan Christian School faculty lounge)

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

## From the Council President

By Charlie Daniels

Back in school! And that means lots of kids can get involved in Scouting. Marketing is crucial! Implement every strategy you know to help kids have the advantages and character development Scouting offers. Check out the link for 30 Marketing Methods <http://www.cherokeesba.org/marketing-methods.pdf>



If you're recruiting at the elementary school level, have your Scouts wear their uniform the day of sign up, as well as on Scout meeting days. Make sure flyers go out the week before recruitment and send a reminder home the day before. Use school marquees and even set a mock campsite up on school property. Also, a Scout who gets a friend to sign up earns a recruiter patch and also gets to pick a prize from the Scout Shop, or if in Grand Lake from their District Director, Doug Banner, [douglas.banner@scouting.org](mailto:douglas.banner@scouting.org)

The Council usually does a pretty good job recruiting. However, we need to work on retention. Keep in mind the two leading indicators for retaining youth are adult

## 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 Scouts who have recently achieved Eagle rank:

- ▶ Luis Balli – Troop 32 (SPCA pet beds)
- ▶ Patrick Weigant- Troop33 (Restoring the County House Retreat foundation)
- ▶ Kevin Black – Troop 32 (Dewey school facility improvements)

training and a FUN program. Make sure your leaders are trained. In 2010 we retained 67.79% of our youth with a national standard of 62%. That was good going, but in 2011 we lost 365 youth that you worked hard to enroll, and we fell to 61.67%. You can change that if you'll get youth and parents plugged in within a week of recruitment, assign a person to call them if they miss and, as said, ensure your program is FUN with trained leaders involved.

To make recruiting easier (or at least cheaper) check out the items the board and donors are making possible once again in 2011. And yes, again they are **F R E E !**

Each new, paid **Boy Scout** or **Cub Scout** receives a

**F R E E HANDBOOK** (courtesy Kendal Motor Oil & ConocoPhillips) &

**F R E E PINWOOD DERBY CAR** for all Cub Scouts, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (courtesy of Honda of Bartlesville!)

*(To qualify, applications must be postmarked or turned into Wes, Doug, or the Scout Service Center within 48 hours of your unit's sign-up event.)*

**F R E E CAMPING!** As your unit plans its year, remember that on a first come, first served basis, the use of the Dining Hall and Cub Cabin at Camp McClintock is now free for Cherokee Area Council units. (Call the Scout Service Center, 918-336-9170, to schedule your adventure!)

**F R E E RANK PATCHES!**

Do the following and your unit will get free rank patches (not including Eagle kit):

- ◆ Unit participation in the Friends of Scouting Campaign on an annual basis
- ◆ Participation in Popcorn Sales (minimum of \$100 per registered youth)
- ◆ Submit charter renewal paperwork with all required signatures and payment by year end
- ◆ Achieve Gold or Silver Journey to Excellence score

**F R E E MERIT BADGES (and 50% off Eagle Kits)!** Your unit has to qualify for free

rank patches (see requirements above) and do the following:

- ◆ Have unit representation at 75% of all roundtables
- ◆ Send one leader to Wood Badge Training
- ◆ Unit achievement of the National Camping Award
- ◆ Have Direct Report Leaders and Committee Chair fully trained and all leaders youth protection trained (Youth protection training is now mandatory for all leaders)

**F R E E SCHOLARSHIPS:** If you know of a Scout who needs free registration or can't afford a uniform, and your unit can't help, please give the Scout Service Center a call. No kid should be denied the opportunity of Scouting due to lack of funds.

**F R E E SCOUTING ADVICE!** Should you need anything, please call the Scout Service Center, 918-336-9170, and we will help!

As we all know, the Scout program is Volunteer-run. Thank you for everything you do to deliver a quality program in our Council!

## Carol's Corner

By Carol Whitebook, Council Executive

Join our Council Key 3 which includes President, Charlie Daniels, our Commissioner, Randy Stayton and me in beginning your journey to earn the SCOUTStrong patch!



In an effort to confront childhood obesity and encourage healthier lifestyles the Whitehouse has chosen to partner with Scouts across the nation in introducing the

SCOUTStrong PALA (Presidential Active Lifestyle Award) Challenge.

Many likely don't know my first degree is in Health Education and while a thirty year old college student I woke up one day feeling old, lethargic and at least thirty pounds overweight due to my Dr. Pepper and Dorito habit. That day I committed to change my lifestyle as I wanted to be a better parent for my children and I wanted to be around for as long as the good Lord would allow. Initially I walked at least three miles a day, six times per week and was very strict about keeping my caloric intake within recommended guidelines. Later I learned my metabolism had changed due to the increased activity and until I hit my mid-forties could eat about whatever I wanted as long as I worked out. The comparison of energy and how young I felt (note I didn't say looked) still amaze me!

Being more active is a need for most of us so the Council Key 3 encourages all to get on board and set an example for our respective communities. According to UnitedHealthcare, "the good news is if you are under 35 and in good general health, you do not need to see a doctor before beginning your fitness regimen. However, if you are over 35, have been inactive for a significant stretch of time, or have a history of heart issues, high blood pressure, chest pain or difficulty breathing, fainting, bone, muscular or joint injuries, or other known medical concerns, please see a physician first."

Eating right and knowing what a healthy weight is can be a good place to start and calculating your Body Mass Index (BMI) is a **MUST** as it was recently announced at a Boy Scout Top Hands for Scout Executives that **no one will be allowed to go to Jamboree 2013 with a BMI over 40 and special paperwork will be required for those ranging from 32 – 40.** (BMI = weight in pounds divided by height in inches squared and then multiplied by 703.) Example: A 160 lb, 5.8" person would have a BMI of 24.32:  $160 / 4624 \times 703$ . Here's information to let you know where you are starting:

18.5 – 24.9 = ideal weight;

25.0 – 29.9 = overweight

30 & up = obesity

In closing, below are some commonly asked questions regarding the SCOUTStrong program. Charlie, Randy and I look forward to hearing about the healthy changes you, your families, your friends and your Scouting

groups are making. You can drop us a note at [cdanie66@aol.com](mailto:cdanie66@aol.com); [carol.whitebook@scouting.org](mailto:carol.whitebook@scouting.org); and [staytonr2@gmail.com](mailto:staytonr2@gmail.com). With your permission, your story just might be featured in the next Scouter so don't delay, start your journey today!

### Questions (Q) and Answers (A)

**Q:** Who can earn the patch? **A:** Youth and Adults alike

**Q:** Do I have to be a Scout? **A:** No, even friends of Scouts are welcome to take part!

**Q:** How do I earn? **A:** Youth need to log five days of exercise per week with a duration of at least 60 minutes while adults need only 30 minutes, five times for six weeks to achieve.

**Q:** What constitutes "exercise?" **A:** Over 100 indoor and outdoor activities count toward the daily requirement, including walking, running, aerobics, mowing, canoeing, swimming, soccer and biking. Check out all the activities at

[www.presidentschallenge.org/challenge/activities.shtml](http://www.presidentschallenge.org/challenge/activities.shtml)

*(Also, keep in mind YMCAs are a great resource. Monthly fees for a family here in Bartlesville are \$52, 1 parent and children can enjoy for \$45 and youth 15 – 18 years old can sign up for \$18 per month.*

*Keep in mind those 9-14 years can enjoy basketball, racquetball, swimming and indoor play for \$10 per month; however, unless they are 12-14, and a parent is present, cannot use the exercise equipment.)*

**Q:** How do I get started? **A:** Go to [www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA](http://www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA) and download your activity log or drop by the Scout Resource Center, 520 SE Quapaw, to pick one up. Also visit [www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA](http://www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA) to register with our council, Cherokee Area Council #469.



## Signup Now for Wood Badge

The council Wood Badge course is happening this fall, with two three day weekends in September and October (check the [council schedule for the dates](#)). This is an

excellent opportunity for Scouters to get some new skills for making their units operate better, and to make connections with other Scouters in the council who are attending. This is a course that is equally good for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and district and council positions.

All are welcome to attend, though there is a limit of 48 that can attend. Thirty-five have signed up already, so be sure to get signed up while there is still space in this course.

Past attendees have been strongly positive about the results that they have experienced from taking this course. It is a practical course about how to deliver the Scouting program in a positive manner with good results from the youth. And, it is a fun time for all of the participants!

The leaders for this course have been preparing for these weekends for several months, so you have a staff that is excited and ready about our fall Wood Badge course!

## OA Lodge Leadership Development

September 10, 2011

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### **Please note the date change.**

This training is required for all Lodge and chapter officers. Other Arrowmen are encouraged to attend.

This training will be held at the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Check in at 10:30 a.m. The session will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and end before 5:00 p.m.

## Miami Emergency Preparedness Event

September 10, 2011

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Adult Scout leaders and Scouts at least 17 years old (16 with completed parental consent form) in the Miami area will have an opportunity to give blood on Saturday, September 10 at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

More information -

<http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/Miami-Emergency-Preparedness.pdf>

## OH Cub Scout Fun-o-Ree

September 24, 2011

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This is a recruiting event for Scouting. All Scouts should attend and bring a non-Scout friend. All Packs, Troop, Crews, and Posts are encouraged to staff a fun activity or program area. Units need to provide their own materials for this event.

The Fun-O-Ree will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the soccer fields across from Lowe's. This location is VERY visible to the public. However there is no shade so a pop-up canopy is recommended.

Please complete a sign-up form

[www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-Cub-Scout-Fun-o-Ree.pdf](http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-Cub-Scout-Fun-o-Ree.pdf) to let the event chairman know what activity you would like to host or e-mail [beckyballi@gmail.com](mailto:beckyballi@gmail.com)

Get your Scouts involved!

## GL Cub Scout Fun-o-Ree

October 1, 2011

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Come try on Scouting for a Day! There will be games, archery, BB guns, a zip line, crafts, a nature project and lots more FREE exciting family fun activities.

All of this fun will be held at the Peoria Pow Wow grounds in Miami from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Find a map to the Fun-o-Ree location on the council web site <http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-GL-Fun-o-Ree.pdf>

## OH BALOO Training October 1, 2011

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On Saturday, October 1st at the Scout Service Center, there will be a training session for BALOO (Basic Adult Outdoor Leader Outdoor Orientation).

This course is **required** for at least one adult leader on any Cub Scout overnight outing. This course is one of the few courses that is not offered online, so be sure to take advantage of this training session.



**Cost for the session is \$10 by September 22, and \$15 after that date.** Lunch will be provided.

The course will run from 8 am to 3 pm. Please bring a drinking cup and comfortable shoes; in addition, wear your uniform to the course.

Camping makes the Cub Scout program more exciting and engaging for the Cubs, so be sure to be prepared to take your Cubs camping by taking this course.

A Cub leader can also complete the rest of the training at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) by setting up an account. Please enter your BSA ID number (found on your registration card or call your Committee Chair or the Scout Office to get your number).

Having trained leaders has been shown historically to result in less work for everyone and results in a higher quality program with higher retention of Scouts.

## OH Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival October 8, 2011

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The Osage Hills District is having a Belt Loop Festival for Cub Scouts at Camp McClintock on Saturday, October 8th. This is a new addition to the calendar, and should be a wonderful event for the Cub Scouts.



Be sure to put this in your plans for your Pack this fall. Come to the Roundtable in September to get a flyer on this event, or check on the Council web site <http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/2011-Cub-Scout-Belt-Loop-Festival.pdf>

This is a good time for the Cubs to earn some belt loops and enjoy the upgraded Camp McClintock. If you haven't seen the camp for a few months, you are in for a pleasant surprise. And yes, there are now bathrooms up by the Cub Cabin!

## Jamboree on the Air October 15

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The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community.

The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2010 JOTA had just over 700,000 Scout participants from nearly 6,000 amateur radio stations! A participant patch is available, as is a certificate/log sheet that can also be used to fulfill a Radio merit badge requirement



Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack.

Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee, or perhaps they already have a ham shack at your council's camp.

There are many ways to get your Scouts involved in JOTA.

[Tell me more](#)

# Fall Camporee

## October 28-30, 2011

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This year's Fall Camporee at Camp McClintock will feature the semi-annual patrol competitions. Saturday's campfire will include the awards ceremony blow out!

Come have fun, win prizes, and earn awards!

# Venturing at Robbers Cave

## November 18-20, 2011

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



The Venturing District will provide all the climbing and rappelling equipment. You may bring your own harnesses, helmets, shoes, etc if you like (but not required) provided that 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 Nov 13th to reserve your place for this event.

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>

## OA Washita Lodge News

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More than 100 Arrowmen enjoyed a weekend of fellowship and service at the OA Fall Fellowship which was held recently at Camp McClintock.

Please welcome the following **new Arrowmen**.

Parker Acree	Alex Heidorn
Jacob Anderson	Taylor Hill
Thomas Black	Cory Kanke
Christopher Coin	Raven Pomeroy
Sam Coin Jr.	Cody Potts
Brian Coordsen	Joey Stone
Nathan Coordsen	Jordan Strong
Thomas Dykstra	Wesley Taylor

### New Brotherhood Arrowmen

Christian Dean	Michael Justesen
Adam Fogle	Walter Lajara-Nanson
Dalton Fogle	Lathan Patterson
Gage Gardner	Annabeth Robin
Christopher Jones	

### Introducing the new Lodge and Chapter leadership:

#### Lodge Officers.

Lodge Chief	Tim Snow
Lodge Vice Chief	David Castoe
Treasurer	Preston Boyles
Corres. Secretary	Jacob Anderson
Recording Secretary	Chris Sanders

## Osage Hills Chapter officers.

OH Chief	Luis Balli
OH Vice Chief	Johnathan Wood
OH Secretary	Corey Vaughter

The Grand Lake Chapter will hold an election of new officers at Roundtable on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Jambo 2013

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Cherokee Area Council is now taking applications for adult positions and youth participants for the 2013 National Jamboree. This will be the first Jamboree held on BSA property. It will be at the new Bechtel Summit in West Virginia. Do not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!

Go to this website for more information about the Bechtel Summit ([www.summitbechtelreserve.org](http://www.summitbechtelreserve.org)).



Note: Applications turned in are not a guarantee you have a position in the Jamboree Troop. This merely shows you are interested in going. Positions are filled after review of applications on a first come/first served basis. Once the Troop is filled all remaining applicants will go on a waiting list. The estimated cost for this Jamboree will be between \$1800 - \$2000.

## GL District News

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Units in the Grand Lake District had a very busy summer.

Eleven Scouts from **Troop 78** in Grove attended summer camp at Camp Simpson. Scoutmaster Randy Asbery couldn't say enough about this particular camp – it gets better and better every year. Randy was also part of an eight-person trek to Philmont in July. He is scheduled to give a Philmont presentation to Troop 66 in Vinita later this Fall as Troop 66 has a 12-person trek scheduled for July 2012.

**Troop 77** had a group of Scouts attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) in July in Locust Grove.

Scouts from Troop 77 also attended summer camp at Camp Arrowhead in Marshfield MO.

**Troop 50** honored five new Eagle Scouts. The troop also participated in honoring veterans by putting up American flags in the Miami cemetery for the Memorial Day holiday. Scouts from Troop 50 also attended summer camp at Camp Hale.

**Troop 66** in Vinita had a great time attending Scout night at OneOK field in Tulsa. In addition to attending the baseball game, the Scouts slept out under the stars on the ball field after the game. Troop 66 also had several Scouts attend NYLT in Locust Grove along with Troop 77 from Jay. Scouts from Troop 66 attended summer camp at Camp Sid Richardson in Texas this year. The Scouts who attended reported that this was the best summer camp they have ever attended!

## BeAScout.org simplified

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Now, when a friend of your son or daughter—or even a fellow adult—asks, “How can I get involved in Scouting?” your answer just got easier: [BeAScout.org](http://BeAScout.org).



While the recruitment Web site isn't new, the BSA has simplified its searchability, making it a breeze for new Scouts or Venturers to get plugged into their local Scouting community. All that's needed is a ZIP code and a few clicks of a mouse.

The search bar isn't the *only* new addition. A series of “Matrix”-like videos showcase what it means to be a Scout or Venturer. (Hint: lots of high-adventure fun.) If you haven't seen the videos, [check them out here](#).

The next time someone asks you about Scouting, you can be sure this easy-to-remember answer will make a lasting impression.

# Leader Recognition Awards

Just like the youth we lead, adult leaders like to get recognized.

Recognition awards are available to Cub Scout leaders who complete training, tenure, and performance requirements. All of the awards require the completion of Fast Start Training, Basic Leader Training for the position, Youth Protection training, and participation in roundtables or a Pow wow or University of Scouting. Some require additional supplemental training. One or two years of registered service in the appropriate position is a requirement for each award, and tenure used for one award may not be used for another. Find more information about specific Cub Scout Leader information on the BSA National web site at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/resources/CSLeaderRecAwards.aspx>

Information about other adult leader awards is also available on the BSA National web site at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/Adults/Awards.aspx> and <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Venturing/Awards.aspx>

## Chess Merit Badge Coming Soon!



The countdown has begun for the launch of the BSA's newest merit badge, Chess.

While the kickoff event will take place at the grand opening of the new Chess Hall of Fame on

September 10, other key milestones for the launch of this new badge include:

- Chess merit badge requirements will be posted on [Scouting.org](http://Scouting.org) September 7
- A press release announcing the new merit badge also will be distributed September 7
- Chess merit badge pamphlets and patches will be in Scout shops and online at [ScoutStuff.org](http://ScoutStuff.org) by September 10

- The BSA's official launch event will be in St. Louis on September 10
- A second large event is planned during the National Scholastic K-12 Championship, planned for November 18-20 at the Dallas Hilton Anatole

## Energy Merit Badge



Need information to complete the Energy merit badge? Check out this website from the American Petroleum Institute! [http://www.classroom-energy.org/merit\\_badge/index.html](http://www.classroom-energy.org/merit_badge/index.html)

## 2013 High Adventure

Believe it or not, now is the time for your troop to begin planning your High Adventure for the summer of 2013 in order to make the reservation deadlines. Get your Scouts and leaders involved now to decide where you would like to go two summers from now.



The choices have expanded for 2013 with the Summit Bechtel Reserve now joining Northern Tier, Philmont, and Sea Base BSA High Adventures list.



And another adventure is up for consideration that summer, the National Jamboree, which our council will be taking a contingent as well.

Reservations start in November for Philmont and are followed closed behind for the other high adventures, so you need to be ready to go and find out the reservation process. We will provide information as the reservation



time nears for each of these High Adventure Bases, but you need to know prior to the start of the reservation process in November which you want to do, how many are going to be attending (so that you can make your decision on number of crews and get leaders lined up), and prepare the people for the initial reservation deposit that will come due soon after the reservation is made.

Be prepared and you will get to go on a dream high adventure. Also, remember that the National Jamboree only comes up once every four years, so this may be the only chance for a youth to attend while a Scout.

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

September 1 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

September 8 – GL Roundtable

September 10 – OA Lodge Leadership Development, Scout Service Center

September 16-18 – Wood Badge 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

September 24 – OH Cub Fun-o-Ree

September 24 – GL BALOO Training

September 29 – OH District Committee

October 1 – GL Cub Fun-o-Ree

October 1 – OH BALOO Training

October 6 – OH Roundtable, Commissioners, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting

October 8 – OH Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival

October 13 – GL Roundtable

October 21-23 – Wood Badge 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend

October 22 – OA One Day of Service

October 27 – OH District Committee

October 28-30 – Council Fall Camporee

November 18-20 – Venturing Climbing outing at Robbers Cave

January 7 – OA Winter Banquet

January 12 - GL and OH District Banquets

January 21 – Scouting for Food (flyer distribution)

January 28 – Scouting for Food (food pickup)

February 23 – FOS patron dinner, Bartlesville Community Center

February 25 – Winter Merit Badge Festival

March 2-4 – Council Spring Camporee

March 15 – Council Banquet

March 24 – Pinewood Derby

March 31 – Outdoor Leader Training