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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 Scouts who have achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- Brendan Van Zweel
– Troop 78 (Humane Society of Grove)
- Clement Wasicek – Troop 5 (Home Run)
- Robert Trentman – Troop 21 (Fire Ring for K-Life)
- Tyler Peters – Troop 21 (Bus stop benches for City Ride)

Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievements.



Cans for Recycling

Does your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post collect cans for recycling?

If so, contact the Scout Service Center for a ready-made supply of cans.



Free Advancement Policy

The council's Free Advancement Policy has been updated and approved by the Council Executive Board.

See below for the updated policy. It is also posted on the Council's web site.

Units will need to ensure that they meet the requirements for advancements in two different areas: the first is for free rank patches, and the second is for free merit badges, and a 50% discount on the Eagle Scout Presentation kit*. Please check with the Scout Office if

you have any questions concerning this change of policy for free advancements.

Achieve the following and your unit will receive free rank patches:

- Unit participation in the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign
- Participation in Popcorn Sales with minimum sales totaling of \$100 times number of youth members at last charter renewal [example: unit with 6 registered youth members x \$100 = \$600 minimum sales]
- Submit a clean and transmittable charter renewal by December 15th
- Have unit adult leader representation at 70% of all roundtables
- Send at least one leader to Wood Badge Training – as a participant or staff member (if applicable)
- Have Unit Leader and Committee Chair fully trained and all leaders youth protection trained.

To receive Free Merit Badges and 50% Cost of Eagle Kit unit* will need to qualify for free rank patches (see requirements above) and achieve the following during 2013:

- Unit achievement of the National Camping Award
- Achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold Level for unit on Journey to Excellence in the previous year

Tracking: The Scout Shop will maintain a list of units eligible for free rank patches, merit badges and 50% cost of Eagle Rank Presentation Kit*

Appeal Process: Unit leaders are encouraged to follow the below listing (in ascending order) to resolve any discrepancy with the master list. 1) District Executive 2) District Advancement Chair 3) District Key 3 4) Council Key 3

*The Eagle Kit consists of: Presentation case, Eagle rank patch, Eagle rank ribbon for pocket, Mother's Eagle pin, Father's tie tack, Eagle Mentor pin

September is Merit Badge month at Bass Pro

Bass Pro Shops® is offering two merit badge classes during the month of September.



Classes are taught at the store on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 6 pm according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, September 10	Rifle Shooting
Thursday, September 12	Fishing
Tuesday, September 17	Fishing
Thursday, September 19	Rifle Shooting
Tuesday, September 24	Rifle Shooting
Thursday, September 26	Fishing

Class size is limited! Register at Customer Service or call the store and register over the phone.

Broken Arrow OK 918-355-7600

Springfield MO 417-887-7334

Climbing Tower Training September 14-15

Where: Camp McClintock

When: September 14-15 - 9 to 5 both days

Cost: \$20 includes lunch both days.

Open to all adults and Scouts older than 16.

Register at the Scout Service Center

2nd Annual Chili Cook-off September 28

The Soap Box Derby has been canceled but the Chili Cook-off is still on!

Hosted by the Masonic Lodge & Boy Scout Troop 33

When: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: downtown Pawhuska on Kihekah

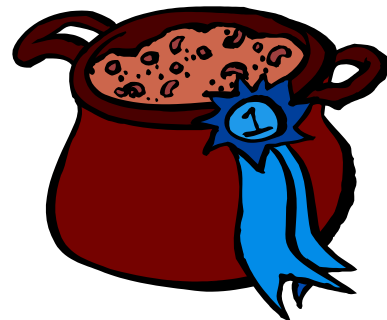
Chili cook-off
entry fee - \$20

Scout Cook-off
entry - \$10

Turn in time 1:00
p.m.

Tasting kits - \$3

Trophies for Top 3 Chili's & People's Choice



GL District Fun-o-ree September 28

Location: Peoria Pow-Wow Campgrounds

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities will include zip line, archery, BBs and more

For more information, contact Doug Banner

Douglas.Banner@scouting.org

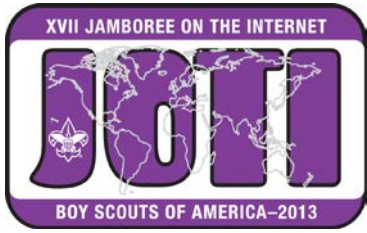
Jamboree on the Air/Internet October 19-20

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 Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. This event utilizes the Internet and the numerous devices that are used to get online, from your home computer to iPad tablets, to link Scouts from around the world. Last year, JOTI had almost 16,000

Scouts and leaders registered in the worldwide JOTA-JOTI database in 146 countries!



Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel.

Scouts of any age can take part, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers. Scouts can participate at home with the help of an adult, or they can participate in a Scout group at a councilwide event. Each event allows Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the world via a variety of communication devices and share more information than just "Hi." The exchanges can include such information as name, location of event, Scout rank, age, and hobbies. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships. Another great idea is to use JOTI participation to help fulfill a Citizenship in the World or Computers merit badge requirement!

For more information -

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

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

<http://www.jotajoti2013.org/>

National Youth Protection Symposium

October 13-15

Presented by the BSA; Co-hosted by The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the National Child Protection Training Center

<http://www.nationalyouthprotectionsymposium.org>

Across the nation, nonprofits are working to provide safe environments for youth. To support those efforts, BSA is joining with youth-serving organizations from across the country for its second national symposium on the prevention of child sexual abuse.

An Event Specifically for Youth-Serving Nonprofits and Educational Organizations

- Learn about and discuss practices, training programs, policies, and initiatives that affect our programs.

- Hear and learn from leading experts in the field of child sexual abuse. Question-and-answer sessions will be held after every presentation.
- Receive the latest in research articles and materials, including youth-serving organizations' policies and training materials, and any materials handed out or discussed at the symposium.
- Discuss prevention programs that are based on youth-serving organization experience, research, and evidence.

Networking Opportunities

- Opportunities to build strong relationships with other youth-serving organizations facing the same issues you face today
- Building a unified front in the design of new prevention programs based on youth-serving organization experiences as well as research and evidence where applicable
- Positioning youth-serving organizations to be informed of practices, policies, preventative training models, and initiatives that might affect our programs

Symposium Speakers

This symposium will feature national and international experts in the field of child sexual abuse covering a wide range of topics relevant to your organization:

Victor Vieth, J.D., executive director of the National Child Protection Training Center at Winona State University, and an expert on child abuse investigation, prosecution, and prevention. Vieth consults extensively with faith-based institutions on the prevention of child abuse prevention.

J. Tom Morgan, experienced trial attorney specializing in criminal defense and general civil litigation, author and speaker, and an outspoken champion for children and youth. Morgan provides an overview for what juveniles and young adults need to know about the criminal justice system.

Mark Chaffin, Ph.D., director of research, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Chaffin has served on the APSAC board of directors and as executive editor of the APSAC Advisor. Chaffin provides direct service for youth with questionable sexual behavior and will

discuss intervention strategies and challenges, and resources available for youth-serving organizations.

Dr. Michael Bourke, chief psychologist for the United States Marshals Service, innovative program developer and researcher in child sexual abuse, directs the Marshals Service component called the Behavioral Analysis Unit. Bourke's direct service and research into internet predators and on-line grooming is cutting edge and will provide insight into this lesser-known area of predation against youth.

Cory Jewell Jensen, M.S., CCSOT, Co-Director, Center For Behavioral Intervention, Beaverton, Oregon and Certified Sex Offender Clinical Provider and Therapist, brings a unique perspective on offender grooming from the child predator perspective.

Kristen Anderson, Executive Director of Training & Outreach for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Previously, Kristen developed and implemented NCMEC's FBI fingerprint-based criminal background check system and directed the Case Analysis Division, as well as developed and implemented NCMEC's sex offender tracking team and missing child case analysis. Kristen will discuss the state of criminal background checks in America.

National Youth Protection Symposium
Oct. 13-15, 2013

Registration and reception, Oct. 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The event begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 14,
ending at 4 p.m. on Oct. 15.

Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center
1800 Highway 26 East
Grapevine, TX 76051-9641

Symposium registration fee:
\$425 early-bird registration
\$500 registration after Sept. 13

Fee includes meals during the conference, i.e., two
breakfasts and two lunches
Hotel and travel are not included.

OA Fall Fellowship

October 25-26

Details will be sent out via e-mail blast and posted on the Lodge web site at

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/oa/index.html>

To ensure that you get information about this event and other Council and District events and other news, be sure you sign-up for the Council e-mail blasts. Go to the Council web site at <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/> and look for the "Join Our Mailing List" box on the right.

Or send your e-mail address to

cherokeesbsa@cherokeesbsa.org and include your name, city, program area of interest (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Exploring, or Venturing) and whether you're an adult or youth member of the OA Lodge.

Council Camporee

November 8-10

This year's Fall Camporee will be held at Woolaroc November 8-10.

Troops will be asked to staff an activity of their choosing, so start planning now what your unit might want to do.

More details will be posted to the Council web site <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org> and published in next month's *Cherokee Scouter*. Details will also be sent out via e-mail blast.

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Cub Leader Specific Training

November 14

This training session will be held at the Scout Service Center. Details will be posted to the Council web site <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org> and published in next month's *Cherokee Scouter*. Details will also be sent out via e-mail blast.

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OA Lodge Leadership Development & Winter Banquet

December 6-7

Details will be sent out via e-mail blast and posted on the Lodge web site at <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/oa/index.html>

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"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 published in early November. Registration begins as soon as the schedule is posted. There are a limited number of spots available.

In-council registrations should be submitted to the Scout Service Center no later than January 15th. 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.

National Youth Leadership Training

June 2014

Cherokee Area Council will be conducting the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program in June 2014.



We are beginning the process of identifying youth and adult staff for this program. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have questions about NYLT, please contact Paul.Huttenhoff@gmail.com.

Wood Badge

Fall 2014

An important part of providing a Scouting program is to have trained leaders. BSA recommends that all adults take Wood Badge within the first two years of being a Scout leader.

Wood Badge is leadership training for all Scout Leaders who are involved in BSA programs - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and

Venturing, as well as council and district leaders, and professionals. This new contemporary training program focuses on leadership and "people" skills, and not Scout craft or outdoor skills. Participants will learn techniques to make them better leaders, and also how to lead groups to achieve objectives.

The Wood Badge course scheduled for this Fall has been moved forward until the Fall of 2014.



2013 National Scout Jamboree

Bruce Hendren, one of the Scoutmasters in the Council's contingent to National Scout Jamboree, met Lord Baden-Powell's granddaughter at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve.



Secrets to teaching the Webelos activity badges

By Mark Ray

Illustrations by Dave Wheeler

From the March-April 2013 issue of Scouting magazine

EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN grand opera and light opera. Demonstrate Bernoulli's Principle. Trace the history of different kinds of schools. Build a catapult.



These are just a few of the requirements for the 20 Webelos Scout activity badges. And they're just a few reasons many Webelos den leaders panic when they first crack open the *Cub Scout Webelos Handbook*. Jeff Giacomi of Cypress, Calif., remembers this moment well. "You look at it, and you're overwhelmed," he says. "Oh my gosh, how am I supposed to present all these things and do them justice?"

The answer, Giacomi discovered, was to get help. Early on, his co-leader in Pack 660 recruited a friend in the healthcare industry to teach Readyman, so their boys got to practice first aid with fake blood and simulated wounds. The Scouts learned a lot that day—and so did Giacomi. "You really need to go out and find people who have a passion for whatever activity badge it is and let them do it," he says. "They'll make it a lot more exciting for the kids."

All in the Family

So where can you find teachers for activity badges? John Hanks, who has led two dens in Connecticut, suggests starting with your den's families.

Begin with family talent surveys—these can reveal hidden talents. Giacomi once found a dad who could teach Craftsman. He'd known the man for a couple of

years but didn't realize he had hobbies that matched the Craftsman requirements.

"Talent surveys from past years would be a good resource as well," Giacomi says, as would past pack leaders. "Our former Cubmaster sings in our parish choir and in another choir. We'll have him come and do Showman."

Support Network

Once you've exhausted your pack resources, look to your chartered organization, which probably has at least one member who could explain Bernoulli's Principle. Start by sharing the activity badge list with your chartered organization representative.

When she was a Webelos leader with Pack 1051 in Allen Park, Mich., Michelle Matowski leaned heavily on her chartered organization representative, who she says, "was a really good resource for me."

If your chartered organization also has a Boy Scout troop, recruit its members to help with badges such as Readyman, Outdoorsman, and Sportsman. "Ask for the senior Scouts—First Class and above—who have a couple of years and summer camp under their belt," Hanks says.

Giacomi agrees. "The Cub Scouts in my experience always seem to pay attention better when it's a Boy Scout," he says. "These kids are Webelos. They know Boy Scouting is coming. It kind of takes on that aura of 'this is what I'm going to get to do in another year or two.'"

Around the Table

Matowski suggests another great source: roundtable. At roundtable, Matowski found help with badges such as Craftsman, for which she felt unprepared. "I don't own eight hammers; I don't own eight miter boxes. I had to go around and find people to loan me the stuff. And I needed the extra eyes to watch the kids and make sure they weren't getting hurt."

In return, Matowski, a software engineer by profession, taught Engineer to boys from several dens.

A Walk in the Park

Hanks offers other good sources, including local nature centers, parks, and museums that offer special (paid) programs for Scouts. You might even get the fees waived, or get customized instruction, if you offer to do a service project. "Around here, the local parks have set

programs that they will do," Matowski adds.

"Sometimes if you offer to do something like picking up trash, they'll also offer classes off their schedule, too."

You can also take your own expert to the park, which is what Giacomi did for Geologist. A parent in his den knew a geologist and invited him on a den hike at a local park. The park was along the San Andreas Fault, and the guest geologist was able to show the boys signs of past earthquakes.

"If I had taken them, I would have had the little brochure from the park and walked around and read what it said," Giacomi says. That would have been easier than recruiting a guest teacher, but easy isn't the point. Giacomi says, "It's about giving the kids the experience of doing something that they'll find positive."

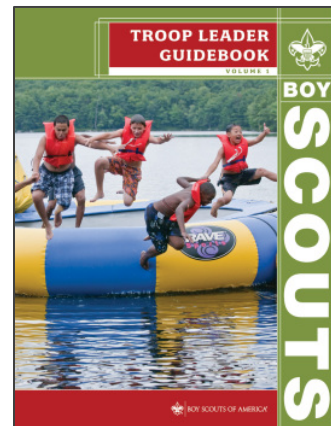
First look: Troop Leader Guidebooks

If you judge the *Scoutmaster Handbook* by its cover, you might assume it's solely meant for, well, Scoutmasters.

Assistant Scoutmasters, it seemed, were to look elsewhere for Scouting wisdom.

That's about to change. Later this year, the two-volume *Troop Leader Guidebook* will debut, replacing the *Scoutmaster Handbook* and offering helpful checklists, quick tips and fresh ideas for both new troop leaders and veteran Scouters.

Vol. 1: For new troop leaders focuses primarily on the needs of the new or relatively inexperienced Boy Scout leader.



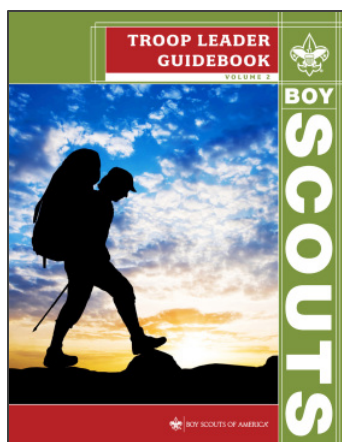
These Scouters will have been volunteers for up to three years, are likely assistant Scoutmasters and probably recently crossed over from serving as a Webelos leader or parent.

As such, Volume 1 assumes little or no prior knowledge of the Boy Scout program on the part of the reader. It presents a somewhat simplified picture of Boy Scouting that focuses on the short term — getting through this week’s troop meeting, this month’s outing and this year’s planning conference — rather than the long term, such as planning for growth, establishing a troop vision, and measuring personal and troop success.

In other words, it leaves advanced topics to Volume 2.

Given that its readers are mostly newcomers, this volume’s tone is similar to that used in a book for new parents. It reassures readers that everything is really going to be okay. Really.

Vol. 2: Advanced guidance for veteran Scouters assumes its readers are ready for the next level.



Here you’ll find info like high-adventure planning, working with Scouts with disabilities, conflict resolution, visioning and more.

This volume is for more-seasoned leaders who need fresh ideas. It’s an advanced guidebook that will help leaders take their troop’s program and operations to a higher level. It will also help leaders keep an established program fresh and exciting so that troops don’t fall into the trap of doing the same things year after year.

Look at it this way: Volume 1 replaces the current *Scoutmaster Handbook*, while Volume 2 offers advanced guidance that’s been missing from several editions of the *Scoutmaster Handbook*.

Behind the scenes

The name was changed because surveys indicated that many assistant Scoutmasters thought the *Scoutmaster Handbook* wasn’t for them!

But more than just a new name, the *Troop Leader Guidebook* represents a new approach to serving all troop leaders. Focus groups were held in the spring of 2012 in the D.C. area (Northeast and Southern Regions), the St. Louis area (Central Region), and the Bay Area (Western Region) to get input on the current handbook and what Scouters wanted to see in the new handbooks.

So the two-volume *Troop Leader Guidebook* is truly designed by Scouters for Scouters. Look for both volumes to be released together later this year.

Outdoor Ethics Award

Guided by the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace, millions of Scouts have enhanced their awareness of the natural world around them, minimizing impact to the land.



For Scouts who have a deep interest in the outdoors, nature, and the environment, Scouting’s outdoor ethics will give you an ever-deeper appreciation of the richness of the land and how we fit into it. If you are prepared to venture down the path of really becoming aware of your surroundings, of building the skills that will allow you to leave no trace on the land, then the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards are for you. See information on the BSA web site at

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/home/outdoorprogram/outdoorethics/awards.aspx>

Membership Standards Implementation Resources

Upon approval of the membership standards resolution in May, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America began reviewing its policies and guidelines through the combined leadership of volunteers and professionals.

The National Council has posted resources designed to help unit leaders continue to deliver the Scouting program to all youth.

Scouting’s greatest strength is its volunteers. Their strong, committed leadership and good judgment in

working with youth is the key to Scouting's current and future success, as it has been for more than 100 years. With their experience and wisdom, Scouting will continue to be the iconic symbol of strength, character, leadership, and faith.

FAQs for Unit Leaders - Answers to frequently asked questions for unit leaders

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/membership/pdf/Unit_Implementation_FAQ.pdf

Other training resources are available for District and Council Leaders, Unit Leaders, Youth, and Chartered and Community Organizations.

http://www.scouting.org/Training/Membership_Standards.aspx

BSA membership fee increase

The Boy Scouts of America will increase its annual membership fee for youth and adults to \$24 from \$15, beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

For those who join after the beginning of the year, the fee will be prorated at \$2 per month. This fee will apply to units with a Dec. 31, 2013, expiration date.

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.

The change was announced at the annual Top Hands meeting of professional Scouters in Washington, D.C. 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.

While the timing and new fees will complicate new member recruitment and rechartering plans underway, together we can make this work to keep Scouting strong both nationally and locally.

Ensure you communicate this registration fee change to your unit families and adult leaders.

Units should continue with their Fall Recruitment as planned. New youth applications should be turned in to your District representative within two days of your recruiting event.

If your unit asks new members to register through the next year at your joining event this fall, be sure to include the new \$24 fee for 2014 with the current month pro-rated 2013 fee. This will allow them to be registered through December 31, 2014.

Units should collect \$24 from all youth and adults during the fall recharter cycle.

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.

Campout Cuisine Contest

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN MSR DRAGONFLY STOVE

Are you the next Bobby Flay or Giada De Laurentiis when it comes to camp cooking? Share your Dutch oven concoctions, foil-pack delicacies, and camp-stove creations in *Scouting* and *Boys' Life* magazines' **Campout Cuisine Contest**. Submit your favorite recipes and a photo of the finished product here <http://contests.scoutingmagazine.org/engine/YourSubmission.aspx?contestid=101796>.

And get your Scouts involved in the youth-only category. Entrants can submit one recipe per day, but each entry must contain a different recipe. Contest ends Oct. 31, and winners will be announced in December.

Judges Tim and Christine Conners, authors of a camping cookbook series, will select six top campout chefs (three adults and three youths) as recipients of an MSR Dragonfly Stove, a \$140 value. But even if your recipe isn't chosen as a winner, it could still be published in an upcoming issue of *Scouting*—earning you \$50.

Plus, swap favorite campout recipes at <http://pinterest.com/scoutingmag>. Follow Scouting

magazine on Pinterest, and pin your own creations—tagging each with #scoutingcuisine. We'll repin our favorite recipes.

Fire up the skillet and fire off your ideas to <http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/campoutcuisine>.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

September 5 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

September 6-7 – OA Ordeal

September 7 – Helpful Day

September 12 – OH Eagle Boards of Review

September 12 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

September 14-15 – Climbing Tower training

September 26 – OH District Committee

September 28 – GL Fun-o-Ree

September 28 – OA One Day of Service

October 3 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

October 10 – OH Eagle Boards of Review

October 10 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

October 24 – OH District Committee

October 25-26 – OA Fall Fellowship

November 7 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

November 8-10 – Council Camporee

November 14 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting

November 14 – Cub Leader Specific training

November 15-16 – OA Vigil weekend

December 5 – OH Roundtable, Unit Commissioners, and OA Chapter meeting

December 6-7 – OA LLD and Winter Banquet

December 12 – GL Roundtable and OA Chapter meeting