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## Carol's Corner

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Almost six years ago, Merl and I arrived in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to serve alongside each of you at the Cherokee Area Council. From the beginning we found amazing volunteers, an engaged board and a superior staff. Each of you has made this Council stand out above others because you have made introducing youth to Scouting a priority. Additionally, you have worked hard to ensure leaders are delivering a quality program to our youth. Surely being your Scout Executive has been my favorite job to date; so, it is with mixed emotions that I write this final Scouter article.

I have been offered a major promotion to a Performance Management Specialist with National Boy Scouts effective 2 September 2014. Simply put, this means I will be visiting other councils and identifying best practices which I believe will only make me a stronger professional for when I decide to return as a Scout Executive, or an Area Director, down the road. This will be a position with a considerable amount of travel; thus I will be allowed to live in Tulsa.

Please know how you have enriched our lives. Thank you for giving of yourselves and making a difference in our youth and their families through Scouting. Thank you for your commitment to continue to impact our world through Scouting! God bless each of you! You have truly impacted our lives for the better and in a deep and

## September is Scout Month at Bass Pro

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We are pleased to announce the 2014 Boy Scout Month at Bass Pro Shops; "Providing a Compass for Life!" This promotion will last the entire month of September.

Visit the Merit Badge Class Schedule and call Customer Service at the Bass Pro Shop to register for each class. Class sizes are limited.

[Merit Badge Class Schedule](#)

## Council Camporee

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**When:** September 5-7

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Who:** Troops/Teams/Venturers are invited to join this activity. (Submit Sign-up Sheet to office).

**Webelos Dens** are invited to join and camp, provided they are camping with a Troop. Camping Webelos will camp as a Den with Pack Leadership, and accompanied by a parent/guardian. (Submit Sign-up Sheet to office).

**Cub Scouts and Webelos, not camping** are invited to join the activities on Saturday. (Submit Sign-up Sheet to office).

Detailed information and the sign-up sheet is available on the council web site.

## Order of the Arrow Ordeal

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**When:** September 12-13

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Who:** Washita Lodge Arrowmen

**Cost:** \$15

[Register online](#) and pay at the Scout office.

### Tentative Schedule:

- Friday
  - 7:00p.m. Checkin
  - 8:30p.m. Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
  - 9:00p.m. Cracker Barrel
  - 10:00p.m. Lights out
- Saturday
  - 7:00a.m. Breakfast
  - 8:00a.m. Work Projects
  - 12:00p.m. Lunch
  - 1:00p.m. Work Projects
  - 4:00p.m. Project cleanup & break camp
  - 5:00p.m. Dinner
  - 6:00p.m. Ordeal Ceremony
  - 7:30p.m. Camp cleanup & depart

## OH Basic Training for Cub Leader

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**When:** September 18 - 6:30pm to 10:00pm

**Where:** Scout Service Center, Bartlesville

**Cost:** FREE !!

**Who:** Cub Scout Leaders

Basic Leader Training goes into greater detail on youth development and boy behavior, program planning,

activities, and the purposes of the program. Every Cub Scout leader should complete the online Basic Leader Training in advance.

This is an opportunity to supplement the online training offer by the Boy Scouts. We will go in to greater detail about leader positions and available resources.

Additional training prepares leaders to deliver a quality, fun-filled program. Leaders who understand the why's and how's of the program are more effective in their roles. They know how to use available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for boys. Trained leaders have confidence in carrying out their responsibilities and, along with the boys, have more fun.

#### **Tiger, Wolf and Bear Den leaders and Assistant leaders:**

- The purposes of Cub Scouting
- How to run a den meeting
- Resources
- Characters of a Cub Scout Advancement

#### **Cubmasters:**

- Pack Organization
- Pack Meeting Programs and Planning
- Leader Position Description
- Cub Scouts Advancement Program
- Elements of a Good Pack Meeting

#### **Webelos Den Leaders:**

- Pack Organization
- Webelos Meeting Program & Planning
- Webelos Leader Description
- Transition to Boy Scouts

**PLEASE register by position; these are now three separate trainings, all at the same location**

**Advanced Registration by September 16 is required.  
Call 918.336.9170**

## **Venturing Weekend**

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**When:** September 19-21

**Where:** Camp Garland at Mabee Scout Reseration

**Cost:** \$30

**Who:** Venturing Crews

Gather up your Venturing Crew and join other Venturing Crews in BSA Southern Region Area 8 (Oklahoma and

Arkansas) September 19-21 for a "Shooting Everything Under the Sun" weekend.

Located in the "foothills of the Ozarks", near Locust Grove, OK, Camp Garland at the [Mabee Scout Reservation](#) will provide the central venue for Area 8 Venturing Crews.

After a short briefing on firearm safety, Venturers can head to the Williamson Shooting Sports Complex to challenge a friend to a round on the dueling tree with semi-auto Pistols, or maybe test themselves with the single-six Revolver on the reactive steel plates.

It's a short walk over to the Archery field to try a skills test on the colorful targets with a few surprises. And then it's over to the Shotgun field to face some fun and challenging target presentations on the 5-stand venue.

Interested in shooting something else? How about a game of pool? Or maybe shoot a few hoops? Marbles anyone? Come on out and try darts with an artistic twist! The wrist rocket challenge will certainly test your aiming skills.

After you've shot everything else under the sun come "shoot the breeze"! And don't forget to bring your camera to shoot a picture or two.

Don't forget to bring your BSA Medical form, parts A & B. You will find a fillable form [here](#).

Upon arrival Friday night, Crews will be greeted at the registration center (the Venturing Registration Building will be the first building to see on the right side of the road), receive T-shirts, and then be escorted to their campsite to set up tents. Then at 9:00pm everyone will meet in the Siegfried building which is located near the meadow and dining hall for the safety briefing. For your comfort, Mabee Scout Reservation has modern restroom and shower facilities.

All the crews will join together for meals in the Hardesty Center dining hall. The event will close after Chapel on Sunday.

Need more information? Click [here](#) for the event flyer or contact the David Counts at [dcounts@okscouts.org](mailto:dcounts@okscouts.org) or Katherine Bode, Area 8 Venturing President, [area8september2014@gmail.com](mailto:area8september2014@gmail.com).

Cost for the weekend is \$30. [Register by September 10](#)

## Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge

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**When:** September 20, 9 AM to 5 PM

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Who:** Boy Scouts

**Cost:** \$20 (includes NRA materials, ammo, targets and lunch)

**Maximum class size:** 8

Scouts attending this merit badge class will receive NRA First Steps training (Firearm Introduction, Responsibility, and Safety Training).

To register, contact the Scout Service Center ([registrar@cherokeebbsa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeebbsa.org), 918-336-9170, or toll-free 888-269-1328)

## Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival and Family Fun-o-Ree

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**When:** September 20, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Where:** M.J. Lee Lake (across from Lowe's on Adams Blvd.)

**Who:** Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts, Webelos, and their friends are invited to come and to earn some Sports & Academics Belt Loops, including Badminton, Languages and Culture, Marbles, or Ultimate.

There will also be fun and games for the whole family including shooting and canoeing.

Bring a friend to have a Cub Scout adventure at the Belt Loop Festival. This event is open to the public – you do not have to be a Scout family to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Some activities (canoeing and BB shooting) will be restricted to ages 7-12.

## OH SM/ASM Leader Specific Training

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**When:** October 7 and 8 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm both evenings

**Where:** Scout Service Center

**Cost:** \$10 for two sessions

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training is designed for any adult accepting the invitation to serve as a Scoutmaster or assistant Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop. Troop committee members and other adults who expect to play a supportive role in the success of a troop are also invited to attend. Webelos leaders preparing to move on to a leadership position in a Scout troop are encouraged to enroll.

This course addresses the needs of adults who have accepted the responsibility of delivering the Scouting program to youth by serving as Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters. For many, this will be an introduction to the rewards and challenges of troop leadership. Others may have held leadership positions in Cub Scouting, Venturing, or on troop, district, or council committees, and have come to this training well versed in what Scouting has to offer.

The sessions of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training are thorough and comprehensive. They are also fun! Participants will be enthused to discover the essentials of their leadership positions and to realize that they can easily become successful Scout leaders. Discussions, group activities, and video clips will keep the sessions lively and create a fellowship of learning.

The goal of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training is fourfold. All participants who finish the sessions should:

1. Have the confidence that being a Scoutmaster is a manageable challenge.
2. Understand that they have abundant available resources.
3. Know that the structure of the Boy Scouts of America ensures that they are part of a supportive team working to deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth of America.
4. Have a short action plan to apply what they have learned during the three sessions of Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training.

Reservations are made by e-mailing [registrar@cherokeebbsa.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeebbsa.org) or calling the office 918-336-9170.

A **MINIMUM** of 6 registrants is required to hold this course, thus it is critical that you pre-register to make sure that the course will be held. You **MUST** attend both sessions. You will be notified if the course does not reach the minimum number needed.

## OH Cub Scout Fall Festival

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**When:** October 11-12

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Who:** Cub Scouts

**Cost:** All this fun for only \$7.00 per person (in advance) or \$10 person (at the gate)

Come for the day or spend the night camping with your family!

### **1:00 pm – Activities Begin!**

- BBs, Archery, Fishing, Crafts (you may want to bring your own fishing equipment and lawn chair)
- Fishing contest for the largest fish caught by a Cub Scout

### **5:00-6:00 pm – Dinner will be served**

**7:00 pm** – As darkness falls, the true festivities will begin

- Trail of Mystery
- Wilderness Wagon Rides
- Games a' plenty and treats for the tummy
- HUGE bonfire
- Costume contest with fun prizes

The first 75 youth to sign up will receive the Fall Festival Patch. **Early Registration Ends October 5**

**Registration is BY PACK.** Check the Council web site for registration information.

**BOY SCOUTS** - We are looking for Boy Scout Troops to help with this year's Fall Festival activities.

We are in need of one or more troops to plan and operate a hay ride and a midway for this Cub Scout activity. If your Troop would like to be involved in this event, please let us know.

Troops involved will receive supper free and have a small budget for each event, and have a really good time.

All events must be ready by 6:00pm on Saturday evening, October 11.

If your troop is interested please let me know immediately so we can get you in the planning process.

If you have any questions or would like to help out please contact Charles Lewis, at [charlielewis@yahoo.com](mailto:charlielewis@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Electronics Merit Badge

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**When:** October 18, 9AM to 5PM at the Scout Service Center in Bartlesville

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November 8, 9AM to 5PM at the Oklahoma State Bank Community Room in Vinita

**Who:** Boy Scouts

**Cost:** FREE!

**Maximum class size:** 25

Scouts will learn about transistors, resistors, schematics, LEDs, capacitors, soldering, control circuits, and printed circuit boards and will complete all requirements for the Electronics Merit Badge.

Siemens is providing project materials and lunch.

To register, contact the Scout Service Center ([registrar@cherokeesba.org](mailto:registrar@cherokeesba.org), 918-336-9170, or toll-free 888-269-1328)

## First Aid/CPR Training

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Venture Crew 911 Leaders are offering Scouters a CPR/ First Aid Certification Class, October 23 2014, 6:00 PM.

Cost is \$20.00 for a 2 year certification. This is a special discounted class not offered to the general public at this price.

Class is limited to the first 20 participants.

For more information or to register for the class, please email: [charlielewis@yahoo.com](mailto:charlielewis@yahoo.com).

## Advanced Climbing Instructor Training – Natural Site

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**When:** November 8-9, 9AM to 5PM

**Where:** Camp McClintock

**Who:** Adult leaders – participants must have completed the Climbing Tower Instructor course)

**Cost:** \$15 (includes lunch)

**Maximum class size:** 15

Participants will learn the purpose of the climbing/Rappelling program:

- Responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor
- Be able to lead a group through a climbing/rappelling experience on a natural site

To register, contact the Scout Service Center ([registrar@cheokeebsa.org](mailto:registrar@cheokeebsa.org), 918-336-9170 or toll-free 888-269-1328).

## 2014 POW WOW

**Presented by Indian Nations Council**

**When:** November 1, 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** Northeastern State University Broken Arrow Campus -3100 E. New Orleans

**Cost:** \$12.00 covers lunch and course materials

Class listing coming soon! Sign up now - include your email and you will be contacted directly to sign up for classes!

POW WOW is a single-day training event packed with loads of information for **all adults and Cub Scout leaders** who want to provide the best program possible to their Cub Scout Dens and Packs.

Some classes to be offered are: **The new Cub Scout Program**; den & pack ceremonies, Summertime Activities, Webelos outdoor activities, knives for cubs, recruiting, promotion and publicity, pack newsletters, designs that fly, Cub Scout cuisine, Blue and Gold Ceremonies, Pack meeting Pizzaz, plus many other classes that will be detailed on <http://www.okscouts.org>

Pre-registration is required to help us so we can “BE PREPARED” to help everyone.

**Pre-registration should be in the Indian Nations Council office no later than October 4. [Register online here.](#)**

If you need further information, please contact Chris Thomas at 918-806-1690 or [christhoma\\_86@hotmail.com](mailto:christhoma_86@hotmail.com) or Scott Thiessen at 918-743-6125 or [sthiessen@okscouts.org](mailto:sthiessen@okscouts.org) .

## President's Environmental Youth Award

Boy Scouting and protecting the environment go hand and hand. But did you know your project – Eagle Scout, or Pack/Troop/Crew unit service project – could be an award winner?



Encourage one or more Scouts you know to apply for PEYA and see what a difference they can make for the environment with an award-winning project.

Applicants from all 50 states and U.S. territories are eligible to compete for a regional certificate of special recognition and a national presidential award.

The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people across the U.S. for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. It is one of the most important ways EPA and the Administration demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's youth.

Projects are developed by young individuals, school classes (K-12), summer camps, and youth organizations to promote environmental stewardship. Thousands of young people from all 50 states and the U.S. territories have submitted projects to EPA for consideration.

Winning projects in the past have covered a wide range of subject areas, including:

- environmental science
- recycling in schools and communities
- construction of nature preserves
- tree planting

- videos, skits and newsletters that focused on environmental issues

Evaluation results consistently demonstrate that participation in the PEYA program is frequently a life-changing experience for many of the young people and their project sponsors.

To find out more about the award or to apply visit:

<http://www2.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award>

Check out this link to read about two projects that Scouts have undertaken as part of the PEYA program.

<http://www.okscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/BSA-PEYA.pdf>

## With Honors

### Special awards recognize den and patrol excellence

(Reprinted from September-October 2014 *Scouting* magazine)

Just as a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, a Cub Scout pack or Boy Scout troop is only as strong as its weakest den or patrol. That's why the BSA created the National Den Award and the National Honor Patrol Award. These twin honors show Scouts and Scouters how to make their dens and patrols stronger.

**What is the purpose of the National Den Award?** To encourage dens to have a quality year-round program. To qualify, dens do service and conservation projects, Cub Scout Academics and Sports activities, field trips, character-building activities and camping trips.

**What are the requirements for the Den Award?** Find a list of requirements on the application:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34-33.pdf>

**How often can a den earn the Den Award?** Once a year. The pack committee determines the timing, either at the end of the charter year or the end of the calendar year.

**Who determines that a den has earned the Den Award?** The den leader submits the application to the Cubmaster or committee chair for approval.

**What recognition item goes with the Den Award?** The den can display the National Den Award ribbon (no. 17631) on its den flag.

**How long can the den display the Den Award ribbon?** As long as it remains an active den in the pack.

**What is the purpose of the National Honor Patrol Award?** To encourage patrols to have identity and spirit, be active, do Good Turns and service projects, complete rank advancement, wear the uniform, be organized, participate with the troop, and grow in size.

**What are the requirements for the Patrol Award?**

Find a list of requirements on the application:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/512-021\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/512-021_WB.pdf)

**How often can a patrol earn the Patrol Award?** Every three (3) months.

**Who determines if a patrol has earned the Patrol Award?** The patrol leader submits the application to the Scoutmaster for approval. The Scoutmaster determines whether the patrol has qualified.

**What recognition item goes with the Patrol Award?**

Members of the patrol can wear the gold star (no. 367) under their patrol emblems.

**Which patrol members can wear gold stars?** All members of the patrol when the award was earned.

**How long can a Scout wear gold stars on his uniform?** As long as he is a member of the patrol.

**What's the connection between the National Honor Patrol Award and the Baden-Powell Patrol Award?**

The National Honor Patrol Award was formerly called the Baden-Powell Patrol Award.

**How can Packs and Troop promote these awards?**

Review progress at pack leader meetings and patrol leaders' council meetings, post progress charts in their meeting places and plan a unit program that includes the required activities.

## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- September 5-7 – Council Camporee (Boy Scouts)
- September 11 – Osage Hills District Eagle Boards of Review (Boy Scouts)
- September 11 – Grand Lake District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- September 11– Grand Lake District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- September 12-13 – Order of the Arrow Ordeal
- September 18 – Osage Hills Cub Scout Leader Training
- September 20 – Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge (Boy Scouts)
- September 20 – Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival and Family Fun-o-Ree
- October 2 – Osage Hills District Unit Commissioners (adult leaders)
- October 2 – Osage Hills District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- October 2 – Osage Hills District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- October 7-8 – Osage Hills Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Training
- October 9 – Osage Hills District Eagle Boards of Review (Boy Scouts)
- October 9 – Grand Lake District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- October 9– Grand Lake District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- October 11 – Osage Hills Cub Scout Fall Festival
- October 11 – Grand Lake Cub Scout Fall Festival
- October 18 – Electronics Merit Badge – Bartlesville (Boy Scouts)
- October 23 – First Aid/CPR Training (adult leaders)
- October 24-25 – Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship
- November 1 – Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training
- November 6 – Osage Hills District Unit Commissioners (adult leaders)
- November 6 – Osage Hills District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- November 6 – Osage Hills District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- November 8 – Electronics Merit Badge – Vinita (Boy Scouts)
- November 8-9 – Advanced Climbing Instructor Training – Natural Site
- November 13 - Osage Hills District Eagle Boards of Review (Boy Scouts)
- November 13 – Grand Lake District Roundtable (adult leaders)
- November 13 – Grand Lake District Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting (Boy Scouts)
- November 14-15 – Vigil Weekend
- December 6 – Incredible Pizza \$1000 Party