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First Annual School Night for Scouting called a success!

The city wide recruiting effort, “School Night for Scouting,” for Bartlesville, Nowata and Ochelata yielded 65 new Cub Scouts. This number is just the number of applications that were received and does not include the number of parents who will be returning with their Cubs for their first den meetings.

“This was a huge success for every pack involved,” according to Alice-Ann Shiflet, this year’s School Night for Scouting coordinator.

These achievements just go to show that working as a team gets things done. Congratulations to all the packs for their efforts this year for effective fall round-ups!



A “News Pop” from the Popcorn Kernel

Popcorn flyers will be mailed out this week from the Scout Office and packets will be distributed on during Roundtable. Dates of deadlines and the corrected date for the \$1000 party will be included in the packets.

Each Unit Popcorn Kernel is responsible for ensuring that prizes are entered and sales are reported to the Scout office for free day camp for Cub Scouts selling \$400 in popcorn and the \$150 summer camp voucher for Boy Scouts selling \$1000 in popcorn.

Each Scout selling \$1000 or more is invited to the \$1000 party which will be held on December 5th from 11am - 1pm at Incredible Pizza.

Osage Hills District Cub Scout Family Fun-a-Ree

Date: September 19

Location: TBD

Chairperson: TBD

There will be fun and games for the whole family. Bring a friend to have a Cub Scout adventure.

Osage Hills District Cub Scout Fall Festival

Date: October 10-11

Location: Camp McClintock

Chairperson: Charlie Lewis

Come one, come all to the Cub Scout Festival in the Fall!

Bartlesville area Boy Scouts will be hosting a fun filled evening for friends and families who may be interested in becoming involved with Scouts or just coming out for a fun evening on October 10.

This event will be held at historic Camp McClintock. During the day, starting at 2:00 PM, there will be archery, BB shooting, games, and several other activities. At night - when the real fun begins – there will be a bonfire and chilidog dinner. Then the costumes go on and the carnival-based games begin with prizes, a family costume contest, a hayride, and an enchanted forest.

This is a fun filled family event that will prepare the family for the Halloween season. Costumes are encouraged as long as they are family appropriate.

All this FUN for only \$7.00 per person paid in advance or \$10 per person at the gate.

The first 75 youth signed up will receive the Fall Festival Patch. Sign up at the Scout office.

Electronics Merit Badge

Siemens is once again sponsoring an Electronics merit badge seminar. **This session will be held in Bartlesville at the Scout Service Center on Saturday, October 3. The seminar will start at 9 AM and end at 4 PM.**

All requirements for the Electronics merit badge will be completed. Learn about transistors, resistors, schematics, LEDs, capacitors, soldering, control circuits, and printed circuit boards.



Class size is limited to 25 Scouts, so sign up today! Contact the Scout Service Center to register 918-336-9170 or 888-269-1328 or registrar@cherokeesbsa.org

A session at a location in the Grand Lake District is planned for the Spring.

Grand Lake District FUN-o-Ree

Date and Time: Saturday October 10, 2015 10:00am-3:00pm

Location: Peoria Pow Wow Grounds – Miami, OK (Located 2 ½ miles East of Industrial Parkway on East 90th Road)

The Fun-O-Ree is our chance to show the newly recruited and the current Scouts the fun and excitement that the outdoor program of Scouting has to offer. We will have BB's, archery, zip lines, games, rockets and so much more.

Bring your Scouts for all or just part of the day. Help us add to the excitement and plan on bringing an activity that your Pack or Troop can host. The more fun the better!

Calling ALL Cherokee Area Council Troops

The Fall 2015 Council Camporee will be held Oct 23-25 at Camp McClintock.

Program includes:

- **Patrol Challenge:** Inter-Patrol competition to test Scouting skills and crown a Council Champion. Skill based games/competitions include
 - First Aid
 - Knots and Lashing
 - Map and Compass
 - Fire building
 - Additional details to follow
- **Camp wide events** include
 - Shooting Sports
 - Climbing Tower
 - GaGa Ball
- **Fellowship events** include
 - Campfire (s)
 - Flag ceremonies
 - Cracker Barrel
 - Movie Night
 - Scouts Own service

Stay tuned for more details on registration.

Order of the Arrow Unit Elections

Unit election forms need to be turned in to the Scout office prior to the Council Camporee on October 23-25.

Unit elections forms are available on the National OA web site <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/electionform-2015.pdf>

Contact Brandon Cragun if your unit would like the OA to conduct your unit's elections.

Earlier Deadline for NESA Scholarships

With an all-time high of \$645,000 in Eagle Scout scholarships awarded last year, NESA's scholarship program keeps getting better and better.

This year will be no exception as the National Eagle Scout Association plans to increase the minimum value of scholarships to \$5,000 from \$1,000 and allow students at vocational trade schools to apply.

Also new: Scholarship recipients will be required to give back to Scouting by volunteering.

There's one other big change, and NESAs need your help communicating it to the Eagle Scouts in your life. Beginning this year, **applications are due by October 31** (rather than by December 31).

Scholarships are open to NESAs members through their junior year of college. Learn more and find application instructions at <http://nesa.org>

OA Fall Fellowship and Ordeal

This year's Fall Fellowship and Ordeal will be held at Camp McClintock November 6-8. Registration begins at 7:00 PM in the dining hall.

Activities Friday night include:

- Elangomat orientation
- Pre-Ordeal ceremony
- Cracker Barrel

Planned activities on Saturday include:

- Vigil rededication at the Chapel at 6:30 AM
- Work projects in the morning
- Tribal Council & Lodge Elections in the dining hall at 1:00 PM
- New Members meeting and Brotherhood Class in the Cub Cabin at 2:00 PM

A new activity at this year's Fall Fellowship is screen-printing – be sure to bring a t-shirt to screen print. The ink will be red, so consider bringing a white t-shirt.

Activities Saturday night will include the Brotherhood Ceremony, Ordeal Ceremony, Elevations, and Vigil Call-out. Saturday night's activities will conclude with popcorn and a movie.

Fall Fellowship will conclude on Sunday with a prayer service at the Chapel at 7:30 AM and camp cleanup.

Online registration will be posted to the Lodge web site.

2017 National Scout Jamboree

The 2017 National Scout Jamboree will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 19 to July 28, 2017.

More information about Jamboree can be found here <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>



The Cherokee Area Council is forming a three-council contingent with the Cimarron Council, headquartered in Enid, and the Arbuckle Area Council, headquartered in Ardmore.

Cherokee Area Council is now accepting applications from adult volunteers who wish to be part of the three-council contingent. The application form can be found here

<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2017%20CAC%20National%20Jamboree%20Adult%20Application.pdf>

Sea Scout Base Galveston

Looking for an amazing experience for your Boy Scout, Venturing or Sea Scout unit next summer? Gather a crew of 4 youth and 2 adults and set sail for a nautical adventure at Sea Scout Base Galveston!

A brand-new facility will amaze and challenge Scouts and Leaders alike during five full days of fun and excitement. Your crew will learn to sail, race, and explore in Sonars, FJH's, Kayaks, and 40' schooners. Ashore you'll enjoy plenty of great food, air-conditioned accommodations, an interactive co-ed nautical program and much more.

For more information, click

<http://ssbgalveston.org/scouting.php>

Order of the Arrow Centurion Award

For nearly 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order of the Arrow's centennial provides a unique

opportunity to commemorate those Arrowmen who are exemplars of the "high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow." The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. It is modeled after a similar program in the BSA's 100th anniversary celebration, the 2010 National Hall of Leadership. Accordingly, this recognition is an opportunity to highlight lodge development over the last century and the many individuals, both youth and adult, who were instrumental to this success. These honorees will serve as exemplars of leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.

These are the honorees from the Washita Lodge.

Bob Crume

Bob was inducted into Washita Lodge 288 at Camp Cherokee summer camp in 1995 and became Brotherhood at his first opportunity in 1996. In 1998 he served as Lodge Vice Chief and that fall he was inducted



into the Vigil Honor. He was given the name "Deep Thinker" and elected Lodge Chief that weekend. Excellence in ceremonies and leadership organization were hallmark focus points while he was an active youth in the lodge. As vice chief and beyond, no ceremony was complete until the team had done a post-ceremony briefing on good, bad, and what to make better.

As chief he implemented the first lodge planbook. At his request, the Winter Banquet

keynote speech was given by long-time Washita member John Westfall who told the origin story of the lodge's bead system. The beads, or "claws" as the lodge calls

them, were introduced in the 1950s by John when he was lodge staff adviser. The talk reconnected the lodge with its history and encouraged many Arrowmen to service in pursuit of claw beads. By April 1999 Bob had accomplished all of his goals as Lodge Chief and ran for Section Chief of SR-3A. He won the election and in May 1999, as his final act as Lodge Chief, his LEC voted to include the cost of Brotherhood into the Ordeal candidate fee. This helped market Brotherhood as a "free" and dramatically increased Brotherhood conversion. Five years later the lodge reported a conversion rate over 80%. That summer at Camp Cherokee he served as Scoutcraft Director and OA Camp Chief as the lodge continued its tradition of Ordeal at Summer Camp.

At the 1999 National Planning Meeting he was elected as the 2000 NOAC Conference Vice Chief for Inductions & Ceremonial Events. In December 2000 Bob was the fifth youth member of the lodge to receive the Founder's Award, and helped craft Washita's Black Sash award for excellence and service to lodge inductions. He won two more terms as SR-3A Section Chief from 2000-2002 and served as Vigil Chairman until he turned 21.

As Section Chief he consistently attended lodge events to set the example for Arrowmen to return and support the current officers. Late one summer as a youth he found the historical records of longtime Lodge Adviser Rudy Janzen. Using those records Bob substantially updated the lodge history, updated chapter and lodge key 3 records, and built protected binders of lodge newsletters that spanned the 1950s thru the 1990s.

Throughout his youth service period Bob had a focused effort on creating more leaders and independent thinkers in among the lodge officers and chairmen. His approach was to grab a promising young Arrowman who didn't have an assignment and say, "Here follow me and watch closely -- you're going to lead this next time." Any Arrowman can create more leaders this way. Arrowmen of the small and mighty lodge of Washita 288 can continue this leadership legacy into our next century of service.

Whit Culver

Whit Culver began his contributions to Washita Lodge 288 and the Order of the Arrow as a youth member and Eagle Scout from Pawhuska, OK. He was one of the youngest Vigil Honor members in Washita history, being given the name "One Who Searches." His life search takes place in Scouting outdoors throughout OA High Adventure programs, and his adult contributions cannot be separated from the progress of his youth career.

In 1995 Whit was elected Section Secretary and attended OA Trail Crew at Philmont that summer. That OATC program sparked a love for OAHA and leadership, and he was elected Section Chief in 1996. He returned to OA Trail Crew as a participant that summer. After presiding over a "hometown" section conclave at Camp Cherokee Whit was an OATC

Foreman in 1997. He is one of the few (possibly the only) Arrowman to be a part of building the Vaca Trail from start to finish. In 1998 he was again an OATC Foreman to begin the Tooth Ridge Trail. In 1999 the Tooth Ridge Trail was completed as Whit guided the program as OATC Assistant Director. He turned 21 soon after returning to Oklahoma that summer.



As an adult in 2000 Whit was the OATC Director and the Black Horse Trail was begun. He received the national Distinguished Service Award at NOAC in Iowa State for his longtime contribution to the OA Trail Crew program and Philmont.

As he started his career in financial services Whit served as an adviser for a number of outdoor initiatives throughout the OA and Philmont. In 2004 and 2005 he and past national vice-chief Ryan Miske initiated the OA Philbreak program for college students to work at the ranch in their spring break. That program would later spin off to a general Philmont program going beyond the OA. OATC has always been closely connected with Philmont's Conservation Department, and from 2006-2008 Whit served as a Souther Region Director on the board of the Philmont Staff Association. During this

same time he served as a lead ArrowCorps5 adviser for staffing all five work sites, recruited and trained Instructor Corps for the 2007 training event, and served as an on-site key IC adviser for the 2008 Bridger-Teton site. Soon after he served on the Outdoor Program subcommittee of the national Order of the Arrow committee from 2010-11. In 2011 he was the Recreation Lead for the Summit Event. In 2011 he was recognized with the William T. Hornaday Gold Badge for his contributions to outdoor conservation in Scouting.

Throughout this substantial OA career Whit served as NOAC staff for seven conferences spanning 1994 to 2006. He is an inspiration to a small lodge like Washita 288 as a clear example that one does not need fancy titles to work hard, serve well, and have a big impact.

Bruce Hendren

Bruce has been a Scoutmaster for a very long time. He ensures his troop and others know about the OA and what a great service it is to be part of it. Bruce has always been one willing to go the extra mile for those that do not have much. He makes sure people has rides to events, has fun while they are there, and a great mentor and someone comfortable to talk to. He is steadfast in his purpose of having a cheerful spirit. Bruce always has a smile on his face, works harder than anyone and longer hours than anyway. Bruce has cooked for our lodge for over 15 years, he is always under budget and we don't know of one person who has ever complained about his food or gone home hungry.



Bruce is a great inspiration to others, he will do fund raisers for our lodge members so they can afford to attend camp whether it be for an Ordeal Weekend, Fellowship, Section or National event. Bruce has never told the lodge no to any request we

have made him and always goes above and beyond with any task. He has kept his Vigil faithfully and continues to kindle the fire within the lodge.

"Big Jim" Lewis

"Big Jim" shook up our lodge in his tenure and changed the way we operate still to this day. He served as Lodge Adviser for Washita Lodge from 1999 to 2006. He created the first Power Point LLD training sessions, adopted and distributed by the Section, and passed to National.



Initiated limited edition commemorative patch portfolio sets starting in 1996 as Lodge and Jamboree fundraisers, received E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, and 8 Honor Lodge Awards during his tenure.

He was ArrowCorps 5 Crew Leader at Bridger Tetons in 2008.

Served as NOAC Staff (ICE) in 2006, 2009, and 2012.

He was our lodge's first adult Founder award and Black Sash recipient. He serves today on both the Lodge, Section, and National levels.

Joe Long

Joe was one of our first lodge Arrowman at the creation of our lodge going through as an Adult in 1946. He still tells stories of his ordeal and his first night on the banks of Sand Creek. Joe tells the story like it was yesterday and that he was not elected into the Lodge but chosen as an adult because our Lodge was just created and chartered. Joe is our history and has been here since the start of the Lodge and provides vast input on how things were and why they are the way they are. He can account

to the many changes of the years and the adaptation we have over the years to be the lodge we are today.

The Order of the Arrow is held high in regard by Joe as it has always meant something special to him and even as he is older than some dirt out at camp he loves the Order and what it represents, how it shapes the youth and changes them into leaders and guides us each to serve each other. His steadfast purpose is an inspiration to many and amazes people to see someone so old who is still involved and sets the perfect example of servant leadership.

Joe has been involved since his induction and served a wide variety of positions as an adviser. He was there during the first ordeal ceremony, the many changes over the years from a new summer camp, an erecting of a new OA



building at the summer camp, the sale of a summer camp and improvement to another camp. His unselfish devotion keeps him busy still today as he helps out in the kitchen and helps to serve meals with a smile on his face and a story on his lips. He continues to service even at his age.

Joe has served longer and more faithfully than most of our Arrowmen, since he was one of the first and still continues today. His example, work ethic and leadership inspire many. Many in our council are amazed as his continued efforts and will always stop to say hello and thank him for all he has done.

Scott Robin

Scott Robin was nominated as a Centurion as a representative of Washita Lodge's youth leadership during his tenure as a youth from the late 1990s and the 2000s. He became involved with the lodge shortly after his induction in 1998. He served in many capacities including appointments to various chairmanships and elections to lodge leadership positions.



Throughout his time as a youth in the lodge, Scott has shown a passion for ceremonies. He was the catalyst to dramatically improve inductions in the lodge through his leadership as Ceremonies Chairman in 2001. Under his leadership, the lodge created teams for inductions and for competition, created

costuming for lodge use, and earned an "honor" designation at three consecutive NOACs for the first time ever. After earning one of the honor medals at the first of the two conferences, the most significant impact he made on ceremonies was when he served as a coach in 2006 (although he was still a youth).

In 2005, while serving as Section Chief, Scott continued his dedication to the lodge heading up two major projects. With a desire to help the lodge in new ways, he single-handedly rewrote the lodge by-laws and successfully implemented a new lodge structure including additional advisor positions and a completely reorganized youth leadership structure. Additionally, Scott helped to create a new structure for the lodge's LLD program. Along with his advisor, Scott taught or co-taught every class of the day and a half course creating much of the content himself.

In addition to these accomplishments on the lodge level, it should be noted that Scott has also been a major contributor at other levels of the Order of the Arrow. He was a two-term Section Chief (2004-06), Jamboree Vice Chief for TOAP (2005), ACVC for ICE (2006), traveling NLS Trainer, and helped craft a program for the Southern Region to increase Arrowmen involvement in cub scouting. It should be noted that for his service above the lodge level, Scott received the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award in 2012.

For his efforts on the lodge level, his peers have recognized him with numerous awards. In fact, Scott is one of just two people in the lodge's history to earn both the Lodge Distinguished Service Award and the Lodge

Arrowmen of the Year. For these reasons and many others, Scott Robin was nominated as a Centurion for Washita Lodge for his tenure in leadership roles as well as unselfish service behind the scenes as a youth.

Tim Snow

Tim Snow is an Arrowman who doesn't live life for himself, he lives to be whole heartedly devoted to those around him. Ever since his induction he immediately filled a role on the Tribal Council to better serve his lodge, and that is what started his journey.



Since then he devoted undivided attention to serve as ceremonies chairman, dance chairman, service chairman, vigil chairman, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and lodge chief, but these positions are just place markers to the service he attempts to commit to the lodge every day.

Participating in numerous ceremonies, running various events of the lodge, and working with the follow youth of the order to improve the lives of those around him, this is where Tim found true happiness in the Order of the Arrow.

Dissecting his total level service might take a full report, but his greatest work was the time he spent in his officer positions, nothing would keep him from getting his responsibility done and even pick up the responsibility of those around him (not well known for the skill of delegating), late nights and finding the few moments in his day to send emails, or memorize ceremony parts was ever present in Tim's daily life for the Order of the Arrow. Serving as CVC for section 2 years organizing program areas, for AIA, competitions, and Qwest.

In his time serving whether it was a section event or a lodge event he worked to provide the best program for

those around him. Always keeping in mind the part of the obligation “to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others,” Tim works to be a friend and a true brother to those around him.

Sean Urban

Sean was inducted at Camp Cherokee in the summer of 1995, his first year at summer camp. Sean immediately became involved with the order of the arrow helping that summer with ceremonies and learning the ropes. Sean has shown dedication as through the years as a youth since his induction serving as Lodge Recording Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Vice Chief and Lodge Chief in 2001. Sean has attended all but one NOAC since 1996 and represented the order to the scouting at

Summer Camp, Winter Merit badge Festivals and provided a mentor to many youth and the benefits that the OA can have. His guidance to succeed has led to the continue tradition still present today in Washita Lodge



with the founding of our ring still in use today. Efforts to continually reach out to new scouts and Arrowman of the past. Sean is the first lodge chief who has been involved as both a youth and adult and services as our current Lodge Adviser but is being recognized for his efforts contributed as a youth and servant leader for his application of the order of the arrow, recruitment efforts at both the National Order of the Arrow Conferences, Indian Summer, National Leadership Seminar/National Lodge Adviser Training for the successful program with a positive attitude.

Sean has been involved in a number of events from summer camp program, winter merit badge festival, national and local events and has had our lodge step up to the request of service for both council, section and national needs to delivery a quality program with a

positive attitude. Sean has stressed that the order of the arrow is a retention program to keep youth involved in scouting and helps them develop skills such as public speaking and molds the youth as a young leader that can be every adapting to the needs of social interaction of a society through being a servant leader.

Sean was not only a youth member but is still active today as our current lodge adviser (the first ever in our lodge history). He continues to work with youth to delivery a quality program to fellow Arrowman, scouting in general and to set an example of promoting a healthy scouting unit, being a service organization while maintaining a role model example to those Arrowmen new and old alike.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience at Florida Sea Base

What is NAYLE?

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving and service to others.

WHAT WILL I TAKE HOME FROM NAYLE?

- The experience of living and working on a 40-foot sailboat, which will improve your ability to function well in team or group situations.
- The skill, ability and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leader through advanced, practical applications of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) skills.
- Nationwide resources, including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type.
- Personal, written commitment to apply NAYLE skills back home.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND?

- Completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews or Ships (ILST, ILSC or ILSS) and the National Youth Leadership Training program

(NYLT)

- The course is physically demanding and participants must be in top physical condition. A BSA Annual Health and Medical Record: Parts A, B and C along with the *Florida Sea Base High- Adventure Risk Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents*, is required.
- The ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swim test) and stay afloat for one (1) minute.
- Be at least 14 years of age and not yet 21.
- Hold a unit leadership position.

WHEN IS IT? March 19-25, 2016

WHAT IS THE COST? \$995 per participant. A payment of at least \$100 is due on application, with the balance due 30 days prior to arrival.

HOW DO I REGISTER? To register, go to:
<http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x4221992b6>

SCHOLARSHIPS? Limited availability for those with demonstrated need.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit the Florida Sea Base website:
www.bsaseabase.org
- Send Sea Base an email for general Sea Base questions: tim.stanfill@scouting.org
- Visit the NAYLE Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/BSANAYLE
- Call Sea Base: 305-664-5628

NEW CUBSCOUTS.ORG IS LIVE AND FULL OF HELPFUL RESOURCES

There's big news for Cub Scouts — and future Cub Scouts — and everyone who works to ensure these children have a memorable and meaningful Scouting experience. That's because a new website — CubScouts.org - that houses all of the resources needed to deliver a quality Scouting program that Cub Scouts and their parents will enjoy.

The introduction of this site helps achieve an important

part of the growth strategy for the Boy Scouts of America: building more adventures into the Cub Scouts program. BSA has been refocusing on unit leaders to ensure they have the tools, training and support needed to deliver the kind of life-changing experiences Scouting is capable of providing.

Resources on CubScouts.org are organized by leadership role. Whether you are a parent, committee chair, charter organization representative, Cubmaster or Den Leader, you can easily find the materials you need for planning and organizing strong den meetings and outings.

That's integral to BSA's ability to recruit strong leaders and sustain a healthy, growing organization. Having a one-stop shop for questions about kids with special needs, advancement requirements, fun activities and other topics gives new leaders a fast start and helps keep them confident and organized. Armed with important knowledge on these and other topics, leaders will be equipped to deliver fun meetings and new adventures that keep Cub Scouts coming back for more and energized to join Boy Scouts someday.

Right now, unit leaders can tap into the Learning Library at CubScouts.org to learn the basics of Cub Scouting, including guides for positive youth development and strengthening membership. The official Cub Scout blog, "Cub Hub," is home to many stories on how Cub Scouts make a difference for young boys and their communities.

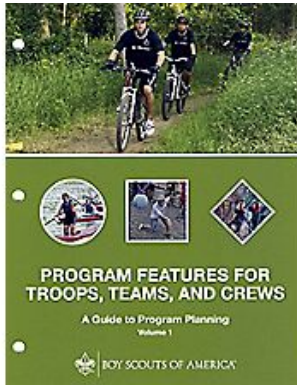
Check out CubScouts.org and look for opportunities to apply the resources housed there to your Cub Scouting program. If you have any questions or comments, send them to <mailto:info@cubscouts.org>. Stay tuned for more tools and resources coming soon.

Program Features for Troop, Teams and Crews

If you have been in Scouting for a while, you have probably used *Troop Program Features* (perhaps even *Woods Wisdom*), *Team Program Features*, or the meeting plans from the old *Venturing Handbook*. But did you know that BSA has recently combined all these resources into one product: *Program Features for*

Troops, Teams and Crews: A Guide to Program Planning?

Volume 1 of this guide was released in 2014, and Volumes 2 and 3 are slated to be published later this year. When complete, rather than having three different publications by program, volunteers will have a set of guides that focuses on progressing skills regardless of age.



Thus, whether your unit consists of 11-year-old Boy Scouts or 20-year-old Venturers, you will be able to find program features that will help each youth advance to the next level. Each of the three volumes contains modules covering a 16 month-long series of topics. Each module will list which Scout, Varsity, and Venturing advancement and awards are related to the topic. For example, the First Aid module will list Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements, the First Aid merit badge, along with the adventure requirement for Venturing's Discovery Award.

Volume 1 of this combined guide is available now at your local Scout shop or online through www.scoutstuff.org/pamp-bs-trp-prg-featrs-v1.html#.VY8MRaMo4dU

Essential Resources for Autism and Scouting

There are many helpful resources leaders can access online when working with a Scout on the autism spectrum.

- BSA's Disabilities Awareness website: www.scouting.org/disabilitiesawareness.aspx . Resources include:
 - Guide to Advancement
 - Guide to Working with Scouts with Special Needs

- Essentials in Serving Scouts With Disabilities PowerPoint educational presentation
- College of Commissioner Science curriculum
- Link to all past Abilities Digest newsletters

- Autism Empowerment, www.AutismEmpowerment.org , is a nonprofit organization devoted to enriching the lives of youth, adults, and families within the Autism and Asperger community. It is the only national organization that offers an Autism and Scouting program designed to help leaders support youth and adults with autism. The organization's autism and Scouting website is: www.AutismandScouting.org .
- In addition, other helpful resources are available to share with Scouting families in units. These include:
 - Autism and Scouting leadership training kit - free 93-page kit being used worldwide
 - Autism and Scouting podcast
 - Autism and Scouting webinars and training materials
 - Growing national database of autism-friendly Scouting units.
- Both the Autism and Scouting program and Abilities Digest provide social media for connecting to other members of the community. In particular, both provide Facebook pages:
 - Autism and Scouting - www.facebook.com/autismandscouting
 - Abilities Digest-- www.facebook.com/pages/Abilities-Digest/824105334298165

World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2019

Scouts from Canada, Mexico, and the United States will welcome more than 30,000 from around the world to the adventure base in 2019.

The 24th World Scout Jamboree—taking place July 22

to August 2, 2019, at [The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve](#) in West Virginia —will mark the first time a world jamboree has been hosted by three national Scout organizations: Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México, and the Boy Scouts of America. In the spirit of unity, these distinct organizations will join together in celebration of cultural exchange,



understanding, peace, and friendship.

For 12 days, thousands of young people from around the world will gather

at the 10,600-acre (4,300 hectares) Summit Bechtel Reserve—the Boy Scouts of America’s newest adventure base and the permanent home of the BSA’s national Scout jamboree.

The event will be the first world jamboree held in the United States since 1967 and the first time since the 1983 World Jamboree in Alberta, Canada, that a North American site has hosted. While Scouts Canada has hosted world jamborees in the past—1955 and 1983—this will be the first time that Asociación de Scouts de México, will share hosting duties with Canada and the United States.

International contingents will be encouraged to enjoy the cultures of the three host countries before, during, and after the Jamboree. In Mexico, the participants can immerse themselves in more than 3,000 years of Mesoamerican culture.



Canada’s vibrant cities and vast expanse of unspoiled wilderness, along with the many offerings in the United States, such as the museums of Washington, D.C. to the Grand Canyon, offer an unlimited opportunity to build lifetime memories.

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree logo is a design born in friendship and unity. The global logo consists of multicolor ribbons featuring the official colors of the national flags of the three host countries and the world Scouting movement. The ribbons, in turn, reach out to symbolically embrace and welcome the world Scouting

community, in the form of the World Crest, to The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The event’s theme, “Unlock a New World,” invites Scouts to unlock new adventures, new cultures, and new friendships.

Upcoming Key Dates

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

SEPTEMBER

- 3 – OH Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 4 – Popcorn Show & Sell product distributed to units
- 4 – Popcorn Take Order Sale begins
- 7 – Popcorn Show & Sell begins
- 10 – GL Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 10 – OH Eagle Boards of Review
- 19 – OH Cub Scout Family Festival

OCTOBER

- 1 – OH Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 3 – Electronics merit badge @ Scout Service Center, Bartlesville
- 8 – GL Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 8 – OH Eagle Boards of Review
- 10 – GL Scout Fun-o-Ree
- 10-11 – OH Cub Scout Fall Festival
- 15 – Popcorn Take Order Sale ends
- 18 – Popcorn Show & Sell ends
- 20 – Popcorn Orders due at the Scout Office
- 23-25 – Council Camporee

NOVEMBER

- 5 – OH Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 6 – Popcorn distributed to units
- 6-8 – OA Ordeal & Fall Fellowship
- 12 – GL Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 12 – OH Eagle Boards of Review
- 13-14 – OA Vigil Weekend

DECEMBER

- 3 – OH Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 5 – \$1000 Popcorn Party at Incredible Pizza
- 7 – Popcorn money due at the Scout Office
- 10 – GL Roundtable & OA Chapter meeting
- 10 – OH Eagle Boards of Review