



# Cherokee Area Council

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## March 30, 2026

### NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

*PLEASE send us pictures and information about what your packs and troops are doing. You can send them to [melanie.bayles.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.bayles.volunteer@gmail.com) or [philip.wright@scouting.org](mailto:philip.wright@scouting.org).*

#### **Did You Miss Us?**

We hope you had a good Spring Break and are making plans to continue delivering quality Scouting activities to your unit! Please be on the lookout for the launch of our revised and updated website.

#### **Scout Service Center Closed**

The Scout Service Center will be closed on April 3 in observance of Good Friday.



#### **Tell Us What You Like and Don't Like!**

We are in the process of revamping the Council website with a new look and updated functionality. Please take a minute to tell us

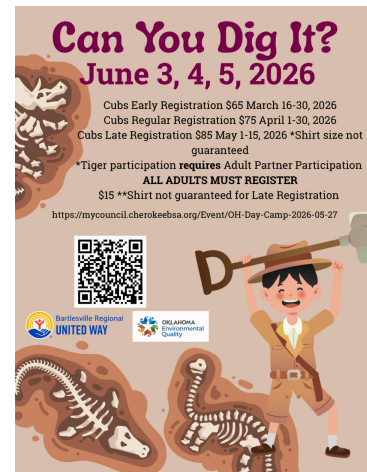
- what you use most on our current website
- what you never use on our current website
- what would you like to see us add to the new website - resources? links to other Scouting information?, etc. Please be as specific as you can.
- what is the most frustrating issue you have when using our current website

Please send your responses to [melanie.bayles.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.bayles.volunteer@gmail.com)

## It's Time to Register for Osage Hills District Cub Scout Day Camp

Early registration is March 16-30. Cost is \$65.  
Regular Registration is April 1-30. Cost is \$75

**REGISTER**






**Can You Dig It?**  
June 3, 4, 5, 2026

Cubs Early Registration \$65 March 16-30, 2026  
Cubs Regular Registration \$75 April 1-30, 2026  
Cubs Late Registration \$85 May 1-15, 2026 \*Shirt size not guaranteed

\*Tiger participation requires Adult Partner Participation  
**ALL ADULTS MUST REGISTER**  
\$15 \*\*Shirt not guaranteed for Late Registration


<https://mycouncil.cherokeebsa.org/Event/OH-Day-Camp-2026-05-27>



## BSA Swim Tests

Our friends at Richard Kane YMCA are offering BSA Swim Tests. Sign up directly with the Y at this link

**SIGN UP**




## CHEROKEE AREA #469 SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS

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Read your sacred texts on **May 7th, 2026**, or any time that week. Join Scouting America, other youth organizations and all faith youth groups in a celebration of sacred texts.

**REGISTER NOW**

**INFO & TO REGISTER**  
[ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org](https://ScoutsReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org)



**QUESTIONS?**  
[ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com](mailto:ScoutsReadSacredTexts@gmail.com)

## It's Golf Tournament Time!

**SCOUTING GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
18 JUNE 2026  
Boots Hollow Golf Club

11:30 am | Registration and lunch  
1:00 pm | Shotgun start

Four-person scramble; no handicap restrictions; flights created after the round  
Raffle drawing and hole-in-one contest

[Click here to sponsor or play!](#)

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Scoreboard, hole, and putting green\* signs - team \$200

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard sign - team \$200

**DRINK CART**  
Operation of cart + signage\* \$1000

**HOLE & TEAM**  
Sign at hole with game - team \$200  
Hole sign - team \$750

**TEAM**  
Round of golf for four players \$600

**HOLE**  
Signage at hole with game \$400  
Signage at hole \$300

**PLAYER**  
Round of golf, includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, drinks and prizes. \$150

\*Putting green & drink cart beverages provided by sponsor

**THE IMPACT OF YOUR Support**

A robust STEM program which provides valuable opportunities for Scouts to explore STEM fields, develop important skills, and prepare for future careers.

Cub Scouts Day and Family Camps, Scouts BSA Camporees, Summer Camps, High Adventures.

Program development, volunteer training, insurance, and registration assistance.

Uniforms symbolize belonging, commitment and equality. They foster a sense of unity and helps Scouts feel like they are part of something bigger than themselves.

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## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### Climbing Instructor Level 1 Training

**Date:** April 18, 2026

**Location:** Camp McClintock

**Time:** 8:30 am -4:30 pm

This class is required before Climbing Instructor Level 2. Participants will learn:

- the purpose of the Climbing/Rappelling program,
- responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor,
- how to belay, climb, rappel, and spot
- use of the equipment in the climbing program
- how to tie knots and hitches used in the climbing program
- anchor points and systems

**REGISTER**



### Climbing Instructor Level 2 Training (Artificial Structures)

**Date:** May 9, 2026

**Location:** Camp McClintock

**Time:** 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Cost:** \$40

Prior Completion of Climbing Level Instructor 1 Training is required!

Participants will learn:

- responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor,
- how to belay, climb, rappel, and spot
- use of the equipment in the climbing program
- how to tie knots and hitches used in the climbing program
- anchor points and systems

Upon successful completion of this course you will be able to conduct and lead unit climbing activities



## Look What We've Been Doing!

# NEWS FROM SCOUTS BSA


### Clarification on the Eagle Scout Rank Application

The Scouts BSA committee has shared an update in response to questions about the parent or guardian contact information section recently added to the updated Eagle Scout Rank Application. Please read the clarification [here](#).



### Cub Chat Live – New Initiatives and Programs

See and hear from Ryan Moon, Director of New Programs, as he shares some of Scouting America's new programs and initiatives for all ages in the works – Catalyst, Drone Exploring, Adventure Clubs, Chipmunks, and more. Watch the recording of the *March 20* Cub Chat Live [here](#).



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## **Scouting America Invites Youth Nationwide to Participate in “Scouts Read Sacred Texts” Event**

Scouting America announced its continued support of Scouts Read Sacred Texts, a nationwide and worldwide event encouraging Scouts and their families to set aside time for reflective reading in conjunction with the 2026 National Day of Prayer, observed on May 7, 2026.

Developed by Scouting America’s National Religious Relationships Committee, Scouts Read Sacred Texts Invites Scouts to read a sacred or foundational text from their own faith tradition anytime between now and May 7. The initiative supports Scouting’s long-standing emphasis on character development, literacy, and the Scout Oath’s commitment to “duty to God,” while fully respecting the personal beliefs and traditions of each Scout and family.

“The Scouts Read Sacred Texts event offers Scouts a meaningful opportunity to live out their duty to God,” explained Roger Krone, president & CEO of Scouting America. “By reading the sacred texts of their own faith traditions, Scouts join a shared experience with peers across communities and around the world – deepening their understanding while reflecting on enduring values. At its heart, the event encourages lifelong habits of reflection, respect, and growth.”

Most Scouts read at home with their families, though units and families may also choose to participate at places of worship or other appropriate settings. The committee recommends about 15 minutes of reading, with families or faith leaders deciding which passages are most meaningful.

Key goals of Scouts Read Sacred Texts include:

- Encouraging reading and thoughtful reflection
- Supporting ethical and character development
- Strengthening family and community engagement

The event has seen strong and growing engagement. Last year, nearly 6000 youth collectively logged more than 1400 hours of reading, far exceeding initial expectations. Scouts from across the United States and countries/territories including Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Germany, Guam, India, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Okinawa, Palestine, Puerto Rico and Uganda took part, underscoring the initiative’s global reach.

Although rooted in Scouting, Scouts Read Sacred Texts is open beyond Scouting America membership. The National Religious Relationships Committee has extended invitations to every faith and many youth-serving organizations worldwide, encouraging families, faith communities, and youth groups to participate together in a shared moment of reflection and respect.

For more information about Scouts Read Sacred Texts and to register, visit <https://www.scoutsreadsacredtextsworldwide.org>.

## **Reminder: CASTing Call: Extend Your Summer of Scouting at the 2026 National Jamboree**

The CAST (Climbing Aerial Support Team) Program is an opportunity for camp staff from the local council to allow camp staff 16-29 years of age to apply to be

a part of the CAST TEAM no experience necessary. This is an unpaid Summit Staff member opportunity and free way to be on the 2026 National Jamboree Staff. CAST members who are approved will be assigned to Aerial (Zip Lines) and Boulder Cove (Climbing Area).

Learn more about this opportunity [HERE](#).



## **Launch of the Liberty in Action: 250th Anniversary Challenge**

Scouting America is proud to announce the official launch of the new Liberty in Action: 250th Anniversary Challenge, a special program celebrating the values, service, and civic spirit that define our nation and our Scouts.

Beginning Monday, March 2, Scouts across the country can earn the Liberty in Action 250th Challenge patch by participating in activities that highlight patriotism, community service, responsible citizenship, and an understanding of the principles that shape our democracy. The program empowers Scouts to connect with their communities, learn about the responsibilities of citizenship, and take meaningful action that reflects the ideals of liberty, leadership, and service.

The Liberty in Action 250th Anniversary Challenge gives Scouts a powerful way to deepen their understanding of what it means to contribute to their communities and country. This initiative encourages young people to translate our shared values into actions that make a real difference.

### **About the Liberty in Action Patch**

The Liberty in Action patch can be earned by completing a set of age-appropriate activities such as:

- Participating in a community service project
- Learning about local, state, or national government
- Exploring historical landmarks or events connected to American liberty
- Demonstrating good citizenship within their unit, school, or neighborhood

Councils and units may also organize special events throughout the year to support Scouts pursuing this recognition.

### **[SEE THE REQUIREMENTS HERE](#)**

The launch of the Liberty in Action 250th Anniversary Challenge reinforces Scouting America's commitment to preparing young people for lives of leadership, civic responsibility, and purpose. By engaging Scouts in hands-on

learning and service, the program helps cultivate the next generation of informed, active citizens.



## Details for Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Discontinuance

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge has been discontinued effective February 27, 2026.

Beginning on February 27, 2026, Scouts are no longer able to start requirements on the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge.

Those Scouts who had already started **and completed** any requirements for the merit badge will be allowed the rest of 2026 to complete the full merit badge and still utilize it for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. This has been standard practice for Eagle requirements and other advancement changes in the past.

Effective February 27, the rank of Eagle Scout will have 13 required merit badges instead of 14. All of the remaining 13 Eagle Required merit badges will still apply, just not Citizenship in Society, but Scouts will have 8 elective merit badges from which to choose instead of 7, and the total for Eagle Scout will remain at 21 merit badges (13 required + 8 elective = 21 merit badges).

Council & District Advancement Chairs as well as Council Registrars (Eagle Scout app processors) will have the ability to allow the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge to count towards Eagle Scout for those few Life Scouts who started the requirements prior to the discontinuance date, and will complete the merit badge before Dec. 31, 2026.

## Program Livecasts

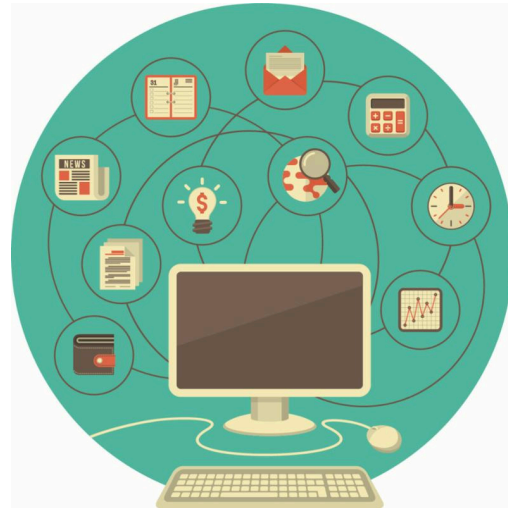
- **Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 3 pm Eastern) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)**
- **Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm Central) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)**
- **Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 4 pm Mountain) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)**



- **Trek on Tuesday (Tuesday at Noon Pacific) - Facebook and YouTube**
- **National Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Dates and information here**

## Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Scouting Safety - [here](#)  
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 Scouting Wire - [here](#)



# COUNCIL CALENDAR

**Osage Hills District Roundtable**  
 1st Thursday of the month, August through May

**Grand Lake District Roundtable**  
 2nd Thursday of the month, September through May

[Click here to see the full Council calendar](#)



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**GRAND LAKE DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE**  
 2nd Thursday of the month, September through May

**April 2, 2026**  
[OH Roundtable](#)

**April 3, 2026**  
**Scout Service Center Closed**

**April 9, 2026**  
[Grand Lake District Roundtable](#)

**April 10-12, 2026 - CANCELLED**  
[Spring Camporee](#)

**April 18, 2026**  
[Climbing Level 1 Training](#)

**April 24-26**  
OA Spring Fellowship & Ordeal

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