



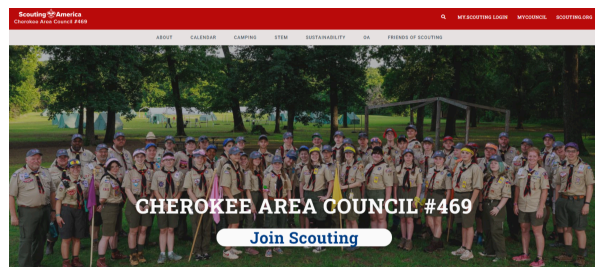
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# April 13, 2026

## 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).



### It is Live!!!

Check out our new website. It is still a work in progress so check back regularly for updates and additional information. Please let us know what you like and don't like and what you wish we would include on the site. You may need to clear your computer cache to load the updated site, particularly if you have it bookmarked.

### Recycling Photo Contest

Send in your pictures before April 15th and show us how you participate in one of all of the 7 R's of Recycling:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Rethink
- Refuse
- Repair
- Rot



Email pictures in jpeg or png format to [info@recycleok.org](mailto:info@recycleok.org). Please tell us which "R" your picture represents.

## [MORE INFO](#)

### [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](#)



### [Council Eagle Banquet](#)

Join us as we celebrate our 2025 - 2026 Eagle Scouts and achievements of Council Volunteers. Dinner will be served by Dewey United Methodist Church starting at 6:00 P.M. Our program will begin at 6:30 P.M. Please R.S.V.P no later than April 30.



### [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](#)



### [May Roundtables](#)

May Roundtables in both districts will cover updates to Fall Product Sales. All popcorn kernels, unit leaders and den leaders are invited and encouraged to attend.





# CHEROKEE AREA #469 SCOUTS READ SACRED TEXTS

We invite Cherokee Area Council #469 Scouts & youth across the world to join us again in reading their own faith's sacred texts. Together, we can recognize our **Duty to God**, participating as a group or on your own. 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



**QUESTIONS?**  
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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**PRESENTING**  
Scoreboard, hole, and putting green\* sign - team \$2000

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard sign - team \$250

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Operation of cart - signage\* \$1000

**HOLE & TEAM**  
Sign at hole with game - team \$850  
Hole sign - team \$250

**TEAM**  
Round of golf for four players \$200

**HOLE**  
Signage at hole with game \$500  
Signage at hole \$300

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

\*Putting green & drink cart banners 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.

Scan or [click here](#) to donate today!

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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

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## **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 on the climbing tower.

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## **Look What We've Been Doing!**

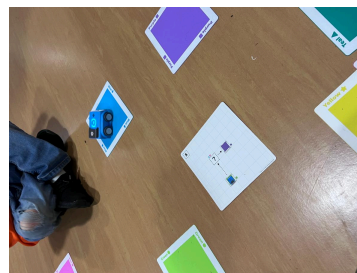
### **Avant Drone Club**

Avant Drone Club had their first lesson. They learned the science behind flight and assembled their drone kits. We will take flight next week!



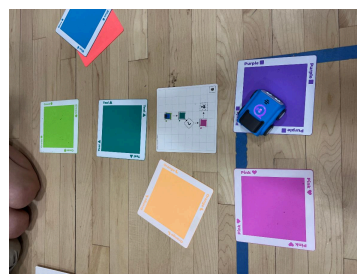
### **Wilson Elementary**

19 kids in YMCA's aftercare program at Wilson Elementary learned about coding with Indi Robots.



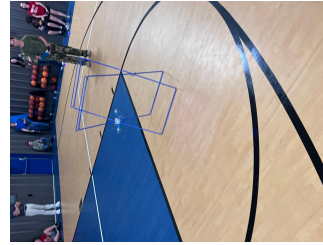
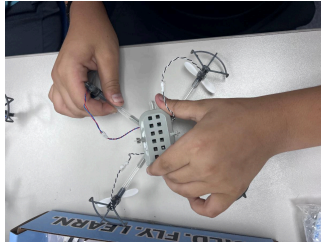
### **Kane Elementary**

15 students in the YMCA's aftercare program at Kane Elementary learned about coding with Indi Robots.



### **Osage Hills Drone Club**

Osage Hills School Drone Club met this week over 3 sessions. They learned the science of flight, assembled their drone kits and practiced flying in the gym.



## Troop 5 and Pack 5

Troop 5 and Pack 5 lit and supervised the fire for Easter Vigil for the Bartlesville Catholic Community at St John Before the Latin Gate.



## Pack 6

Philip joined Pack 6 at their weekly meeting to talk about sustainability as part of the Champions for Nature Adventure.



# NEWS FROM SCOUTS BSA



## Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training Launches This Week

The new *Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training* will launch this week to help Scouters renew this annual training required. Anyone who has completed the full *Safeguarding Youth Training* course and it is currently active or has expired within the last 7 days, is eligible to take the refresher training. If the full *Safeguarding Youth Training* has been expired for 7 days or more, you will

need to complete the full Safeguarding Youth Course again before receiving credit. Participants taking the refresher training must successfully pass the exam on the first attempt to receive credit for the Y01 training code. *If the exam is not passed, the system will automatically route to the full course to ensure a complete review of the material. Once the refresher exam is failed, the refresher course cannot be relaunched, and the full course must be completed.* The training will be available in English and Spanish in the Volunteer Learn Center on My.Scouting.

## **Scouting America and Artemis**

Scouting America has announced a new collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in support of the Artemis program, opening the door to expanded, hands-on educational opportunities for Scouts across the country. Learn more [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.

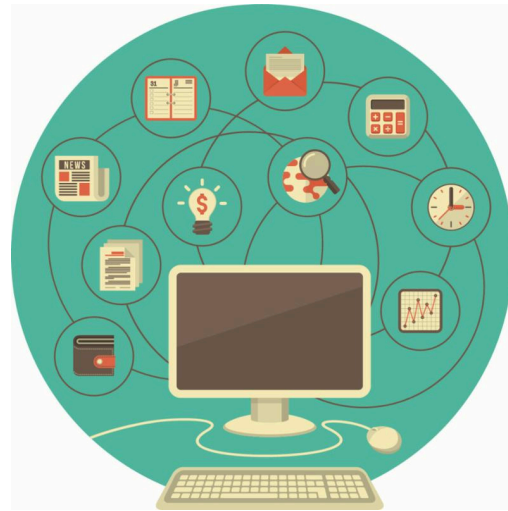
## Program Livecasts

- 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 (Tuesdays 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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# 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](#)



### OSAGE HILLS DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

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### GRAND LAKE DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

2nd Thursday of the month, September through May

**April 10-12, 20206 - CANCELLED**

[Spring Camporee](#)

**April 18, 2026**

Climbing Level 1 Training

**April 24-26**

OA Spring Fellowship & Ordeal

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