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# Cherokee Scouter

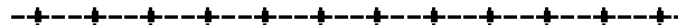
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The new location provides more space for the office and Scout Shop, as well as providing space for the Council Museum which had been in the Visitor's Center at Camp Cherokee.

Watch for an announcement about an open house in early 2008.



## Local Scout selected for International Youth Conference

The Boy Scouts of America, International Division, has selected Philip Barnett of Bartlesville to be a member of a United States Scout contingent traveling to Narita, Japan. Philip is one of only 36 Boy Scout, Venture, and Explorer Scouts from across the nation traveling with their adult leaders to Japan in February 2008.

In Japan, Philip will participate in a youth forum with Scouts from the Asia Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, an organization of some 25 nations. They will tour historic cities and ancient sites in Japan during their visit and learn more of the history and traditions of the Japanese people. In addition there is a hospitality visit with a Japanese host family.



Philip is a junior at Bartlesville's American Christian School and is active in debate, athletics, and church

## The Scout Office is moving!



The Scout Office will be closed Friday, December 7, and will reopen in its new location at 520 S. Quapaw on Monday, December 10.

activities. He is a Life Scout (currently working on his Eagle rank) with Troop 32 sponsored by the Bartlesville First Wesleyan Church.

He has attended many other Scouting events including the National Boy Scout Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base and various summer camps during his Scouting years. He has also earned his God and Country Award in addition to multiple merit badges. Philip learned more about International Scouting when he and his family hosted a Scout from France in their home last summer.

Dale Copeland, the local council international representative says, "Philip's outstanding Scouting background makes him a terrific representative of Bartlesville and our Scout Council." Philip is the son of Jerold and Gail Barnett of Bartlesville.

According to Chris Cook, council president, "This cultural exchange is part of a program initiated several years ago to increase the awareness of other cultures while providing the opportunity for Scouts from many nations to become friends with and learn from each other. Valuable insights and experiences result from these international Scouting events and lifelong memories and friendships are forged."

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## BSA Heroism Award presented to Grove Cub Scout

The National Boy Scout Heroism award has been presented to Troy Helms of Cub Scout Webelos Pack 78 in Grove for "demonstrating heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life...."

Troy was swimming in a hotel pool in Springfield, MO, while on an overnight trip with other students from his school. One of Troy's teachers saw another hotel guest, a five-year old girl, drowning. The child had been playing with another girl and both had drifted too deep for either to touch the bottom of the pool.

The teacher yelled to Troy to help the child, and he was quick to react. Troy pulled the younger child to safety and held on to her until the older child could help her back to the shallow end of the pool.



On October 11, Ed Harvey, Director of Cherokee Council (right), and Randy Wilkins, District Chairman from Miami (center), presented the award to Troy (left) at the Pack meeting at the Grove Community Center.

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## Local Scout awarded National Certificate of Merit

Boy Scouts of America upon recommendation of the National Court of Honor awarded the National Certificate of Merit to Ethan Daniel Voelkers of Troop 2 in Bartlesville for putting into practice Scouting skills and ideals. Ethan's actions and information prevented others from being injured.



On December 2, Ed Harvey, Council Executive of Cherokee Council (left) presented the award to Ethan

(right) during Ethan's Eagle Ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville.

On April 21, 2007, on a campout weekend with Troop 2 at Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge in north central Oklahoma, Ethan Voelkers made a startling discovery.

While digging for selenite crystals, Ethan dug into an unseen glass vial containing an unidentified substance. Being instantly overcome by the gas, Ethan was fortunate enough to escape using common sense, instinct and a bit of Scout training. He ran from the area to get fresh air and water. The strong wind helped clear his lungs, and he was able to tell what had happened.

Ethan and his parents contacted the Wildlife Refuge manager, and because of Ethan's ability to describe where he had been digging, the rangers were able to find the hole he had dug and located 11 unidentified vials of an unknown substance.

The vials were chemical agent test kits used to train soldiers during World War II. Among these chemicals were mustard gas, phosgene and chloropicrin, all diluted with chloroform.

A total of 158 intact vials and at least 20 broken vials were found along with incendiary bomblets which may have been intended to destroy the vials many years ago.

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## Exchange Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit Totem Badge

The Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit Totem Badge that was recalled earlier this year can be exchanged at the Scout Office.

Each new diamond shaped plastic patch will come with a ticket. Once the ticket is filled out and exchanged, the Cub Scout is entered into a chance to win one of three Mongoose BMX bikes. Last chance to enter will be on February 29, 2008. Winners will be contacted by phone.

Entry tickets are available at stores. However, parents or leaders turning in multiple badges can print the



tickets online, fill out the information, and then drop off the tickets in the store when picking up replacements. A plastic patch must be exchanged at the store to enter the contest. Tickets can be printed from the recall section of the website [www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com) beginning December 1, 2007.

Requests for replacement plastic patches can also be placed after December 1, 2007 at 888-800-4717 or online at [www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com). These requests will be mailed. Please allow up to 4 weeks to receive the item.

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## Osage Hills has new District Executive Bruce Jordan

The new Osage Hills DE is Bruce Jordan, a long time resident of Nowata.

Bruce has served as the Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Nowata and Bartlesville. Bruce has a heart for youth and was also a Scout as a young man. He brings a lot of experience, already being part of our community, along with his desire to stay in Northeastern Oklahoma.

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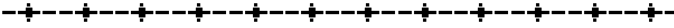
## OA LLD and Winter Banquet December 7-8, 2007

Any Arrowman can attend Lodge Leadership Development. It is an intense lock-in training session starting Friday night, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. and runs until Saturday afternoon. LLD is designed to prepare Lodge officers for the coming year.



Winter Banquet will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 8. Both events will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville.

Registration at the Scout Office is closed. Bring the registration form to LLD and/or Winter Banquet. The registration form is available on the Lodge web site at <http://www.cherokeesba.org/oa/2007Winter-Banquet.pdf>



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## Service Hours Opportunities December 8, 2007

The Salvation Army in Bartlesville will be holding "Good Turn Saturday" on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will come together at 9:00 a.m. at Bartlesville Citadel to sort and pack Christmas Food Boxes.



Good Turn Saturday is a service opportunity for the entire Scouting community, where over 600 boxes of food are sorted and prepared for needy families in the Bartlesville, Dewey area.

The Salvation Army will provide a pizza lunch as well as a patch for each participant who helps complete the project. The total project should take approximately 3 - 3 1/2 hours to complete.

The Salvation Army is located at 101 N. Bucy in Bartlesville. For more information, contact Captain Carlyle Gargis at [Carlyle\\_Gargis@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Carlyle_Gargis@uss.salvationarmy.org) or 918-766-3518.

## December 15, 2007

The ConocoPhillips Frank Phillips Club will be providing 150 kids the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents on Saturday, December 15, at 6:00 a.m. at Wal-Mart. This is a joint project with CONCERN.



In order for the kids to get to participate in the shopping spree, they will need volunteers to help them around the store and to help keep track of the money they have spent. Every year volunteers say they've never felt the Christmas spirit more than when helping with this event.

Scouts and Scouters are invited to come and share in the experiences as many of these kids will be doing their first Christmas shopping ever.

Together, you and the Frank Phillips Club can make this Christmas very special for many young kids all over the community.

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## Price of Freedom Conference February 14-17, 2008

The Price of Freedom Conference will be held February 14-17, 2008, at Valley Forge, PA, and is available to youth in grades 10, 11 or 12 who are active in Scouting, Venturing or Sea Scouts.

Boy or Varsity Scouts must have earned the Eagle rank. Venturers must have earned the Silver Award and Sea Scouts must have earned the Quartermaster Award. The only expense to the youth is travel to and from Philadelphia. All other expenses including transportation to and from the airport or train station are paid by the Freedoms Foundation.

Adult Scouters may go as well. For more information, go the Freedoms Foundation web site [www.ffvf.org](http://www.ffvf.org).

**Scouts and/or their Scouter parents who are interested in attending the Price of Freedom Conference should contact Donna Copeland at [donna@copelandappliance.com](mailto:donna@copelandappliance.com) by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Centennial Quality Unit Award

Quality Unit forms, showing unit qualification for 2007, can be turned in to the Scout Office any time before **December 31, 2007**



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## Scouting for Food in Bartlesville January 19 and 26, 2008

Arvest Bank is sponsoring the 2008 Bartlesville Area Food drive. Flyers and maps will be available at the January 3 OH District Roundtable. Units should



distribute the flyers on January 19. Food pickup is scheduled for January 26.

All food donations will be donated to the Salvation Army and Concern it helps to restock

their pantries after the holidays.

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## 2008 Philmont Trek FREE!

Yes, not only might you have the opportunity to attend Philmont in 2008, but you might be one of a select few Scouts to join the first ever 2008 Philmont International Scouting Trek with Scouts from around the world - and it's FREE!

The International Division of the Boy Scouts of America is organizing the first 2008 Philmont International Scouting Trek to be held June 18 to June 29, 2008. The ages of eligible Scouts are 16 to 19 years (Scouts and Venturers) by the date of the trek (June 18, 2008.)

Selection of participants for this very special event will be made on the basis of the best essay written with the topic "As a Scout, I could convince more young people from my community (and surrounding communities) to join Scouting by organizing a membership recruitment plan that included these important steps/elements."

The local council will select a single Scout based on the best essay written. Essays must be limited to 1,500 words in length.

The BSA International Division will choose the top 10 essays from around the world and the top 10 essays from the USA. This will define the 20-member team that will be invited to Philmont.

All expenses will be paid by the Boy Scouts of America, to include all domestic and international travel.

This special Scouting event will be conducted in conjunction with the International Division's International Scouting Conference. The Philmont International Scouting Trek will be a trek/forum to allow discussions based on the topic of the essay. At the conclusion of the trek, the Scouts will give a report to the International Scouting Conference based on the discussions they had during their time together.

**Deadline for essay submissions is January 19, 2008,** and they should be turned in at the Scout Service Center. Please supply your contact information - name, address, telephone, e-mail - with your essay.

Did we mention that it is FREE! Don't delay, start today!

You can contact the council international representative, Dale Copeland, at [dale@copelandappliance.com](mailto:dale@copelandappliance.com) with any questions.

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## Silver Beaver Award

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people in the Council. More than 50,000 recognitions have been conferred to date.

The recipient must be a registered adult member of the BSA.

Nomination forms are due in the Scout Office by **January 31, 2008**



The nomination form is available on the BSA National web site at <http://www.scouting.org/forms/92-103.pdf>

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## Arrow of Light Ceremonies

Cub Scout unit leaders should contact Jonathan Harrison at 918-335-1108 or [spectrum\\_256@yahoo.com](mailto:spectrum_256@yahoo.com) to schedule an Arrow of Light Ceremony at their Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet.

## Wilderness First Aid February 3-4, 2008

Beginning with the 2008 hiking season, Philmont will require that each crew have someone certified in Wilderness First Aid, in addition to CPR.



Wilderness First Aid is a 2-day 16 hour first aid training course. It includes instruction, participation, and many scenarios. The course will be taught by Venture Crew 911.

Participants should be at least 15 years old. Knowledge of First Aid and CPR is very helpful for this class, but not required.

Cost for this course is \$40 for Scouts and \$50 for others. Class is limited to the first 24 participants

Watch the Council web site for more information <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/> or email Charles Lewis at [charlielewis@yahoo.com](mailto:charlielewis@yahoo.com).

## Friends of Scouting Annual Patron Dinner February 8, 2008

To honor all FOS patrons and to encourage new members, the Cherokee Area Council is pleased to announce the featured artist for the 2008 Friends of Scouting Annual Patron Dinner is Rod Taylor, singer, song writer, and authentic cowboy.



Rod Taylor is originally from Lubbock, Texas. He has been a cowboy thirty years, mostly on northeastern New Mexico ranches of over one thousand acres. Since 1983, he has worked for the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, NM, where he has responsibility for the cowherd.

Rod Taylor has played music for over 30 years and has released three albums. He has performed in Alpine, Prescott, the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and other gatherings around the country. He has also appeared in videos, commercials, television and film. He is active in the Cimarron Maverick Club, which presents rodeos and benefits for communities and charities.

FOS patrons giving \$125+ for 2007 constitute the backbone of financial support for Scouting in Northeast Oklahoma. The FOS dinner raises a substantial amount of the Council's operating budget for the year.

**Please reserve attendance at the annual patron dinner at 918-333-9170 or toll free at 888-269-1328 by Tuesday, January 30, 2008.**

Troops with older Boy Scouts who can help with serving the dinner should contact Ed Harvey at the Scout Office.

## Winter Merit Badge Festival February 16, 2008

The Festival will be held at Tri-County Technology Center in Bartlesville. Scouts can earn merit badges in four areas. Adult training classes will be held as well.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on February 16, and the event will be over by 5:15 p.m. A light lunch is included in the \$10 registration fee.

This is a unique opportunity for Scouts to earn some of the harder to get Eagle-required merit badges, as well as earn some of the other merit badges in widely varied interest areas.

The class flyer will be released December 15. Check the Council web site <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org>

**Registration opens January 2 on a first come basis with payment.** Alternate class selections are needed in case a requested class is full.

Registration closes February 4

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## Philmont Training Center

The Philmont Training Center is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northeastern New Mexico near Cimarron. Rich in history and natural beauty, this area offers exciting educational experiences for the entire family.

PTC has served as the National Training Center for the Boy Scouts of America since 1950. A variety of weeklong conferences will be conducted for unit, district, and council volunteers. Each conference features the latest tools, audiovisuals, and techniques led by a faculty of experienced Scouters.



The conference schedule permits ample time for family activities, day hiking, and recreation. Our summer staff will lead hiking, tours, handicrafts, and outdoor activities. A weeklong backcountry Mountain Trek for Venturing aged youth is also offered.

Information about Philmont Training Center, including conference schedules are available here

<http://www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/index.html>

Invitations to these conferences are initiated by the Scout Office. If you are interested in attending the Philmont Training Center, contact the Scout Office  
Phone: 918-336-9170 Toll Free: 888-269-1328

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## Camp Cherokee

Units wanting to use the Camp Cherokee property (now owned by the Seneca-Cayuga tribe) for weekend camping or day use activities should contact



Dennis Wadsworth at 918-786-4032 to make reservations.

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## National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting new program where young men enhance their leadership skills in the Philmont backcountry. Scouts will expand upon the team building and ethical decision making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

NAYLE uses elements of the Philmont Ranger Training as well as advanced Search and Rescue skills to teach leadership, teamwork, and the lessons of selfless service.

NAYLE will offer Scouts an unforgettable backcountry wilderness experience where they *live* leadership and teamwork, using the core elements of NYLT to make their leadership skills intuitive.

Scouts will live in a patrol setting at Rocky Mountain Scout Camp where they use their leadership skills to resolve exciting and challenging backcountry situations. The week will conclude with a closing challenge for each Scout to build upon the legacy of Waite Phillips, the benefactor of the Philmont Scout Ranch.

NAYLE will equip youth leaders to be better troop leaders, NYLT staff members and/or superior camp staff. It will help guide their journey to become true "servant leaders," able to develop all members of whichever team they lead. It provides life skills for now and the future.

More information is available on the BSA web site at <http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/nayle/index.html>. Applications are available at the Scout Office.

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## Texas A&M Aggie Eagle Program



The Aggie Eagle Program has continued to grow District by District, Council by Council. The Spring AEP is in the planning stage and will be held February 22-23, 2008. To find out about the activities that are part of the Aggie Eagle Program, check out the latest newsletter which describes some of the events that took place during the Fall AEP.

<http://www.aggiecorps.org/programs/AggieEagles/files/AEPNewsletter-Dec06.pdf>

The spring programs are always held after the February 1st deadline for applying to Texas A&M for the upcoming fall semester. **Therefore, seniors must have a completed application on file with Admissions in order to attend.**

If a Scout has not received the Eagle yet, they may still attend. Active participation in Scouting qualifies juniors and seniors for attendance. We are routinely told that many Scouts return from the AEP highly motivated to complete their Eagle project. Sea and Venture Scouts may also attend. Seeing over 300 Cadets wearing the red, white and blue Eagle ribbon over their nameplate seems to be the motivating factor.

Supported by the Aggie Eagle Post, the Spring AEP provides for a lot of interaction between the Scouts and the Cadets, something both groups seem to enjoy.

Of course, the scholarship opportunities are significant, and the chances for in state tuition even more material for an out of state Scout.

For more information about the Aggie Eagle Program, see the Aggie Eagle web site <http://www.aggiecorps.org/programs/AggieEagles/>.

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## Tulsa Trade-o-Ree February 29-March 1, 2008

Bring your scouts to the Trade-O-Ree and see displays of Scouting memorabilia from years past. At a Trade-O-Ree you can buy, sell, and trade scouting patches and other memorabilia. It is also a great place to purchase a unique gift for, Eagle Scout, husband, wife, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or that special scouter.

Scouts working on the Collections merit badge can see how collections are displayed and talk to collecting experts. There will be patches, uniforms, calendars, old books, pins, knives and many other scouting treasures. Admission is **FREE**.

The first 250 attendees will receive a special issue Ta Tsu Hwa lodge patch. For more information, check the flyer on the Council web site <http://www.cherokeebbsa.org/activities/TulsaTOR2008.pdf>

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## BSA Online Learning Center

For the Assistant Den Leader that signed up last night to veteran scouters with decades under their belt, this site provides a variety of materials, from quick references to complete courses, all designed to help



you improve your leadership skills, enhance your knowledge of scouting, and deliver a quality program.

Go here to learn more: <http://olc.scouting.org>.

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## New Boy Scout Rank Requirements Effective January 1, 2008

The BSA National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout

joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

**Tenderfoot Rank** - Revised requirement 9:

*Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.*

**Second Class Rank** - New requirement 8b:

*Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.*

**First Class Rank** - New requirement 12:

*Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.*

The changes will be represented in the 2008 *Boy Scout Requirements* book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook*.

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## Merit Badge Primer Video

The Merit Badge Primer is a video that lets you know what to do to get started earning Merit Badges. It explains the method, and gives some tips on how to work on any Merit Badge. A good resource for younger Scouts and a great reference for older ones!



Information about merit badges, including requirements, is also available.

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/mb/index.html>



Don't forget to [visit the Scout Shop!](#)

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## Quartz Mountain Nature Park

### March 29, 2008

Quartz Mountain Nature Park (Lone Wolf, OK) will be a hosting MAJOR Trash Off event on Saturday March 29th and they need your help!



They're hoping to get at least 200 scouts (both boy and girls) to come out for the event.

IF 200 scouts DO attend...camping is FREE for both Friday AND Saturday night!!

Here are some details

Opening ceremony at Group Camp at 8:45 AM (Saturday March 29th)

Trash pick up from 9:00 -11:45 AM

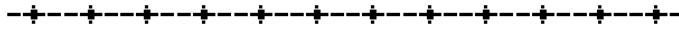
FREE lunch at noon (at Group Camp- probably hot dogs, beans & chips)

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Troop that travels the furthest
- Troop with most number of scouts attending
- Troop with greatest % of scouts attending
- Most unique trash object found

For more information, contact Sue at 405-319-8382 or [sue@quartzmountain.org](mailto:sue@quartzmountain.org)

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# *Cherokee Scouter* publication schedule

Do you have news to share? Please submit your news and information to the Cherokee Area Council. You can e-mail [webmaster@cherokeesbsa.org](mailto:webmaster@cherokeesbsa.org) .

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Issue Deadline</b>
January	December 20
February	January 24
March	February 21
April	March 20
May	April 17
June	May 22
August	July 31



## Upcoming Key Dates

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

- Dec. 5 – Popcorn money due at the Scout office
- Dec. 6 – OH District Banquet & Eagle Boards of Review
- Dec. 7 – Scout Office closed
- Dec. 7-8 – OA Lodge Leadership Development, First Presbyterian Church, Bartlesville
- Dec. 8 – OA Winter Banquet, First Presbyterian Church, Bartlesville
- Dec. 10 – Scout Office opens in new location (Quapaw & Adams)
- Dec. 13 – GL District Roundtable
- Dec. 15 – Class flyer for Winter Merit Badge Festival released
- Dec. 20 – Deadline for January issue of *Cherokee Scouter*
- Dec. 24-25 – Scout office closed
- Dec. 31 – Last day to turn in Quality Unit forms at the Scout Office
- Dec. 31 – Scout office closes at Noon
- Jan. 1 – Scout office closed
- Jan. 2 – Registration for Winter Merit Badge Festival opens
- Jan. 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- Jan. 10 – GL District Roundtable
- Jan. 19 – Scouting for Food in Bartlesville – flyer distribution
- Jan. 21 – Scout Office closed
- Jan. 26 – Scouting for Food in Bartlesville – food pickup
- Jan. 24 – Deadline for February issue of *Cherokee Scouter*
- Jan. 31 – Silver Beaver nomination forms due at Scout Office
- Jan. 31 – OH District Committee
- Feb. 3-4 – Wilderness First Aid class
- Feb. 3 – Scout Sunday
- Feb. 4 – Registration for Winter Merit Badge Festival closes
- Feb. 7 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- Feb. 8 – Friends of Scouting Annual Patron Dinner
- Feb. 8 – Scouting Anniversary
- Feb. 14 – GL District Banquet
- Feb. 16 – Winter Merit Badge Festival, Tri-County Technology Center, Bartlesville
- Feb. 18 – Scout office closed
- Feb. 21 – Deadline for March issue of *Cherokee Scouter*
- Feb. 28 – OH District Committee