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Cost for the event (which includes a small lunch) is \$10 for Scouts and \$5 for adults who want the patch and lunch. For those from out of town, troops may camp at Camp McClintock on Friday night and/or Saturday night (<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/camps/index.html>).

Registration starts at 7:30 am with the opening ceremony at 8:00. Four different sessions are held during the day, so that most Scouts will work on four merit badges. If Scouts take a couple of Eagle required and a couple of optional merit badges each year, they will progress well toward their Eagle rank requirements.

A few of the sessions require two periods (First Aid, Swimming, and Emergency Preparedness) due to the length of time to cover the requirements. A couple of sessions will cover parts of two merit badges (Hiking/Backpacking, and Family Life/Genealogy.) The event will conclude at 5:15 p.m. ending with a joint assembly for all people attending.

Registration of all attending is needed prior to February 8th, to ensure that instructors can be ready for the planned session size. All information for registration is on the Council website

(<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/wintermeritbadge/index.html>). Registration consists of a form for each Scout detailing what the first and second choice is for each session (there are 19 choices for each of the four sessions) and a form detailing the troop information. Payment is needed at the time of registration.

Some merit badges will be completed during the time at the Festival, and many will not. The Council web site details what requirements should be completed before the event, which requirements will be completed during the event, and which requirements will be done after the event.

Winter Merit Badge Festival February 16, 2008

The council Merit Badge Festival is held this year on Saturday, February 16th at the Tri-County Technical Center in Bartlesville. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn merit badges from a selection of 35 different merit badges.

Thirteen Eagle required merit badges are offered including at least one of each of the twelve merit badges required to achieve the Eagle rank. Twenty-two optional merit badges are offered.

In some cases participation will not be possible without doing the preliminary requirements (such as a swimming test prior to the swimming merit badge session, or bringing skates or a musical instrument to the skating or music merit badge sessions.) Please ensure that your Scouts are prepared for the merit badge sessions prior to attending by reviewing the information on pre-requisite requirements.

Adult training will be offered during the festival for the leaders that attend. This is a great time to get certified on some of the needed items for tour permits such as Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Leader Specific Fast Start, and Youth Protection. Other adult leader classes include:

- New Leader Essentials
- Troop Program Planning
- How to Grow Your Troop
- Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Training But Were Afraid to Ask
- Merit Badge Counseling
- COPE Course at Camp McClintock
- Climb on Safely and Trek Safely
- OA Information
- How to Keep Older Scouts
- Eagle Boards of Review
- High Adventure opportunities

Cub Leader Training for Camping with Cubs

A Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training session will be offered on February 16th at Tri-County Technical Center in

Bartlesville from 8 a.m. to Noon.

This training is meant to prepare Cub Leaders to conduct camping outings for Cub Scouts. The training is required for any Cub Scout leader who will be conducting a Cub Scout camping outing.



Cost for the training session is \$10 which includes lunch. Please register for this event by calling the Scout Office (336-9170).

Camping experiences are a tremendous boost to any Cub program. Be sure to have at least one person in your Pack attend this training so that you can have a more exciting program for your youth

District News

Grand Lake District Banquet

This year's GL District Banquet will be held at First United Methodist Church (1005 Leisure Rd) in Grove on **February 14th** at 7:00 p.m.

The Banquet will be a potluck dinner. District Scouters will be recognized. There will also be a Friends of Scouting presentation. The keynote speaker will be Curtis Zunigha.

For More Information, contact Randy Asbery, Troop 78 Scoutmaster, 918-314-9018, or Randy Wilkins, District Chairman, 918-540-4671

Grand Lake Pinewood Derby

The Grand Lake District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday **February 23rd**, at Will Rogers Middle School (504 Goodrich Blvd.) in Miami, OK. The derby is open to all cub scouts in the Grand Lake District.

Check-in/weigh-in will begin at 9:00a.m. with races to begin at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5 per scout.



Every Cub Scout who races in the Derby will receive a Grand Lake District Oklahoma Centennial Patch.

Wood Badge SR-898 September 19-21 and October 3-5

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing Leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in packs, troops, crews, districts, and the council.



Wood Badge for the 21st Century teaches the latest team leadership skills and gives each participant the opportunity to put their newly learned skills into practice through the patrol method.

This is a two weekend outdoor experience where participants will live Scouting. The first weekend is September 19-21. The second weekend is October 3-5.

The course begins at 8:00 AM on Friday morning each weekend and concludes at 5:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. The 1st weekend of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. The 2nd weekend offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help participants apply the leadership skills they have learned.

Participants must attend both weekends and participate in all sessions. In addition, participants will need to attend one or more meetings their patrol schedules between the course weekends. Finally, participants will write and complete a Ticket. The Ticket consists of five written goals. These goals connect the participant's new leadership knowledge to their role in Scouting.

Participants are invited to attend Wood Badge if they are at least 18 years of age and are a registered Scout leader. This includes Men and Women Scouters in a Pack, Troop, Crew, Team, District or Council position that have completed the basic training courses: New Leader Essentials and Position Specific for their scouting position in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venture, or Varsity Scouting.

The course fees are \$195 if paid in full before May 30, 2008. Balances paid after May 30 will be \$220. The fee covers meals for both weekends, course hat, course T-shirt, supplies, materials, camp and copyright fees.

For more information, including application forms, please see the Wood Badge SR-898 web site at <http://www.cherokeesba.org/woodbadge/index.html>.

Arrow of Light Ceremonies



Cub Scout unit leaders should contact Jonathan Harrison at 918-335-1108 or

spectrum_256@yahoo.com to schedule an Arrow of Light Ceremony at their Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet.

Council Service Center

Council staff is settling into their new digs.



The new Council Service Center includes an expanded Scout Shop and meeting space.





A new Scout Museum is also planned. An Open House will be held in the near future.

New Council Shoulder Patch

As a part of the anniversary celebrations that are leading up to the 100th anniversary celebration in 2010, the Cherokee Area Council is having a different council shoulder patch each year. In 2007, we had the Oklahoma Centennial CSP and patch set. In 2008, we have a theme of character building through the Eagle Scout program. This new CSP features an Eagle on a background of the American flag.

The Eagle represents both the Eagle Scout program in BSA and also the special connection to the bald eagle that our council has with the Sutton Aviary Center. They helped to repopulate the U.S. with the bald eagle, and this successful program resulted in the bald eagle being removed from endangered (threatened) status in 2007.



The Eagle Scout has also been an American icon in helping to move our country forward in all different aspects of community and country service as well as pioneering efforts in new fields of endeavor. This CSP

should be available shortly in the Scout Office.

Spring Camporee March 14-16, 2008

This year's Spring Camporee is scheduled for March 14-16. The location is tentatively Camp Cherokee.

More information will be published via e-mail and the Council web site (<http://www.cherokeesbsa.org>) as it becomes available.

Friends of Scouting

This is the time of year when the families of the Scouts are given the opportunity to support the council as a part of the annual FOS effort. **Each unit in the Cherokee Area Council that participates in the FOS campaign qualifies for free rank advancement patches.** It's as easy as 1-2-3. Here's how to do it!

1. Pick a date in February, March or April for a Friends of Scouting volunteer to come and give a short (10-12 minute) presentation. The best times are Blue and Gold banquets and Courts of Honor. Contact the Scout Office to schedule your FOS presentation.
2. Pick a parent or other volunteer to serve as your unit's FOS chair. This person will coordinate the campaign in your unit and ensure that every family has the opportunity to support Scouting.
3. Let the parents know the date of the presentation, put it on the front end of the agenda and promote their support and participation.

When your unit participates in the F.O.S. campaign, you will be helping to ensure a bright future for your unit and the entire Cherokee Area Council.

OA Spring Fellowship March 28-30, 2008

Washita Lodge #288 will hold its annual Spring Fellowship March 28-30 at Camp McClintock. Watch the *Washita Warrior* for full details.

2009 Sea Base Registration Closes February 15th

Now is the time to register for 2009 adventures to BSA National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys.

This is a great first adventure for Scouts, who have to be 14 by September 1, 2009, in order to attend. You can find out information on the web at their site www.bsaseabase.org/.

Sea Base has a on-line registration process with a lottery to see who gets the adventures. You must register by February 15th for these adventures to have the best chance of getting the dates you want. In order to register if your troop doesn't already have an account, you are going to need your Scout leader id number (which is on your registration card - or call the Scout Office if you don't have this handy.)



If you don't get the crew through the lottery, check their list of available adventures, as typically all of them don't get used, and some people release them when a conflict comes up for the unit.

Oklahoma Boating Education

Any person who is 12, 13, 14 or 15 years of age that operates any boat powered by a motor more than 10 horsepower, a sailboat 16 feet or greater in length or a personal watercraft is required to successfully complete a boating safety education class.

You must successfully complete a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boating safety course. If you pass the course, a card will be issued to you. Carry this card with you when operating your boat or personal watercraft.



If you are operating a motor boat or sailboat, you must have an adult 18 years of age or older on board the boat with you in a position to take control of the boat if necessary.

If you are on a personal watercraft, you must be visually supervised by an adult 18 years of age or older within 500 yards of where you are operating your personal watercraft.



The Oklahoma Highway Patrol offers a free 6-hour classroom course. Call toll free, 877-253-2820 or log on to <http://www.okboated.com/map.html> to find a course near you. Courses fill up quickly. Pre-registration is recommended.

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. 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.cherokeesba.org/activities/TulsaTOR2008.pdf>

Wilderness First Aid Training

Indian Nations Council is holding two courses of Wilderness First Aid training.

A minimum of 8 adult participants is necessary to conduct the course. The course size is limited to 20 adult participants. The fee for the course is \$40.

The first course will be held on Saturday, March 8 and 22. The second course will be held on Saturday, April 12 and 19. Both courses will be held at the Indian Nations Council Service Center in Tulsa (4295 S. Garnett).

Each participant should bring a sack lunch and a blanket. Comfortable, get-on-the-floor clothing will be the uniform of the day.



For more information and a registration form, check the Council web site

1st course
<http://www.cherokeesba.org/training/WFA+Class+1.pdf>

2nd course
<http://www.cherokeesba.org/training/WFA+Class+2.pdf>

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!!

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

Boy Scout Weekend at Silver Dollar City April 19-20, 2008

Don't miss the 10th annual **Boy Scout Weekend** at **Silver Dollar City!**

Your troops will experience 1880s America complete with a working homestead, **over 100 demonstrating craftsmen**, guided tours of Missouri's deepest cave and over 30 rides and attractions. Plus, scouts will be immersed in cultures from around the globe as **America's Largest International Festival** takes place during your trip!



Valuable achievement and merit badge opportunities will be available on Saturday (April 20), as well as a scavenger hunt and much more fun.

For more information, call 800-417-7770 or see the Silver Dollar City web site <http://www.silverdollarcity.com>.

ArrowCorps5 Summer 2008



This summer the Order of the Arrow (OA), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, will conduct five national service projects in a program dubbed ArrowCorps5. Five thousand physically fit OA members (both youth and adults) are being recruited to set an example of service leadership for those who value our national forests.

The National Order of the Arrow Committee and key sponsors will fund these projects. Participants will pay a \$250 fee to help pay for accommodations, meals, and a full day of recreational activities during the projects.

Dates and locations are:

- ▶ Mark Twin National Forest, MO, June 7-14

- ▶ Manti-La Sal National Forest, UT, June 14-21
- ▶ George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, VA, June 21-28
- ▶ Shasta-Trinity National Forest, CA, July 12-19
- ▶ Bridger-Teton National Forest, WY, July 26-August 2

For more information, go to <http://event.oa-bsa.org>

Centennial Quality Awards Program

The Centennial Quality Awards program is designed to recognize units, districts, councils, areas, and regions in achieving excellence in providing a quality program to a growing youth population in America at all levels of the Boy Scouts of America.



Units can find information about the 2008 implementation at

<http://www.scouting.org/awards/centennial/index.html>

Jamboree 2010

Check out the Jamboree 2010 promotional video for a little shot of adrenaline. The 100th Anniversary of BSA is not that far off, so start planning for the time of your life!

<http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/2010/>

2008 Early Rank Requirement Changes

Several Boy Scout rank requirements have been updated for 2008. Visit our Boy Scout Advancement and Awards page online to learn what they are before you purchase your new editions.

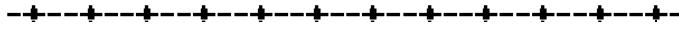
<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/index.html>



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 .

Issue	Issue Deadline
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.

- Feb. 7 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- Feb. 8 – Registration for Winter Merit Badge Festival closes
- 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
- Mar. 1 – OA Tribal Council
- Mar. 6 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- Mar. 13 – GL District Roundtable
- Mar. 14-16 – Spring Camporee
- Mar. 20 – Deadline for April issue of *Cherokee Scouter*
- Mar. 21 – Scout Office closed
- Mar. 25 – Council Banquet
- Mar. 27 – OH District Committee
- Mar. 28-30 – OA Spring Fellowship
- Apr. 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- Apr. 10 – GL District Roundtable
- Apr. 12 – BALOO
- Apr. 17 – Deadline for May issue of *Cherokee Scouter*
- Apr. 24 - OH District Committee
- Apr. 25-27 – OA Section Conclave, Will Rogers Scout Camp
- May 1 - OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- May 8 - GL District Roundtable
- May 9-10 – Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Training at Camp McClintock
- May 22 – Deadline for June issue of *Cherokee Scouter*
- May 29 - OH District Committee
- June 4-6 – OH District Cub Day Camp
- June 5 - OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, & OA Chapter meeting
- June 11-13 – GL District Cub Day Camp
- June 26 – OH District Committee