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distributed at the September Roundtable.

Key dates

- Popcorn sale begins – Sept. 14
- Orders due at the Scout Office – Oct. 23 BY NOON
- Prize Orders due at the Scout Office – Oct. 23 BY NOON
- Incentive Forms due at the Scout Office – Oct. 23 BY NOON
- Popcorn Pickup
 - Grand Lake District – Nov. 9 at Roundtable
 - Osage Hills District- Nov. 10
- Money due at the Scout Office – Dec. 6

Payments received after Dec. 6 will result in an additional 5% loss in commission for each week.

Winter Merit Badge Festival

January 13, 2007

Note the date change for the annual Winter Merit Badge Festival.

Washita Lodge Fall Fellowship

September 24-26, 2006

Fall Fellowship will be held at Camp McClintock. Cost is \$20 if received at the Scout Office by Sept. 17. After Sept. 17 or on-site, registration cost is \$25.

The [registration form](#) can be found on the Lodge web site.

2006 Unit Popcorn Sale

Materials for this year's Unit Popcorn sale were



Cub Scout Fall Festival

October 14, 2006

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to the 2006 Cub Scout Fall Festival to be held at Camp McClintock.

Activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with BBs, archery, fishing, and crafts during the day. Equipment will be provided; however, participants may bring their own fishing gear if they wish. There will be a fishing contest for the largest fish caught by a Cub Scout.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. At dark (approximately 7:00 p.m.), the House of Mystery will open. Other evening activities will include the Wilderness Wagon, games, and treats.

During the evening there will also be a HUGE bonfire and a costume contest with fun prizes.

All this FUN for only \$5 per person if units register by October 6 at the Scout Office. Cost will be \$8 per person at the gate.

Packs should register as a unit. The [registration form](#) can be found on the Council web site.

Fall Camporee

November 3-5, 2006

Fall Camporee will be held at Camp McClintock.

Advance registration is \$5 per person and troops should register as a unit. A [registration form](#) can be found on the Council web site.

Camp sites will be assigned in the order registrations are received. Cost at the gate is \$7.50 per person.

Units should check in at the dining hall as soon as they arrive at camp. **Troops will be turned away if they do not have a tour permit.**

The [rules for Camp McClintock](#) and the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) will be strictly followed.

The [Camporee timetable](#) is available on the Council web site. Rules for events will be released at the October District Roundtables.

Second year Webelos are invited to attend this event with a host troop. Webelos attending will have the opportunity to observe and participate in most of the events. Webelos will need troop leadership with them at all times.

This is a rain or shine event. Please **BE PREPARED** for any weather.

New Shower Facility at McClintock

Construction has begun at Camp McClintock. The facility will have individual unisex showers and toilet facilities. In the center of the building will be a storm shelter in the case of dangerous weather. This facility should be completed sometime in October.

The Wood Badge course has prompted some updates and upgrades to the other facilities as well, including interior painting of the Palace of Moo, updating kitchen equipment, pouring of a new Moo patio, new light weight tables in Moo, and a much needed cleaning of Moo, the Cub Cabin, and the rock house.

Thanks to the Wood Badge staff and others who have helped get this ready for the course. We will have several United Way Day of Caring groups working at the camp over the next couple of weeks, too.

Be on the lookout for even more improvements in coming weeks!

Washita Lodge attends NOAC

Fifteen youth and five adult members of the Washita Lodge attended the biennial National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) July 29 through August 3, held at Michigan State University in East Lansing. In addition, three members of the Washita Lodge served on NOAC staff.

In route to NOAC, the Lodge contingent stopped for lunch at Bass Pro in Springfield, Missouri, at Cahokia Mounds, Missouri, the biggest Native American mound site in North America, and at Lincoln's home in Springfield, Illinois.

This year's theme of the conference was "The Legend Lives". Classes included Leadership skills and Native American Training.

The closing ceremony was accompanied by a fireworks show and an ice cream social. A thunderstorm passing over East Lansing kept the fun going inside for an extra hour.

On Founder's Day, each lodge brought things that represented their areas or lodges to share with other NOAC participants. Our Lodge brought Tatonka Poo... don't ask.. and got quite a few comments and smiles.

The Lodge ceremonies team and museum presentation received honors, and to top things off the Lodge also won the Spirit award fourth time in a row. Way to go!

The next NOAC will be held 2009 at Indiana University.

Wood Badge Course SR749, Camp McClintock

Thirty-seven participants and eighteen plus staffers came away with what has been aptly described by a Scouting spouse as a "Scouting High". One can only imagine what the second weekend will bring!

The course provides participants with an excellence in leadership training that will serve them well both personally and within the scouting program.



During the next few weeks each participant will establish five self-assigned goals designed to promote application of the skills learned in the course. Upon completion of the goals over the next 18 months, participants will be awarded the Wood Badge neckerchief, beads and Woggle which are recognized within the Scouting

community, world wide as symbols of excellence in leadership and dedication to the Scouting program.

Thank you participants, staff, and your families for the time and energy you are putting into this training program. Scouting in Cherokee Area Council will benefit immensely from Wood Badge Course SR-749 for years to come. We are looking forward to seeing each of you again as Troop 1 Gilwell assembles September 29 for its final weekend of training.

Bob Crume receives OA Distinguished Service Award

Special congratulations go out to Bob Crume as one of the newest recipients of the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award.



The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the lodge level. The award is presented to those Arrowmen who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis.

Bob was presented with this honor at NOAC, and although he is currently a member of Mikanakawa Lodge 101 in Dallas, he received this award and this recognition proudly wearing the flap of Washita Lodge!

Rocking T Trail Ride to Benefit Washington County SPCA

October 7, 2006

Another [Rocking T trail ride](#) will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at the Rocking T Ranch, on Highway 11 east of Barnsdall.

Proceeds will benefit the Washington County SPCA in their mission to care for the homeless animals in Washington County.

For more information, check the [WCSPCA web site](http://WCSPCA.org) or contact Anita Stepp at akstepp@wcspca.org or 918-336-1577.

Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council Conclave

October 5-7, 2006

The [Conclave](#) is the premier event of the [Federation of Flyfishers Southern Council](#), held each year in Mountain Home, Arkansas. This year the event will focus on youth activities.



Scouts and Scouters are invited. There will be special programs to help any Scout work towards earning the Fly Fishing merit badge.

All Scouts and Scouters in uniform will be admitted FREE (a \$15 value!) to the show.

Please [pre-register](#) so that there will be enough instructors on hand.

There will be camp sites close to the Conclave location for any one that might be interested in camping out. Please contact Dennis Slane at 471-883-5057 or DennisSlane@mchsi.com to arrange for a camp site.

The [Southern Council web site](#) also includes a listing of affiliated fly fishing clubs. Scout leaders may contact a local club about help to earn the Fly Fishing merit badge.

OSU Cowboy Eagle Program

November 28, 2006

Oklahoma State University and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions are preparing for the inaugural of the Cowboy Eagles program on Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

This special program is designed to recognize seniors who have excelled academically at their respective high schools and achieved the highest rank with the BSA, the Eagle Scout.

The Cowboy Eagles program will be a showcase of leadership and scholarship development at Oklahoma State University and an exciting opportunity for Eagle Scouts to interact with fellow Eagle Scouts and Scouters serving on the faculty and staff at OSU.

In addition to information about admission to Oklahoma State University, the Cowboy Eagles program will provide details about services available through the Office of Scholar Development and Recognition and the Office of Leadership Development.

Students will also learn more about their chosen degree programs and leadership activities from the faculty and staff at OSU's six academic colleges.

Highlighting the Cowboy Eagles program will be an "Opportunities Showcase" that will feature a key note speech by an outstanding OSU Eagle Scout. This student will provide a personal description of the academic and scholastic excellence that is an integral part of Oklahoma State University.

A reception will end the day, where students will be able to visit personally with OSU faculty, administrators, and fellow Eagle Scouts in an informal setting.

The recurring theme through the day will focus on how academic excellence and leadership success can be achieved at Oklahoma State University.

More information will be available on the [Cowboy Eagles 2006 web site](#).



Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers and their adult leadership are invited to visit the [Oklahoma Aquarium](#) on the Arkansas River in Jenks.

The [Oklahoma Aquarium](#) hosts special Scout days, offering discount admission to Scouts and their adult leadership. Scouts who are in their uniforms or carrying their organization membership cards on special Scout days are eligible for the discount.

The Scout Day hours are typically from 10:00 am until 6:00 p.m., with the last ticket sold at 5:00 p.m.

Prices: Under 3: Free | Youth 3-12: \$7.00 plus tax | Adult: \$10.00 plus tax. Please confirm current pricing directly with the Oklahoma Aquarium.

Adults must be accompanying a youth organization member; maximum of one adult per child admitted at discounted price.

The Oklahoma Aquarium's Junior Marine Biologist badges may be earned by fulfilling requirements that will be available at the Aquarium that day.

Scheduled dates are:

October 20, 2006
January 6, 2007
May 28, 2007
August 7, 2007
October 19, 2007

For additional information on [scheduled Scout days](#), check out the Oklahoma Aquarium website, or contact Sasha in the Education Department at (918) 528-1513 for more information.

When Tradition Meets Tomorrow

BSA's 2006-2010 Strategic Plan

Culminating in the BSA's centennial year, the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan is designed to help Scouting meet the

changing needs of a changing society, bridging the gap between an honored past and a dynamic future.

"**2010: When Tradition Meets Tomorrow**" is a set of strategies, tactics, and goals that emphasize that Scouting's mission and principles have not changed, but its methods must adapt to meet the needs of time.



The plan serves as a road map for local councils to develop their own strategic plans and will prepare Scouting for a second 100 years of continuing to help define the fabric of American culture.

The plan is based on five pillars, supported by specific, measurable goals:

- **Increase membership opportunities.** Increase new members and units and improve member retention.
- **Recruit more volunteers.** Increase the number of leaders at all levels of Scouting by adding one million new volunteers, resulting in more Quality Councils, Districts, and Units.
- **Ensure financial security.** Ensure that every council is fiscally sound; increase local councils' unrestricted endowment funds and net assets.
- **Identify and strengthen relationships.** Increase the number of chartered organizations; identify national and regional sources for funding the strategic plan's phases.
- **Place the right people in the right positions.** Increase the number of youth-serving executives and minority and female professionals; improve employee retention.

While many tactics will be initiated immediately and implemented throughout the plan's five years, one pillar will be highlighted each year:

- **2006:** research, to better understand how to reach young people and their parents and how to deliver a quality Scouting experience to them; the findings will serve as a basis for many initiatives over the next five years.

- **2007:** a focus on helping every local council become fiscally sound.
- **2008:** a salute to Scouting's volunteers, with a goal of engaging one million new leaders.
- **2009:** a salute to chartered organizations and other strategic alliances while highlighting Scouting's tradition of service.
- **2010:** a celebration of the BSA's 100th anniversary.



For several months, the BSA Official Catalog web site has been running specials and promotions that are only available to those who opt-in to the Scoutstuff.org email subscription at scoutstuff.org. In the past, we've given away free back-packs, tents, sleeping bags and offered free ground shipping.

If you're not taking advantage of these great opportunities, you should consider subscribing by logging into your scoutstuff.org account and changing your setting ([Click here to log in](#)).

You won't want to miss the promotions that are coming this fall!

New Patch Promotes Duty to God

PRAY's "Duty to God Promotion Patch" is a tool to help promote religious emblems of all faiths.

Only one segment of the puzzle patch is available in any give year.

Attend a presentation on religious emblems

Make a commitment to "Duty to God"

And you earn this patch!

Scouts are encouraged to each all four segments.



Visit www.praypub.org for information, presentation resources, including a video.

Upcoming Key Dates

- Sept. 14 – Roundtable and Popcorn Kickoff
- Sept. 22-24 – OA Fall Fellowship, Camp McClintock
- Sept. 28 – OH District Committee
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – Wood Badge, Camp McClintock
- Oct. 5 OH District Roundtable, First Presbyterian Church, Bartlesville
- Oct. 5 – New Leader Essentials Training, First Presbyterian Church, Bartlesville
- Oct. 12 – GL District Roundtable, Camp Cherokee
- Oct. 14 – Cub Scout Fall Festival
- Oct. 23 – Popcorn Orders, Prize Orders, and Inventive Froms due at Scout Office BY NOON
- Oct. 26 – OH District Committee
- Noc. 2 – OH District Roundtable
- Nov. 2 – Cub Scout Leader Training, First Presbyterian Church, Bartlesville
- Nov. 3-5 – Fall Camporee
- Nov. 5 – OA Tribal Council, Vinita
- Nov. 9 – GL District Roundtable and Popcorn distribution
- Nov. 10 – OH District Popcorn distribution
- Nov. 10-11 – OA Vigil
- Nov. 18 – OA Service Day
- Nov. 23-24 – Scout Office closed
- Nov. 30 – OH District Roundtable
- Dec. 6 – Popcorn money due at Scout Office
- Dec. 7 – OH District Banquet
- Dec. 8-9 – OA Lodge Leadership Development
- Dec. 9 – OA Winter Banquet
- Dec. 14 – GL District Roundtable
- Dec. 25-26 – Scout Office closed