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Council Calendar

Osage Hills District Roundtable

Scouts BSA - First Thursday of the month at the Scout Office, August through May

Grand Lake District Roundtable

2nd Thursday of the month, August through May

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

Friday-Saturday, November 11-12, 2022

[OA Vigil Weekend](#)

Saturday, November 19, 2022

[Electronics MB Workshop - Bartlesville](#)

Saturday, November 19, 2022

[Electronics Plus Workshop - Bartlesville](#)

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

[Take Order Invoice Due](#)

It's time to Recharter!



The annual unit rechartering process is online again this year.

The rechartering process is open now and must be completed no later than December 9th.

Need help? Check out the [online resources](#) on BSA's website.

Questions? Contact Tiffany Cook, the council's registrar.



Miller Pecans Turn In Dates

There are three remaining dates when order forms can be turned in to the Scout office for delivery the following week:

Turn in the form by: **for Delivery on:**
12/2/22 **12/9/22**

Please turn in the money for the orders when the order form is turned in.

PLEASE NOTE: Once the unit has received the product, the unit is responsible for keeping the chocolate cool so it doesn't melt.

Questions? Contact Diana at the Scout office.

OA Vigil Weekend

When: Friday, November 11th at 7:30 PM until Saturday, November 12th at 8:00 AM

Where: Camp McClintock

Who: All Vigil Arrowmen

Dinner will be Steak, Chicken, potatoes, and green beans. Dessert will also be provided.

Dinner and fellowship will be by donation. Money from this will help pay for new vigil members' fees and blankets.



**Wednesday-Friday,
November 23-25, 2022**
Scout Office closed

Friday, December 2, 2022
[Miller Pecans - turn in order form for delivery 12/9/2022](#)

Saturday, December 3, 2022
[Popcorn \\$1,200 Party](#)

Tuesday, December 6, 2022
[Take Order Prize Portal Closes](#)

Saturday, December 10, 2022
[Electronics MB Workshop - Vinita](#)

Saturday, December 10, 2022
[Electronics Plus Workshop - Vinita](#)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Annual Meeting

Friday, December 23, 2022
Scout Office closed

Monday, December 26, 2022
Scout Office closed

**Tuesday-Thursday,
December 27-29, 2022**
[Winter Camp](#) at Camp McClintock

Friday, December 30, 2022
Scout Office closed

Monday, January 2, 2023
Scout Office closed

Fri.-Sat., Jan. 6-7, 2023
[OA Lodge Leadership Development](#)

Saturday, January 7, 2023
[OA Winter Banquet](#)

Monday, January 16, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Saturday, February 11, 2023
[Scouting for Food](#)

Please [register](#) so we have enough food for everyone.



Electronics Merit Badge Workshops

Complete all the requirements for the Electronics merit Badge

Learn about transistors, resistors, schematics, LEDs, capacitors, soldering, control circuits, printed circuit boards, and meters.

Class A uniforms, please! Class size for all workshops is limited!

OSAGE HILLS DISTRICT

When: Saturday, November 19, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Where: Scout Service Center, 520 S. Quapaw, Bartlesville

Siemens is providing project materials and lunch. IEEE is providing soldering kits for the merit badge workshop

Register here for the [Electronics merit badge workshop](#) in Bartlesville

Registration closes Wednesday, November 16th at Noon.

GRAND LAKE DISTRICT

When: Saturday, December 10, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Where: First United Methodist Church, 314 W. Canadian Ave., Vinita

NE OK Cooperative and BOLT Fiber Optic Services are providing project materials and lunch. IEEE is providing soldering kits for the merit badge workshop.

Register here for the [Electronics merit badge workshop](#) in Vinita

Registration closes Wednesday, December 7th at Noon.



Sunday, February 12, 2023
[Scout Sunday](#)

Thursday, February 16, 2023
[Council Calendar Planning](#)

Saturday, February 18, 2023
[GL Pinewood Derby](#)

Monday, February 20, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Executive Board meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2023
[Friends of Scouting Patron Reception](#)

Saturday, March 4, 2023
[Merit Badge Festival](#)

Thursday, March 9, 2023
[GL District Banquet](#)

Fri.-Sun., March 24-26, 2023
[Spring Camporee](#)

Friday, April 7, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Executive Board meeting

Fri.-Sun., April 14-16, 2023
[OA Spring Fellowship and Ordeal](#)

Saturday, April 22, 2023
[Earth Day Volunteer Event](#)

Saturday, May 6, 2023
[Scouts Trash the Trash Day](#)

Monday, May 29, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, May 30, 2023
[Council Banquet](#)

Friday, June 2, 2023
[Council Golf Tournament](#)

Fri.-Sat., June 2-3, 2023
[OA Summer Ordeal](#)

Wed.-Fri., June 7-9, 2023
[OH Cub Scout Day Camp](#)

Electronics Plus Workshops

Already have the Electronics merit badge? Ready for the challenge of a more complex project? Sign up for the Electronics Plus workshop. All supplies and tools will be provided.

Class A uniforms, please! Class size for all workshops is limited!

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Earth Day 2023 Volunteer Event

When: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Where: Phillips 66 downtown parking lot and District 2 County Barn in Dewey

What: During the event, residents line up in their vehicles to drop off their hazardous waste at each location.



Wed.-Fri., June 14-16, 2023

[GL Cub Scout Day Camp](#)

Wednesday-Friday,

July 19-28, 2023

[National Scout Jamboree](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Executive Board meeting

Monday, September 4, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 22-24, 2023

[Fall Camporee](#)

Fri-Sun, Sep. 29-Oct. 1, 2023

[Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills \(IOLS\)](#)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

[Executive Board meeting](#)

Fri.-Sun., October 13-15

[OA Fall Fellowship and Ordeal](#)

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22-24, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Executive Board and Annual Meeting

Monday, December 25, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

About 130 volunteers are needed on the day of the event to help move the waste from the vehicles to the waste vendor's sorting area.

Safety is a top priority so all personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves, will be provided during the event, along with breakfast and/or lunch.

The minimum age for volunteers is 16. Volunteers from 16-18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Sign-up [HERE](#) to volunteer!



Dutch Oven Pumpkin Pie

Featured in the March-April 2019 issue of Scouting magazine, this user-submitted [recipe](#) for pumpkin pie makes for the perfect fall treat.

Hiking Merit Badge Requirements Update



Several requirement changes have been approved to the Hiking merit badge. These will become effective on January 1, 2023.

Requirement 2 has been expanded into three parts, to allow Scouts to thoroughly demonstrate an understanding of the importance of good hiking practices and etiquette. It now includes more emphasis on Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code, which are core principles of Scouting and should be introduced and reviewed when beginning to work on this merit badge:

Requirement 4 After reviewing feedback from the field and discussions from both merit badge counselors and professional organization representatives, requirements 4 and 5 were merged and updated. The new requirement has Scouts complete four 10-mile hikes and one 20-mile hike, as opposed to the previous one 5-mile, three 10-mile, and one 15-mile hike. It has also been written for clarity.

Requirement 6 became requirement 5 and replaced the word "reflection" with "report" as some Scouts may be unclear about what is meant by a "reflection", but are more likely to know what

is expected in a report. Additionally, it clarifies what should be included for each hike, not just a final report of all.

All of the requirements for the [HIKING merit badge](#) can be found on the BSA website.



Merit Badge Interactions and Youth Protection

Merit Badges are one of the lynchpins of the Scouting movement. Without merit badges, Scouting might simply be a series of campouts and meetings without advancement and thus with minimal goals or aims in mind.

While we do not need to explain why merit badges are so important to Scouting, there appears to be some confusion as to how the actual merit badge counseling sessions should be handled.

Youth Protection Guidelines, in particular, must be reinforced to counselors who may be either unaware or untrained in how to protect our Scout youth. Especially in our new world of Zoom and online counseling, it's important to strictly follow these guidelines so our youth continue to be protected and parents can feel that their children are safely earning merit badges in the Scouting program.

The question becomes, what is the foundation of Youth Protection in merit badge counseling? Well, it is **Two Deep Leadership**, which means that there should be a second registered leader or parent in the room or on the phone or computer any time a merit badge counseling session is occurring.

The **Buddy System** is also a key tenet of the merit badge program which means two Scouts or more are participating in the merit badge counseling session. This starts with a series of verbal "upfront contracts, between the counselor, the Scout, and a parent before any counseling session commences." It is important that all participants follow the Youth Protection Guidelines before any Scout begins their merit badge.

Youth Protection applies to any merit badge class at camp, troop meetings, a merit badge college, or

merit badge expo where many Scouts are working at earning merit badges at the same time.

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