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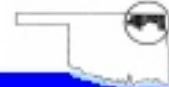


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January 9, 2023

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Scout Service Center closed

Monday, January 16

SCOUT DAY AT THE NATIONAL WWI MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL

\$5 admission on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023

The worldwide Scouting movement was born in the years leading up to the Great War. Continue



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](#)

Monday, January 16, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Saturday, January 28, 2023
[Wilderness & Remote First Aid](#)

Sunday, January 29, 2023
[Wilderness & Remote First Aid](#)

Saturday, February 4, 2023
[OH Scouting for Food](#)

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

the long connection between WWI and Scouting with Scout Day at the Museum and Memorial!

- General Admission tickets for \$5 will be available (online and onsite) to all Scouts and Scout Leaders. **Scouts and Scout Leaders must be in uniform to receive discounted admission.**
- Adult chaperones are required. At least one adult per 10 children (14 and younger). An adult leader must accompany Scouts to the Tower and to the Museum Store.

This event is made possible through the generous support of Dr. Doug and Barbara Cusick and the Family.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#)



BSA Requirements Update

BSA has released information on the updates to rank requirements and merit badges, plus a few minor changes to the "Special Opportunities."

The 2023 Scouts-BSA Requirements book should be available soon. and BSA has updated the <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/> website with PDF files showing the current requirements.

The changes to rank requirements are basically the ones that were announced last June, and took effect on August 1, 2022, for Scout through Life ranks, and on July 1, 2022, for Eagle.

The merit badge requirements changes are listed on this web page:
<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

There are changes to the requirements for 30 merit badges, but more than half of them have minor changes affecting very few requirements.

A detailed listing showing exactly what changed for each rank and badge is available at <http://usscouts.org/advance/changes/advchanges23.asp>.

The merit badge workbooks have also been revised to conform to the current requirements. Scouts that started work using the previous

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
[Friends of Scouting Patron Dinner](#)

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](#)

requirements can still continue to use those requirements, and those requirements are still available to view, and the workbooks for those requirements are also still available.

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training



Washington County Red Cross is again offering Wilderness First Aid.

Wilderness First aid is a 16-hour training course, which is now **required by BSA for Philmont and other backwoods activities**. The course also offers enhanced content to meet OSHA's *Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training Programs*.

Wilderness and Remote First Aid training is also strongly suggested anytime a group is more than 20 minutes from Professional Medical help.

This course includes instruction, participant interaction, and many scenarios. **Participants should be at least 14 years old**. Knowledge of First Aid and Current CPR is a prerequisite for this class.

The cost for this Course is \$60. We will have a short break for lunch, not included in the course pricing. Our location is near multiple fast-food restaurants or you could bring a sack lunch. A \$15.00 discount will be available for those that do not need the Wilderness and Remote First aid Reference guides.

The course will be held in Bartlesville -- January 28 and January 29. The class will start at 8:30 am and be completed before 6:30 pm each day. **You must attend both classes to complete the course.**

A 25-question test requiring an 80% or better and satisfactory completion of all skills are required for completion.

The class will be **limited to the first 24 participants**. For further information and to sign up, email Charles Lewis at charlielewis@yahoo.com.

Registration will end on January 24th.

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

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023
[Sky Trail Adventure Run](#)

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

2024 Sea Base Registration



Registration will go live to the general public at 9:00 am EST on January 18, 2023.

Ocean Adventures Await.

Sea Base Registration is first come, first served. Open Registration is not a lottery-- Reservation is immediate.

Before Open Registration, ensure the leader registering is able to log into their [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) account without difficulty.

[Sea Base Adventure Descriptions](#)

[2024 High Adventure Registration Checklist \(PDF\)](#)

1. Review and confirm that your unit meets the eligibility requirements for Sea Base Adventures.

[Sea Base Eligibility](#)

2. Log in to your my.scouting account and verify your contact information.

3. Discuss a range of options for your unit, in case the first choice is not available when you log in to register.

[Sea Base Fees & Availability](#)

4. On January 18, 2023, click the link in the email sent to you the day before to begin registration.

[2024 Reservations](#)



Order of the Arrow Washita Lodge Lodge Leadership Development Conference and Winter Banquet

The Council's Order of the Arrow Washita Lodge recently held its annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) conference and Winter Banquet.

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is the primary training program for local lodges, providing lodge leadership with the skills needed to plan and run a successful lodge program. The

LLD program is designed to equip lodges with the tools to stimulate creative ideas and develop lasting solutions that will enable and enhance growth.

A part of the Lodge Leadership Development conference is Tribal Council (TC). Participants in Tribal Council include all lodge and chapter officers and chairmen. Adult Advisors assist the youth officers and chairmen to conduct an effective Tribal Council.

At this year's Tribal Council held as part of LLD, youth members voted to increase lodge dues from \$15 a year to \$20 a year. The dues increase is needed to ensure the lodge can cover its expenses during the coming year.

Arrowmen can pay annual dues on the [council website](#) or at the Scout office. The current year and up to three (3) years of dues can be paid.

WINTER BANQUET

Winter Banquet is Washita Lodge's annual event to recognize outstanding Arrowmen, youth and adults, for their service to the Lodge, Order of the Arrow, and the Council. The following Arrowmen were recognized at this year's Winter Banquet.

- Arrowman of the Year – Preston Coppedge
- Distinguished Service – Ryck Quillen
- OA Founder's Award – Cayleb Delcour and Jessica Hines
- Outstanding Kitchen Helper – Todd Deakins

In addition, the 2022 Vigil class was recognized – Cayleb Delcour, Kabe Huggins, Jessica Hines, and Doug Patterson.

Tribal Council also voted to award a James E. West to the lodge advisor, Kenneth Roark.



Merit Badge Festival

When: Saturday, March 4

Where: Tri-County Tech, Bartlesville

Two-step registration process:

1. Register online BY UNIT the number of youth, paid adults, and non-paid adults who will be attending. Pay via credit card.
2. Select merit badges for each youth via a spreadsheet that will be available later this week.

The Eagle-required merit badges that will be taught include:

- Camping
- Citizenship in Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communication
- Cooking
- Environmental Science
- Emergency Preparedness
- First Aid
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management

In addition, 18 other merit badges will be taught including:

- American Heritage
- Aviation
- Chemistry
- Disabilities Awareness
- Electricity
- Health Care Professions
- Indian Lore
- Law
- Mining in Society
- Painting
- Photography
- Plumbing
- Pulp & Paper
- Scouting Heritage
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation
- Weather
- Woodwork

Check the council calendar later this week for the link to register unit headcount and download the registration spreadsheet.

Earth Day 2023 Volunteer Event

When: Saturday, April 22



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.

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!

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