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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

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Scout Service Center closed

Monday, January 16

Monday, January 16, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Saturday, January 28, 2023
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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

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

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

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

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

Monday, February 20, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Executive Board meeting

Saturday, February 25, 2023
[NRA Range Safety Officer Training](#)

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

Thursday, March 2, 2023
[Council Calendar Planning](#)

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

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

Saturday, March 11, 2023
[Rifle Shooting Merit Badge](#)

Saturday, March 18, 2023
[Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge](#)

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](#)

Fri.-Sun., May 5-7, 2023
[OA Section Conclave](#)

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.

Saturday, May 6, 2023

[Scouts Trash the Trash Day](#)

Sat.-Sun., May 13-14, 2023

[Climbing Instructor Level 2 Training](#)

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](#)

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



Climbing Instructor Training

Monday, December 25, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

LEVEL 1

When: Saturday, February 4, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Camp McClintock

This class is required before Climbing Instructor Level 2.

Participants will learn the purpose of the Climbing/Rappelling program --- Responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor --- How to belay, climb, rappel, and spot. --- Use of the equipment in the climbing program --- How to tie knots and hitches used in the climbing program --- Learn anchor points and systems.

LEVEL 2

When: Saturday, May 13-14, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Camp McClintock

Cost: \$40

Completion of Climbing Instructor Level 1 is a prerequisite.

Participants will learn the purpose of the Climbing/Rappelling program --- Responsibilities of a Climbing Instructor --- How to belay, climb, rappel, and spot. --- Use of the equipment in the climbing program --- How to tie knots and hitches used in the climbing program --- Learn anchor points and systems. --- Upon successful completion, the Level 2 instructor will be able to conduct and lead unit climbing activities on the climbing

To register for either class, contact [David Cole](#).

Merit Badge Festival



When: Saturday, March 4

Where: Tri-County Tech, Bartlesville

Two-step registration process:

1. Register online [HERE BY UNIT](#) the number of youth, paid adults, and non-paid adults who will be attending.

2. Select merit badges for each youth via a spreadsheet that will be sent once online registration is completed.

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



A Scout is Reverent

For every advancement rank, one of the required items is to tell how you have done YOUR Duty to God. Of

course, this is not about any one religion but about a youth's own religious duty. Thus, we need to make sure that the program in our unit has opportunities for this to happen in a natural way.

Scouting abounds with many such opportunities: for adventure, for fun, and for the chance to explore new things. One of those opportunities is the chance to learn about "A Scout is Reverent."

At unit Scouting events we say grace at meals. At summer camp we say grace at meals in the dining hall. At District and Council events we have religious services at the appropriate times, and we invite local religious leaders to come and conduct these services. At the National Scouting Jamboree, worship services are held at venues throughout the Jamboree and in each subcamp. Being with 500 youth at a hillside worship service is a sight to behold and is spiritually uplifting.

Many of our units are chartered to churches. Scout Sunday is annually an opportunity for our youth to worship together.

We need to make sure that our young people have an opportunity to learn about THEIR Duty to God.

20 tips for planning and hosting the best Pinewood Derby



The “why” of Pinewood Derby needs little explanation. You do it because it’s the perfect combination of cars, competition, and character-building fun. But as for the “how,” we’ve got you covered.

Before race day

1. Maintain perspective. Pinewood Derby shouldn’t be all about racing, and it’s certainly not all about trophies or ribbons. It’s really about the close parent-child bonding that takes place throughout the process of designing and building a Pinewood Derby car.

2. Delegate responsibilities. Split volunteers into four teams:

- The Track Crew to handle setup, testing, and racing. This team includes scorekeepers, a referee, and a master of ceremonies.
- The Pit Crew does check-in and pre-race inspection.
- The Activities Crew keeps youth busy when they aren’t racing.
- The Food Crew? It might have the most important job of all.

3. Establish rules. This isn’t NASCAR. There are no national Pinewood Derby rules, so packs are free to set their own. With that said, if your district or council hosts a derby and you want to send

your pack's winners, you'll need to follow their rules on car length, width, weight, and wheel construction.

4. Host a car-making workshop. A few weeks before race day, plan an evening of car-building fun. Bring power tools (adults only) for the big cuts and handheld instruments for smaller refinements. Make it a come-and-go affair where families show up for an hour or two and leave with a car that's 80 percent ready, lacking only paint. Bring the official pack scale.

5. Hold an inspection event. Consider moving check-in to a few nights before the race to make the day of the race run more smoothly. Cars can be weighed, OK'd, and then impounded in a special locked case.

6. Gather materials. The track, a battery-powered finish gate with red and white lights to show which car won; and trophies.

7. Establish a timing system. Using an electronic timer system with race management software can be pricey, but investing in a similar system will result in better race-day operations.

8. Use racing software. A Google search for "Pinewood Derby software" results in several paid — and free — solutions for scheduling software that gives every car a turn down each lane. Winners are determined by the total time of all four runs — eliminating lane variations as a factor.

9. Determine awards categories. Recognizing the three fastest cars in each division (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos) is obvious, but the Pinewood Derby is about more than speed. Reward creativity and craftsmanship with awards like Most Colorful, Best Paint Job, and Most Patriotic. But don't go overboard. No more than 60 percent of the Scouts should leave with an award. Those who walk away empty-handed do, in fact, leave with a valuable lesson.

10. Recruit judges. This is a great way to involve your chartered organization. Ask your chartered organization representative to select a judging panel, and be sure families see the list of design categories well in advance.

11. Find some Boy Scouts. The Pinewood Derby is a uniquely Cub Scout event, but Boy Scouts can serve refreshments, keep the chaos down, and lead songs and skits. A great job for den chiefs: car handling. They can place them on the track at

the beginning of each heat and carry them back to the pits after.

12. Buy (or make) awards.

13. Encourage (the right amount of) parental involvement. Some cars look like the Cub Scout got a little too much help from Mom or Dad. But the opposite is just as bad. The point is for a parent and son to bond over the shared experience.

On race day

14. Decorate the space. The Pinewood Derby isn't a regular pack meeting, and it shouldn't look like one.

15. Recruit last-minute volunteers. Count on having plenty of volunteers available for smaller tasks on race day. And who knows? Your next Cubmaster could be among them.

16. Have spare parts on hand. A lost or broken car could ruin a Cub Scout's experience, so come prepared.

17. Serve food. A hungry Cub Scout is a grumpy Cub Scout.

18. Don't be too strict. Use rules to ensure a fair race, but don't let them get in the way of fun.

19. Keep it moving. Consider the age-old showmanship motto: Leave them wanting more.

20. Watch for ultra-competitive parents. Surprise! Parents can get a little spirited at the Pinewood Derby. Ideally, you've reminded them the event is for the Cub Scouts, not them. Still not enough? Offer a parents' division with less restrictive rules to help redirect that competitive spirit.



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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GL District Facebook

OH District Facebook