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Cherokee Area Council

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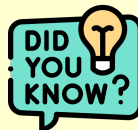
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June 19, 2023

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"DID YOU KNOW?" SESSIONS ABOUT THE BSA



The Cherokee Area Council will conduct several "Did you know?" sessions about the changes with the Boy Scouts of America, and how these changes will affect units.

- Tuesday, June 20, 6:00 PM at the Council Service Center - register [HERE](#)
- Thursday, June 22, 6:00 PM at the Bernice Community Center - register [HERE](#)
- Tuesday, June 27, 6:00 PM at the Council Service Center - register [HERE](#)
- Tuesday, July 25, 6:00 PM at the Bernice Community Center - register [HERE](#)

Please let us know which of the following dates works best for you or a member of your unit key three to attend.

Council Calendar

Osage Hills District Roundtable

1st Thursday of the month,
August through May

Grand Lake District Roundtable

2nd Thursday of the month,
August through May

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

Monday, June 19, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

["Did You Know?" - Bartlesville](#)

Thursday, June 22, 2023

["Did You Know?" - Bernice](#)

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

["Did You Know?" - Bartlesville](#)

Mon.-Tues., July 3-4, 2023

Scout Service Center closed

Wednesday-Friday, July 19-28, 2023

[National Scout Jamboree](#)

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

["Did You Know?" - Bernice](#)

Thursday, August 3, 2023



BSA National Announces Annual Membership Fees

BSA's emergence from bankruptcy represents a pivotal milestone in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)'s financial restructuring case and solidifies a path forward for survivors and the Scouting movement.

To preserve its mission, the BSA has had to take some extraordinary steps over the past three years to reposition the organization for the future. The BSA has streamlined its professional staff and volunteer structure, reducing costs throughout the movement while maintaining essential services to support the local councils who were critical partners during the bankruptcy.

To position Scouting for the future, the BSA will be required to increase the national annual membership fees for both youth and adults. This has been a difficult decision but is essential to building a strong, safe, and vibrant Scouting program for our nation's youth.

Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:

- **\$80** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
- **\$60** for all adult volunteers (\$15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
- **\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting (Not prorated and no change in fee)
- **\$30** for Scoutreach (Not prorated)
- **\$25** for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **\$50** for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (\$5 increase)
- **\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee (no change in fee)
- **\$15** for *Scout Life* magazine

New Annual Membership Fee Process Announced – BSA Will No Longer Prorate Fees for New Members beginning August 1, 2023

Beginning August 1, 2023, all **new** youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their

[Popcorn Kickoff](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Executive Board meeting

Monday, September 4, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Saturday, September 9, 2023
[OA Work Day](#)

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

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 22-24, 2023
[Fall Camporee](#)

Fri-Sun, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023
[Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills \(IOLS\)](#)

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023
[OH Hooked on Scouting](#)

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023
[GL Hooked on Scouting](#)

Sunday, October 1, 2023
[OH Den Leader Training](#)

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6-7, 2023
[BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation](#)

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023
[GL Den Leader Training](#)

Monday, October 9, 2023
[Live Constitution](#)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Executive Board meeting

Fri.-Sun., October 13-15
[OA Fall Fellowship and Ordeal](#)

Saturday, October 21, 2023
[OH Cuboree](#)

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 3-5, 2023
[GL Webelos Woods](#)

Saturday, November 11, 2023
[GL Den Leader Training](#)

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 17-18, 2023
[Vigil Weekend](#)

membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary date they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.

It is important to note, existing members will renew their membership during their normal registration/recharter cycle through March 2024. Moving forward all members will renew on their anniversary date.

- Existing members' Anniversary date will be their unit recharter month.
- New members' Anniversary date will be the month they joined.

This new process will help streamline the rechartering and membership renewal process for units and councils. ***Additional information on this membership renewal process will be forthcoming in the very near future.***

What does the National Membership Fee cover?

The national membership fee helps cover the cost of essential services to the local council and units. Services include expanded liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, enhanced criminal background checks, a variety of program resources, youth protection, leader-specific training, and intellectual property development for national, council, and unit programs.

As BSA moves forward, the organization will continue to look at the membership fee structure and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

Across the country and in each of our communities, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in youth today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. Our dedicated volunteers, staff, and Scouting families make this possible.

Thank you for continuing to support one of the most valuable opportunities available to young people today.

Jeff Hunt – ACSE
EVP Chief Operations Officer

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22-24, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
Executive Board and Annual Meeting

Friday, December 22, 2023
Scout Service Center closed

Mon.-Tues., Dec. 25-26, 2023
Scout Service Center closed



Scout Service Center will be closed on Monday, June 19.



**Tools for Success
Presented by
CAMPMASTERS Popcorn**

This training is good for Popcorn Kernels, Parents, and Unit Leaders. It has been proven successful over and over again, not only providing all the money both the Units and the youth need for their entire year of Scouting but also teaching skills that will be of benefit throughout life.

Thursday, June 22 - 6:30 PM EST

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