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Scout Service Center will be closed on **February 17** for Presidents' Day



NRA Range Safety Officer Training

When: February 22, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Camp McClintock

The course aims to develop the Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting

Council Calendar

Osage Hills District Roundtable

1st Thursday of the month, August through May

Grand Lake District Roundtable

2nd Thursday of the month, September through May

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
[Executive Board Meeting](#)

Sat., February 15, 2025
[Scouting for Food](#) - food pickup

Monday, February 17, 2025
Scout Service Center closed

Sat., February 22, 2025
[NRA Range Safety Officer Training](#)

Thurs., February 27, 2025
[Friends of Scouting Annual Fundraiser](#)

Saturday, March 1, 2025
[Merit Badge Festival](#)

Fri.-Sat., March 7-8
[BALOO - Basic Adult Leader](#)

activities and range operations.

To register contact [David Cole](#)

The course cost is \$40. In addition, participants will need to pay all NRA credential fees online.

Friends of Scouting Patron Dinner

When: Thursday,
February 27, 6:30 PM



Where: Bartlesville Community Center

Keynote Speaker: Ross Naylor

Ross serves as Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee Chair of Troop 126 in the Indian Nations Council, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 2000, and Council Training Chair for the Cherokee Area Council.

Professionally, Ross has been Vice President of the Oklahoma Public Employees Health & Welfare Public Trust for the past 23 years and was recently named President. He lives a little south of Bartlesville with his wife, Shannon, and three children, Tatiana, Alexander, and Katriana, and a growing menagerie of animals.

Event flyer [HERE](#)



Merit Badge Festival

When: Saturday, March 1

Where: Tri-County Technology Center, 6101
Nowata Rd., Bartlesville

Merit Badges that will be offered include:

- Art
- Camping
- Chemistry

[Outdoor Orientation](#)

Saturday, March 8, 2025

[GL Pinewood Derby](#)

Saturday, March 8, 2025

[OH Pinewood Derby](#)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

[Council Banquet](#) -

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Saturday, March 15, 2025

[Rangemaster Training](#)

Fri.-Sun., April 4-6, 2025

[Spring Camporee](#)

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Executive Board Meeting

Fri.-Sun., April 11-13, 2025

[OA Spring Fellowship &](#)

[Ordeal](#) - **NOTE DATE**

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Saturday, April 19, 2025

[Wilderness First Aid - Part 1](#)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

[Wilderness First Aid - Part 2](#)

Saturday, April 26, 2025

[Climbing Instructor Level 1](#)

[Training](#) - **NOTE DATE**

CHANGE

Saturday, May 3, 2025

[Climbing Instructor Level 2](#)

[Training](#)

Monday, May 26, 2025

Scout Service Center closed

Friday, May 30, 2025

[Scouting Golf Tournament](#)

Wed.-Thurs., Jun 4-5, 2025

[BALOO - Basic Adult Leader](#)

[Outdoor Orientation](#)

Wed.-Fri., June 4-6, 2025

[OH Cub Scout Day Camp](#)

- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communication
- Cooking
- Electricity
- Environmental Science
- First Aid
- Genealogy
- Mining in Society
- Personal Fitness
- Photography
- Pulp & Paper
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation

Register [HERE](#)



BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

BALOO is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights.

The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Cub Scout Leader Book and focus on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

When: Friday, March 7, 7:00 PM to Saturday, March 8, Noon

Where: Camp McClintock, Dining Hall

Who: Cub Scout Leaders

Cost: \$40 covers camping fees, training materials, insurance, and food.

Overnight camping is part of the instruction and course. Participants **MUST** attend the entire course to complete the training.

Register [HERE](#) Registration closes March 4 at 11:30 PM.

**District Pinewood
Derbies**

Wed.-Fri., June 11-13, 2025

[GL Cub Scout Day Camp](#)

Friday, July 4, 2025

Scout Service Center closed

Thursday, August 7, 2025

[Popcorn Kickoff](#)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025

[Scout-o-Rama](#)

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025

[Sky Trail Adventure
Challenge](#)

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 26-28, 2025

[Fall Camporee](#)

Monday, October 6, 2025

[Online Unit Rechartering
Opens](#)

Saturday, October 11, 2025

[OH Cub-o-Ree](#)

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Executive Board Meeting

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19, 2025

[OA Fall Fellowship & Ordeal](#)

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 14-15, 2025

[OA Vigil Weekend](#)

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 26-28, 2025

Scout Service Center closed

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Executive Board & Annual
Business Meeting

Wed.-Fri., Dec. 24-26, 2025

Scout Service Center closed



Grand Lake District

When: Saturday, March 8, check-in starts at 9:00 AM -- races start at 10:00 AM

Where: Church on the Hill of Grove, 1005 Leisure Rd., Grove

Register [HERE](#)

Osage Hills District

When: Saturday, March 8, 1:00 PM

Where: Washington Park Mall

Register [HERE](#)



Rangemaster Training

When: Saturday, March 15, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Camp McClintock

You will learn how to run a safe and fun Cub Scout Range and Target activity program at District or Council events.

Topics will include setting up approved BB gun, Archery, and Sling Shot ranges, Range commands, and how to help Cub Scouts with shooting sports.

Upon completion, you will receive your Training Certification Card.

Email [David Cole](#) to register

What you need to know about the latest updates to the *Guide to Advancement*

The Guide to Advancement 2025, the latest version of the one true official source for all things related to advancement in every Scouting America program, has just been released.

You can [view the online version here](#) or [download a PDF here](#).

As with every previous revision of this important document, the changes were based on feedback from volunteers across the country and the help of a team of more than 20 people from across the Scouting spectrum tasked with identifying the most important issues.

“There are two things we were hoping to accomplish,” says Lisa Balbes, advancement lead for the Scouts BSA Committee. “One was bringing things up to date, and the other was clarifying things that were being misinterpreted.”

Balbes says she and her team pored over hundreds of survey responses and thousands of emails to determine what needed to be changed. The result was more than 1,300 tweaks, the overwhelming majority of which are branding updates and simple clarifications to existing policies.

“This update is meant to help make life easier for our unit-serving volunteers,” says Griffin Roblyer, the Scouts BSA communications chair. “It’s based on feedback from people in the field as we hear their questions and concerns.”

Read the full [Aaron on Scouting](#) article

News from Units Around the Council

Pack 5 held a Pinewood Derby build day.



The **Pack in Miami** worked on their Pinewood Derby race.



The **Pack in Wyandotte** also worked on their Pinewood Derby race.



We are progressing toward our Zero Waste to Landfill goal at events held at Camp McClintock. **Order of the Arrow** held their Lodge Leadership Development at the dining hall. They chose sustainable serving options for meals leading to less waste.



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