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## 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

## 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](#)

**Fri.-Sat., March 7-8**

[BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation](#)

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

[GL Pinewood Derby](#)

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

[OH Pinewood Derby](#)

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

[Council Banquet](#) -  
**POSTPONED**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

[Rangemaster Training](#)

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

[Spring Camporee](#)

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

Executive Board Meeting

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

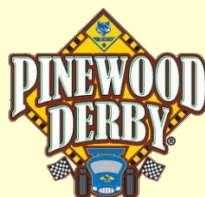
Overnight camping is part of the instruction and course. Participants **MUST** attend the entire course to complete the training.

Register [HERE](#)

Registration closes March 4 at 11:30 PM.

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## District Pinewood Derbies



### 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](#)



## Swim Tests at Bartlesville YMCA

Scout Swim Tests are for BSA Scouts 3rd Grade and up who plan to participate in council water activities over the Summer.

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat.

These swim classification tests are a foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

**Fri.-Sun., April 11-13, 2025**  
[OA Spring Fellowship & Ordeal](#) - **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**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](#)

**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](#)

**Where:** YMCA, 101 N. Osage, Bartlesville

**Cost:** \$8.00 per Scout and per Swim Test

**When:** - Four (4) sessions each day at 8:15 AM, 8:55 AM, 9:35 AM and 10:15 AM

- March 8th
- March 29th
- April 12th

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## 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

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## 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

**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

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

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## Ozark Trails Council - XXX Rendezvous 2025

What makes Scouting fun?  
Camping, Cooking outdoors,  
Scouting comrades and vendors,  
and trading cool stuff!

**Where:** Frank Childress Reserve, 5250  
Jamboree Ln, Joplin, Missouri 64804

**When:** Friday, April 11, 3:00 PM to Sunday,  
April 13, 11:00 PM

**Cost:** \$15 per person/ \$20 per person after  
3/27

[Event Registration](#) - Registration closes 4-10-  
25 at 11:59 PM

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**Scouting America  
Launches  
Multisport Merit  
Badge**

Multisport, an athletic competition that features a combination of two or more sports, is now a Scouting America merit badge.



Scouts BSA members, along with Sea Scouts and Venturers who have earned the rank of First Class in a troop, may begin work on the merit badge beginning in March 2025, when the pamphlet becomes available at local Scout Shops.

The Multisport merit badge allows Scouts to combine two or more activities from the sports of swimming, biking, and running.

Find out what the Multisport Merit Badge is all about [HERE](#).

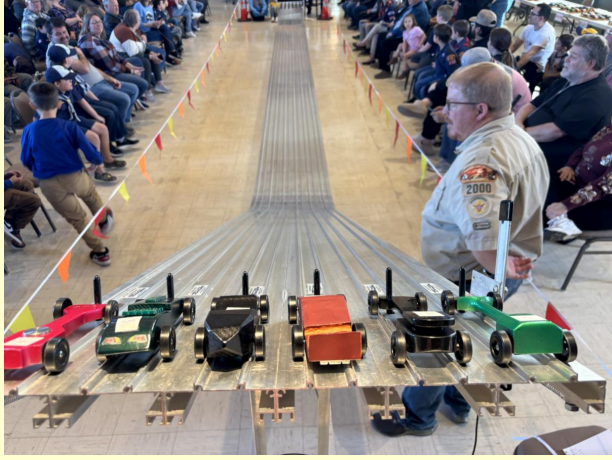
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## News from Units Around the Council

**Pack 5** held their Blue and Gold Banquet. Four girls bridged to **Troop 316**. Four boys bridged to **Troop 5**.



**Pack 150** held their Pinewood Derby.



Troop 2000 went snow skiing in Missouri.



Scouts from **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** and **Northern Tier High Adventure Crews** participated in the annual Patron Dinner presentation.



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