



Cherokee Scouter

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Washita Lodge Leadership Development & Winter Banquet

Dec. 9-10 at East Christian Church of Bartlesville

Any Arrowman wishing to attend may come to LLD. It is an intense lock-in training session starting Friday night, running until Saturday afternoon, designed to prepare officers for the upcoming year.

Winter Banquet will begin at 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 10, 2005

Winter banquet cost is \$12 per person

LLD & Winter banquet is \$20 per person

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY 12/2/2005. Payment after 12/2/2005 is subject to \$3 late fee per person per event

Venturing Out: Keys to Safe Driving
Smart Choices: driving drugs, and alcohol

Upcoming Key Dates

- Dec. 9 – Popcorn money due at Scout Office
- Dec. 9-10, 2005 – OA LLD and Winter Banquet, East Christian Church of Bartlesville
- Dec. 23 and 26, 2005 – Scout Office closed
- Jan. 2-6, 2006 – Scout Office closed for inventory
- Jan. 21, 2006 – Winter Merit Badge Festival, Tri County Tech, Bartlesville
- Jan. 28, 2006 – Bartlesville Scouting for Food (door hanger distribution)
- Feb. 4, 2006 – Bartlesville Scouting for Food (bag pickup)
- Feb. 5, 2006 – Scout Sunday
- Feb. 20, 2006 – Scout Office closed

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Second Season at Philmont Scout Ranch **Kanik, PhilBreak, and Autumn Adventure**

During the Second Season at Philmont Scout Ranch, two programs are offered to allow young people an opportunity to experience the Ranch during the winter and early spring.

KANIK which operates from December 28 to March 31 is a program designed to teach and reinforce the skills needed to enjoy a cold weather camping experience. The program provides a chance to camp in Philmont's backcountry safely, "enjoying" snowy conditions and below freezing temperatures. Crews will have the opportunity to cross country ski, snowshoe, build and sleep in snow huts and witness the breathtaking beauty of winter at Philmont.

PHILBREAK will operate March 10 through March 17 and brings young people, ages 18 to 25, together for a Spring Break Week of service, fellowship and a day of downhill skiing at nearby Angel Fire Resort.

In addition, Philmont offers a program to all adult crews. **Autumn Adventure** is a great opportunity for adults to learn about Philmont before you bring a crew out for the summer. You will be teamed up with a seasoned Philmont Staff member that will guide you in one of the following four areas: Council/Group Trek Planning, High Adventure Planning, All Adult Crews, or Traditional Crews. More information about each of these programs is available on the Council website or from the Council office (918-336-9170 Toll Free: 888-269-1328).

[Scout Advancement Tracking Spreadsheets](#)

Get the latest versions of the Cub Scout Achievement Trackers! AND get the latest versions of the Boy Scout and Venturing Advancement Trackers!

All trackers are Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and require either Microsoft Excel 2000 or later or another compatible spreadsheet program. Note that these spreadsheets are NOT compatible with Microsoft Works. Trackers are compressed in .zip format to reduce file size and decrease download time. PDF versions are also available for manual tracking.



Traveling to the Dallas area?

Visit the **[National Scouting Museum](#)** in Irving!

NEWS RELEASE
IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 2005

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA --The Cherokee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has decided to put its Grand Lake property on the market starting within the next 2 weeks.

The Cherokee Area Council has two camp facilities. Camp McClintock is a 250 acre camp located between Bartlesville and Pawhuska. Camp Cherokee is a 700 acre camp north of Grove.

Several issues converged to make the sale the right decision. "The way summer camps are used has changed in the last ten years," says Mark Wilburn, Council President. "Participants in Scouting are accustomed to traveling to other regional sites for camp. Scouts also take advantage of national Scouting venues, such as Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Sea Base in Florida or the National Jamboree."

The Council considered the declining attendance at its local summer camp over the past five years when making its decision to sell the camp property. According to Gil Greenwood, Vice President of Camping for the Cherokee Area Council, "There should be a critical number of Scouts to deliver a quality program. Other Councils already provide seven modern camp facilities within a four hour drive to deliver superior programming to our young people."

Maintenance of the facility is also cited as a key issue. "Camp Cherokee has served us well for over 50 years, but to make this facility up-to-date will require a significant financial investment. The Executive Board of the Council feels this would use available funds that ought to be directed to other Scouting needs, especially since other camp facilities are easily accessible to us."

Says Wilburn, "Certainly there is a degree of sadness as we sell this property. Cherokee has many fond memories for Scouts in the region. Our Council also has to look at its financial responsibilities and the resources we can use elsewhere to maintain the high-quality Scouting program that we have come to expect." Camp Cherokee will remain open for short term, weekend and day camping until a sale is completed.

The Cherokee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, supports more than 2700 young men and women in Osage, Washington, Nowata, Craig, Delaware and Ottawa counties. Anyone wishing to support the program should contact the Scout Office at 121 S.E. Adams, Bartlesville, OK 74003 or call 918-336-9170.

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