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Eagle Club Recognition Dinner January 17 at the Delaware Tribal Community Center in Bartlesville

Eagle Club members (Friends of Scouting giving \$125+ for 2006) constitute the backbone of financial support for Scouting in Northeastern Oklahoma. Your Eagle Club membership and attendance at the Eagle Club Recognition dinner on January 17, 2006, will raise a substantial amount of the Cherokee Area Council's operating budget for the year. Nearly 3,000 Scouts and leaders are counting on you to help Scouting continue its traditional values through exciting outdoor adventure programs and more.

To honor all Eagle Club members and to encourage new members, the Cherokee Area Council is pleased to announce the featured speaker for the 2006 Eagle Club Recognition Dinner is Jimmy Houston, "Mr. Outdoors", host of Jimmy Houston Outdoors.

More information about the Eagle Club dinner and Jimmy Houston is available on the Council's web site at <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/2006-eagle-club-dinner.pdf>.

Please make your reservation for the 2006 Eagle Club Dinner by January 12 at the Scout Office (918-336-9170 or toll-free 888-269-1328).

Winter Merit Badge Festival January 21 at Tri-County Tech in Bartlesville

Information about the 2006 Winter Merit Badge Festival has been posted at <http://www.cherokeesbsa.org/activities/wintermeritbadge/index.html>

The **registration fee is \$10 per Scout, due by Friday, January 13, 2006**. The fee includes lunch and the first patch of 2006. No late registrations will be accepted.

The [Winter Merit Badge Festival web site](#) includes both a Merit Badge Registration Form (one per Scout) and a Troop Registration Form (one per Troop). Also included is a list of the merit badge requirements to be completed before class and a summary list of the merit badge requirements that will (or will not) be completed during class.

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Scouting for Food – Bartlesville January 28 and February 4



Door Hangars will be distributed at the January Roundtable.
Territory assignments will also be made at the January Roundtable.

Door hangars should be distributed in your unit's assigned territory by Saturday, January 28. Food bags should be picked up in your assigned area on February 4 and delivered to Copeland Appliance Center.

For more information, contact Brian Thompson at home 336-7935 or at work 338-7800.

Osage Hills District Volunteers Recognized

The Osage Hills District 2005 Banquet to recognize volunteers was held December 1st at First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville. Attendees were welcomed by District Chairman, Donna Copeland.

New Cubmasters were recognized by Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Jim Lewis, while new Scoutmasters were recognized by Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Ed Boudreaux.

Ray Peaster, District Commissioner, recognized volunteers who have served the Osage Hills District during the past year as Unit Commissioners.

In addition to recognizing new unit leaders, the Scoutmaster Award of Merit was presented to Henry Robin, Scoutmaster of Troop 2, and to Russ Bone, Scoutmaster of Troop 21. The District Award of Merit was also presented to John Wurtz and Richard Moreno for their contributions to the District's Eagle Board of Review process.

In her last official act as District Chairman, Donna Copeland introduced the new District Chairman, Charlie Daniels.

Visit the Council's Online Store! Shop the Scout Shop 24/7!

The Council receives a small percentage of sales through the [Online Scout Shop](#).



WOODBADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Have you ever been on a trip that you didn't know where you were going? How did you know when you got there? How can you teach the youth in your unit if you don't know the skills yourself?

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course for adult leaders. It provides participants with practical tools to fulfill the aims and methods of the Scouting program. The quality of the scouting experience for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers depends on the skills, knowledge, and commitment of those adult leaders who have given their time and energy to the Scouting movement.

Wood Badge offers a six day immersion in the theory, practice, and experience of effective skills for leading others within Scouting and in many environments beyond the BSA. Like many intense training experiences, it guides participants through learning activities where they work together, organize, and develop an enthusiasm and team spirit to accomplish the tasks and challenges placed before them.

The course covers team building, listening and communicating, project management, how to manage change, conflict management and resolution, coaching and mentoring, and evaluating. In addition to classroom instruction, there are a variety of fun projects and games that will allow you to practice the skills you will be learning.

Participants who attend Wood Badge will:

- Acquire a global view of Scouting as a family of interrelated values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Become familiar with contemporary team leadership concepts.
- Experience the stages of team development and practice leadership approaches for those stages.
- Have a great deal of fun in the company of like minded individuals.
- Develop a renewed commitment to provide Scouting with the best possible leadership.

Finally, Wood Badge is the embodiment of the Scouting spirit. Carried out in context of Scouting's ideals and service to young people, the course brings out a deep dedication and spirit of brotherhood and fellowship in most participants. Associations and friendships made during the course often last a lifetime.

Ready to Sign-up?

Participation in SR-749, a 21st Century Wood Badge Course, will be limited to 48 participants by invitation of the Cherokee Area Council. To be considered, complete the SR-749 Wood Badge Application and submit it to the Council Office. [Find more information here.](#)



NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

BSA is a national partner in the National Youth Service Day initiative. Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are encouraged to conduct a service project during April 21-23 and input information into the BSA's goodturnforamerica.org web site.

Go to the [National Youth Service Day](http://NationalYouthServiceDay.org) web site for more information on participants, projects, and possible grants that BSA councils, districts, units or Eagle Scout candidates can apply for to support future National Youth Service Day projects.

BSA Tour Permits are required for unit trips

Scout units planning trips are required to file an application for a tour permit with the Scout Office.

For trips of less than 500 miles one way, unit leaders should submit a **Local Tour Permit Application**.

Trips of 500 miles or more one way from home or that cross national boundaries and enter into the territory of other nations require a **National Tour Permit Application**, to be approved by both the location Scout Office and the BSA regional service center.

Applications are available from the Scout Office or can be downloaded from www.scouting.org/forms. The web site also includes an "Online Application Assistant" tutorial for help in filling out a form correctly.

Both the Local and National Tour Permit Applications include the requirement that at least one adult on the trip has had Youth Protection training, which can be taken online via the Council's web site (click on "Training", then click on "Youth Protection").

Unit leaders may be required to show the approved tour permit to Scout officials and other authorized persons on their trip, such as for overnight camping on council properties or military bases.



NOAC 2006 will be held at Michigan State in East Lansing Michigan. The event will run from July 29–August 3, 2006.

A \$100 deposit is required, payable at the Scout Office. It is estimated that the total cost of the event will be ~\$450, depending on transportation costs, and if there are any stops planned during the trip. When the lodge receives further info, a payment schedule will be announced.

2005 Eagle Honor Role

Troop 2 - Benjamin J. Robin
Troop 12 - Brett M. Thomas
Troop 19 - Matthew R. Keaton
Troop 21 - Brett C. Bone
Troop 21 - Lucas A. Holland
Troop 21 - Ross M. Grogan
Troop 23 - Alan G. Davis
Troop 23 - Mark D. Stieber
Troop 23 - Michael T. Stayton
Troop 23 - Richard D. Bennett
Troop 23 - Wesley T. Honeycutt
Troop 32 - Benjamin Lomax
Troop 32 - Cody R. Lorenz
Troop 33 - Cameron R. Boe
Troop 43 - Dusty Hendren
Troop 66 - Brian K. Washam II
Troop 66 - Micah E. Wade

Troop 70 - Albert J. Browning
Troop 70 - Ethan C. Myers
Troop 70 - Kevin L. Oakley
Troop 70 - Mark R. Thomas
Troop 78 - Braedon J. Collins
Troop 78 - Jared A. Schaefer
Troop 78 - Kyle J. Thomas
Team 101 - William J. Highland
Troop 101 - Caleb P. Cragun
Troop 101 - Joshua A. Hoskin
Troop 2000 - Andrew G. Perrine
Troop 2000 - Brian A. Payne
Troop 2000 - Jonathan W. Hiatt
Troop 2000 - Samuel J. Lumeyer
Troop 2000 - Samuel W. Tomlinson
Troop 2000 - Shane H. Nix
Troop 2000 - William S. Sims

15th Annual Trash Poster Contest

Now's your chance to show off your talent, win CASH and help **Oklahoma Keep Our Land Grand!** Create an original poster or slogan about solutions for the solid waste problems. County winners will receive certificates! State winners will receive cash awards at a ceremony in April. Entry form and contest rules are available at http://www.deq.state.ok.us/pubs/lpd/2006_entry.pdf The contest is sponsored by the Okla. Department of Transportation and the Okla. Department of Environmental Quality.



Upcoming Key Dates

- Jan. 2-6 – Scout Office closed for inventory
- Jan. 17 – Eagle Club Recognition Dinner, Delaware Tribal Community Center, Bartlesville
- Jan. 21 – Winter Merit Badge Festival, Tri County Tech, Bartlesville
- Jan. 28 – Bartlesville Scouting for Food (door hanger distribution)
- Feb. 2 – OH District Roundtable and Fireside Chat
- Feb. 4 – Bartlesville Scouting for Food (bag pickup)
- Feb. 5 – Scout Sunday
- Feb. 9 – GL District Roundtable and Fireside Chat
- Feb. 20 – Scout Office closed
- Mar. 10-13 – Scout Skills Festival
- Mar. 24-26 – OA Spring Fellowship

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