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Council Golf Tournament June 5, 2009

The Council's 20th Annual Scouting Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 5th. The four person scramble will be played at the Adams Golf Course in Bartlesville.

Proceeds from this event will help fund the Scouting program in a six county area.

Entry fee is \$100 per player, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, drinks, and prizes.

Registration opens at 11 a.m.



with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the Arvest Grill Team.

Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament. First and second place awards will be made in three divisions which include civic, corporate, and financial.

For more details on registering, please call 918-336-9170 or check the Council web site at

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/BoyScoutGolf2009.pdf>

OA Washita Lodge Special Event June 12, 2009

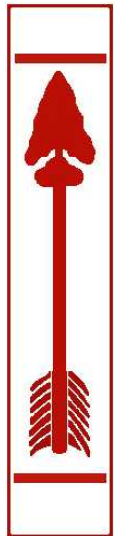
All Ordeal Arrowman eligible for Brotherhood, as well as current Brotherhood and Vigil members, should plan to attend a special OA event on Friday, June 12th, at Camp McClintock. Gates will open at 2 p.m. Please plan to arrive by 3 p.m.

To be eligible for Brotherhood, it must have been 10 months since your Ordeal ceremony.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and a steak dinner (Bruce and his staff are cooking!). The evening will end with a Brotherhood ceremony at the OA ring. Anyone wishing to camp may do so by contacting the Scout Office.

Cost for the fun afternoon of fellowship is zero dollars. **Please contact the Scout Office by Monday, June 8, so we'll have a head count for dinner.**

Questions? Contact the Loge Chief, Brandon Cleveland



(918-333-7787 or okiebrand@yahoo.com) or the Lodge Advisor, Henry Robin (918-333-2760 or okrobin@sbcglobal.net)

Trail's End Popcorn Training

June 25, 2009

Do you need more revenue for your Scouting program, but you're not sure how to get there?

Then come to the "Unit Blueprint for Success" training sponsored by Trail's End Popcorn on Thursday, June 25th at the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center at 6:30 p.m.!



A great dinner will be provided and hundreds of dollars worth of door prizes given away!!

AT THIS MEETING YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO:

- ◆ Plan your annual program
- ◆ Prepare a unit budget
- ◆ Goal set at the unit & scout level
- ◆ Get more Scout parents more engaged
- ◆ Increase volunteer / parental support
- ◆ Run a proper popcorn kickoff
- ◆ Salesmanship training for your Scouts & leaders
- ◆ Expand your selling areas
- ◆ Do a Blitz Day!

Through popcorn sales, you have the potential to provide a quality Scouting program at no cost to you or your Scouting parents!

Space is limited, so please RSVP to the Council Office by June 19th 918-336-9170 or toll free: 888-269-1328 or registrar@cherokeesba.org

For more information, see the flyer on the Council web site

<http://www.cherokeesba.org/PopcornTrainingInvitation.pdf>

Historic Trails Camporee

July 3-5, 2009

Be sure to make plans to attend the Historic Trails Camporee in Pawhuska July 3-5!

This camporee celebrates the first Boy Scout troop in the United States. Events include unique camping sites, Historic Trails badge to earn, grand parade of troops, a trade-o-ree, headliner entertainment, and unforgettable fireworks.

The camporee promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime extravaganza!

For more information contact:

Osage County Historical Society 918-287-9119

Camporee co-chair Nancy Woodyard 918-287-4158

Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce 918-287-1208

A Troop registration form is on the council web site at <http://www.cherokeesba.org/activities/HistoricTrailsCamporeeTroopRegistration.pdf>

If your troop isn't attending the camporee as a unit, consider working the event. Scouts must be at least 14 years old and First Class. Scouts and Scouters will help with set up and take down, man the event booths, and help make this Camporee a success. Contact Frank Reeves at 918-440-6796 or reeves.family@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

Eagle Scouts

By Bill Alexander, Council VP for Program

Only 5 percent of Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle in a recent year, and historically a total of only 2 percent of the Scouts have achieved Eagle rank. This is a major achievement that requires years to complete a long list of requirements.

Our congratulations go out to the following Scouts who have achieved Eagle rank in the last month:

- ◆ Robert Hills – Troop 2000
- ◆ Jarred Root – Troop 70
- ◆ Travis Baker – Troop 2000



Cherokee Area Council is proud of these Scouts' achievement, and ranks above the national average in Eagle rank achievement.

High Scouting Award Given to Otto Hamilton

By ROLF CLEMENTS News Staff Writer

Otto Hamilton of Pawhuska was honored with the Wood Badge award at a surprise presentation made April 4 following his participation at a Ponca tribal ceremonial dance held in White Eagle.

Wood Badge is the premier and most advanced training course for adult leaders in the Boy Scouts of America and requires an extended period of hands-on application, study and testing.

Wood Badge gets its name from the wood beads awarded to those who earn the award. The beads go back to when world-wide Scouting founder Lord Baden-Powell awarded wooden beads acquired as a war trophy from a Zulu chief to early Scout leaders completing his rigorous early training sessions in England.

Recipients are also presented a distinctive Gilwell beige neckerchief with a patch of Maclaren tartan plaid, a leather thong for the beads, and Gilwell woggle neckerchief slide.



Presenting the awards was professional Scouter David Bailey. Now living in Paris, Texas, he was formerly assigned to Bartlesville where he worked in Scouting with Hamilton.

Bailey remarked that Hamilton is believed to be the first member of the Osage Nation to earn the prestigious award.

The Osage Nation headquarters are located in Pawhuska which is where the very first Boy Scout troop in America was founded in May 1909 by the Rev. John F. Mitchell, a missionary priest from England sent by the Church of England to St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Pawhuska.

Mitchell, who knew and worked with the Lord Baden-Powell in England, formed the troop under English charter with 19 original members. The boys are said to have paraded around Pawhuska in British-style uniforms that first year before the Boy Scouts of America was formed in 1910. The troop had the distinction of being Troop No. 1 in the Boy Scouts of America.

A statue honoring those early Scouts is located at the entrance to the Osage County Historical Society.



Pawhuska this year is celebrating in high style 100 years of Boy Scouting in the city and will host thousands of Scouts at a Historic Trails Camporee over the Fourth of July weekend.

Fresh horses Project perks up a popular ride

By LAURA SUMMERS Tulsa World Correspondent
Published: 4/27/2009

BARTLESVILLE — When children visiting Bartlesville's Kiddie Park prepare to gallop to new adventures this summer, they will find the horses especially well-groomed and ready to ride.

A community project kicked off by an Eagle Scout seeking to help the popular amusement park has brought a face-lift to the 1952-era carousel. About 60 volunteers, including young and old, worked for weeks to restore the proper grandeur to the 30 merry-go-round horses and two benches that provide rides for park guests.



Tim Branch, Jerry Sanders, David Lea and David Turinetti install a newly painted horse on the carousel at Kiddie Park in Bartlesville.

MICHELLE M. MARTIN / for the Tulsa World

"What we are doing is for the kids in Bartlesville," local artist Jan Clark said. "Our children grew up going to Kiddie Park and their kids came back and go to Kiddie Park. It's just such a nice thing for Bartlesville to have."

Clark and her husband, Merlin, were among the crew of Bartlesville Art Association members who volunteered their time painting the carousel for the park, which is at 215 Cherokee Ave. — next door to the organization's community art building.

The couple worked daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the carousel horses. They were joined by new hires from ConocoPhillips who were recruited to assist with the project, along with various other community helpers.

Boy Scout David Oakley III, of Cherokee Area Council Troop 5, got the ball rolling on the carousel renovation to earn his Eagle Scout designation by organizing all of the volunteers and making contacts for fundraising.

"I grew up going to Kiddie Park and I felt like it was a good project that mattered to the community. The park still has a lot of other projects to be done if people want to help out," he said.

ConocoPhillips provided a \$3,000 grant to help with the cost of paint and supplies.

Tucked into the wooded bend of the Caney River in Johnstone Park, the miniature amusement park is home to 15 rides geared to young children with a price of 25 cents per ticket.

Kiddie Park's carousel once was a traveling ride going around to various towns and communities with carnivals, Clark said.

But for as far back as most here can remember, the carousel has belonged to Kiddie Park — and to the children — who each summer carefully pick the horse that seems the prettiest or the fastest to ride around in a circular adventure.

The newly painted horses sport a variety of colors, though the saddles and tack are uniformly shaded to bring continuity to the project.

Clark said volunteers painted new scrolling and eagles on the benches because they "just looked like they were supposed to be there."

This is Clark's second venture with renovating the Kiddie Park carousel. The first round of painting she supplied came after the October 1986 flood when the Caney River rolled out of its banks into the amusement park.

This year's work involved about three days per horse, she said.

2009 Pan-American Jamboree

By Dale Copeland, Council VP for Marketing

The 13th Pan-American Scout Jamboree will be held in December 2009, in Toluca.

The event is a wonderful opportunity to travel and learn about Mexico in an atmosphere of exploration and adventure and strengthen the Scout brotherhood.



The motto of this great event is "Explore our territory, discover your spirit". More than 8,000 Scouts from around the American continent are expected to attend the nine-day event.

Applications are being accepted now for those wishing to be a part of the U.S. contingent. This is a wonderful opportunity to move out of the usual Scouting experiences and attend a Jamboree in another country, but not too far away, during the winter break.

Participation will be by invitation from BSA's International Division, so you must submit an application if you think you would be interested. Submitting an application does not obligate you to attend, but is required to be considered.

Exact costs are still being determined. Contact the council international representative, Dale Copeland, for an application

Phone: 333-4488 (work) Monday – Friday 9 am – 6 pm, Saturday 9-6 or e-mail:

Dale@CopelandAppliance.com

Jamboree dates are December 26, 2009 to January 3, 2010. What a great way to spend New Year's! You will come home with memories and friends that last a lifetime.

BSA's 2010 Medical Forms

In December 2009 the Health and Safety Support Committee revised the BSA annual health and medical record. As of January 1, 2010, this new BSA health record will take effect.

The BSA's top priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our participants, their families, and our staff. The BSA's national Health and Safety Support Committee, comprised of volunteers from around the country in the health and safety field, created these new health requirements as part of its continuous efforts to improve the safety of our youth members and adult leadership.

The BSA also incorporated input and review from volunteer den leaders, Scoutmasters, council professionals, and additional staff who use the records to insure the health and safety of our participants.

The new policies, which affect high-adventure activities only - when travels take members more than 30 minutes from an accessible point - are the same as those the BSA has successfully used for a number of years at our high-adventure camps and do not restrict a person's

ability to volunteer in the Scouting program or participate in regular Scouting activities.

The new form will require physical examinations to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider which includes a physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. **This does not include doctors of chiropractic or chiropractic physicians.**

The health and safety of our youth participants is our top priority. The BSA's standards do not serve as a commentary on the quality of healthcare provided by those in chiropractic medicine but were designed to ensure all those providing medical examinations have the training to address all of the BSA's high risk factors; give immunizations when necessary; and prescribe medication when needed to assure a safe Scouting experience. Unfortunately, doctors of chiropractic or chiropractic physicians are not uniformly able to provide these services.

While the BSA realizes this policy affects many of our youth and adult members - those who make the Scouting movement what it is - we appreciate their understanding as we work to achieve the most comprehensive health and safety requirements. We appreciate the cooperation of all our members to make Scouting as exciting and safe as possible.

More information is available online at Annual Health and Medical Record

<http://scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

New Scouting.org Website Launched

The National Council Boy Scouts of America has released a new version of Scouting.org.

This new design is the beginning of phase two of the BSA leveraging Sitecore's web CMS for its nationwide brand management

The new site design that features the 100th anniversary of Scouting and 100 reasons to join Scouting was made public yesterday. The site design works to group information by categories and provide relevant information depending on if you are a Youth, Parent, Volunteer, or Visitor. They have also provided a special

landing page called ScoutSource

(<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource.aspx>) to provide a one-stop shop for all of the resources available to assist you in your Scouting efforts.



The website is powered by SiteCore CMS which, according to prior reports, will power all 40 National Council Websites and eventually local Council websites as well.

New Book Introduces Next Generation of Leaders

NEW YORK, May 12, 2009 - Author Alvin Townley showcases America's next generation of leaders in his new book, *Spirit of Adventure* (St. Martin's Press, 2009), which arrived in bookstores nationwide on May 12. (<http://tinyurl.com/Spirit-of-Adventure>)

The book highlights a new generation of Americans: Eagle Scouts in their 20s and 30s who are shaping our future by leading lives marked by service, perseverance, adventure, and purpose. Olympic athletes, Iraq veterans, CBS Survivor contestants, refugees from Sudan, Philmont rangers, and inner-city teachers - Townley captured the stories from these and other Eagle Scouts in a round-the-world journey that became an adventure in itself.

"*Spirit of Adventure* shows the world how this rising generation of Eagle Scouts is shaping the future in its own distinct way," Townley, 33, said. "This book highlights young Americans who have chosen to live great adventures that have a noble purpose, and I found that Scouting has shaped their lives in dramatic ways. These stories point to a new hope and a bright future for

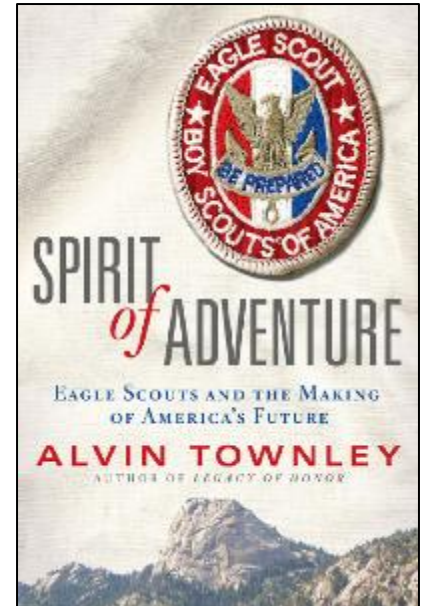
Scouting and America."

Townley interviewed fellow Eagle Scouts who are now Navy SEALs, doctors in Afghanistan, Peace Corps volunteers in Africa, a coral reef biologist, and an NFL Super Bowl starter, among many others.

To meet these young men, Townley traveled the globe—diving in Australia, surfing in Hawaii, rock climbing in Nevada, visiting students in

America's inner cities, venturing into Africa, and cruising home aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. He discovered an inspiring yet untold story of service, courage, and pure excitement that introduces

America to its next generation of leaders.



NFL and Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning commented, "Like so many of us, these Eagle Scouts are out there pushing limits, exploring new possibilities, and serving other people. *Spirit of Adventure* tells a compelling story about a new generation and America's future."

Boy Scouts of America Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca added, "*Spirit of Adventure* should serve as an inspiration for Scouts everywhere . . . This is a great read."

Snapshots

Two cousins fled Sudan at age 12 and arrived in a violent Nebraska housing project. "Only three people were brave enough to come into our apartments," one said. "The police, Jehovah's Witnesses, and our Scoutmaster." Scouting changed their lives forever, and now they are changing lives for thousands in their native Africa by drilling wells that provide villages with clean water.

Against all odds, twin brothers from a poor neighborhood became accomplished surgeons, and have since completed two dangerous and independent medical missions into Afghanistan to serve women and children. The pair was supported only by the local militiamen they hired; caves were common operating rooms. Now, local Afghans know them as doganagy, or "same face healers.

An aspiring Scout undertook a service project to earn his Eagle Scout badge and started the China Care Foundation, which provides medical care and adoption assistance for Chinese orphans. Now, nearly 10 years later, this Harvard graduate oversees the foundation's multimillion-dollar budget and has changed the lives of thousands of children

About Alvin Townley

Alvin Townley is an Eagle Scout, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and author of the acclaimed *Legacy of Honor* (St. Martin's Press, 2007). He has traveled thousands of miles across America and around the world to explore the legacy of Scouting and capture stories of character, purpose, and adventure.

In writing *Legacy of Honor*, he met with Eagle Scouts Michael Bloomberg, Cabinet Secretaries Robert Gates and Gary Locke, J.W. Marriott Jr., Bill Gates Sr., Tuskegee Airman Percy Sutton, and Jim Lovell of the Apollo 13 mission. *Spirit of Adventure* captures stories from a new generation of leaders who are serving others throughout the world.

Alvin has worked on Capitol Hill, managed strategy at a global firm, lectured at universities, coached track, and worked with inner-city Scouts. He lives in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia. Learn more at www.AlvinTownley.com.

Boy Scouts of America: 2008 Annual Report

The introduction of the Annual Report is a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In 2008, our 98th year, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) served 2.8 million young people, helping them build character, learn values, develop leadership skills, and serve neighbors around the corner and across the globe.

Two events during 2008 encapsulate the promise and the power of Scouting. First, during five weeks across the summer, approximately 3,600 Scouts and adult volunteers came together as part of ArrowCorps5, a project to benefit our national forests in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. Those young—and not-so-young—volunteers completed more than \$5.6 million worth of improvements in the BSA's largest national service project since World War II.

Second, when a tornado devastated Iowa's Little Sioux Scout Ranch on June 11, dozens of Scouts and adult volunteers responded, setting up a triage system, providing first aid, and saving many lives before first responders could arrive. One survivor of the Little Sioux tragedy spoke volumes when he said, "Thank God that this happened to us and not somebody else who wasn't prepared."

Those Scouts and all Scouts were prepared in large part because of more than 1.1 million volunteers, who give selflessly of their time and talent in the service of America's young people. Thanks to these volunteers, we approach our 100th anniversary confident that Scouting will continue to mold the destinies of young people and of our country far into the future.

The Annual Report is then presented in the following sections:

- ◆ 2008 Report to the Nation
- ◆ Arrowcorps5 Projects at Five National Forests
- ◆ The Value of Scouting
- ◆ 2006-2010 National Strategic Plan
- ◆ Year of the Volunteer—Central Region
- ◆ Year of the Volunteer—Northeast Region
- ◆ Year of the Volunteer—Southern Region
- ◆ Year of the Volunteer—Western Region
- ◆ 100 Years of Scouting
- ◆ Boy Scouts of America Annual Traditional Membership Summary
- ◆ Learning for Life Annual Participation Summary
- ◆ Mission Statement, Vision Statement
- ◆ 2008 Report of the Treasurer

Full report -
<http://www.scouting.org/Media/AnnualReports/2008.aspx>

2010 Volunteer Development Training Conference

Scout leaders will have the opportunity to attend a Philmont-style training conference at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base the week of January 18–23, 2010.

Each conference will be staffed by experienced, informed Scouters. The conference schedule includes ample time to enjoy the mild climate and natural beauty of the Florida Keys.

For more information:
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/511-108.pdf>

BSA registration fee increase Effective January 1, 2010

The BSA Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution at the business meeting on May 22 to increase the traditional membership registration fee for all youth and adults to \$15 from its current \$10, effective Jan. 1, 2010. The last fee increase, which was from \$7 to \$10, was in 2003. The Exploring fee remains \$10.

A great deal of thought and consideration went into this decision by both the Executive Board and the Membership Fee Task Force. Consideration was given to an expected deficit to the National Council operating budget, the impact to program and council support, the necessary funding required over the next several years, the cost of implementing fee increases annually in systems and forms, as well as the overall fees paid by councils.

Input was sought and received from staff and volunteers at the council level. Finally, given all these considerations, it was determined that the best approach was to increase the fee to the level chosen and make every effort to hold that level for a period of at least three years.

Also, effective Jan. 1, 2010, the National Council will provide Internet rechartering at no cost to councils.

Cherokee Scouter publication schedule

Do you have news to share? Please submit your news and information to the Cherokee Area Council. You can e-mail okrobin@yahoo.com

Issue	Issue Deadline
August	July 26
September	August 23
October	September 21
November	October 18
December	November 22
January	December 27

Upcoming Key Dates

Check the Council web site (<http://www.cherokeebesa.org>) for more information about these events.

- June 3-5 – OH Cub Day Camp at Camp McClintock
- June 4 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- June 5 – 20th Annual Council Golf Tournament
- June 10-12 – GL District Cub Day Camp
- June 11 – GL District Roundtable
- June 12 – OA Washita Lodge Special Event, Camp McClintock
- June 25 – Trail's End Popcorn Training - Tulsa Renaissance Hotel
RSVP to the Council Office by June 19th
- July 3 – Scout Office closed
- July 3-5 – Historic Trails Camporee, Pawhuska
- July 30 – OH District Committee
- Aug. 6 – OH District Kickoff and Eagle Boards of Review
- Aug. 13 – GL District Kickoff
- Aug. 27 – OH District Committee
- Sept. 3 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Sept. 7 – Scout Office closed
- Sept. 10 – GL District Roundtable
- Sept. 11-13 – OA Fall Fellowship, Camp McClintock
- Sept. 19 – BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) for Cub Scout Leaders
- Sept. 26 – OH and GL District Cub Scout Festivals
- Oct. 1 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Oct. 8 – GL District Roundtable
- Oct. 17– OA One Day of Service
- Oct. 24 – OH and GL Districts Geocaching Events
- Nov. 5 – OH District Roundtable, Eagle Boards of Review, and OA Chapter meeting
- Nov. 12 – GL District Roundtable
- Nov. 26-27 – Scout Office closed
- Dec. 3 – OH District Banquet
- Dec. 10 – GL District Roundtable
- Dec. 25 – Scout Office closed