



Cherokee Scouter

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Cub Scout Fall Festival

Help is still needed for the [Cub Scout Fall Festival](#) scheduled for October 15 at Camp McClintock. Event organizers need a troop to "adopt" the Carnival Games. Troops or individuals are also needed to help with food preparation and crafts. Contact David Bailey at the Scout office (918-336-9170 or Toll Free: 888-269-1328) if you're able to help.

Popcorn Orders Due Friday, Oct 21

Popcorn orders are due at **NOON on Friday, October 21st** at the **Scout Office**. Please remember to fill out the **unit order form**, the **prize order form**, and the **incentive forms** when you take these to the Scout Office. The office does not need copies of the individual order forms from units, just the forms noted above.

Popcorn orders for units in the Grand Lake District will be delivered to units on November 10 at the District Roundtable at Camp Cherokee.

Units in the Osage Hills District will be asked to schedule a time to pick up your order on November 11.

Fall Camporee

This year's [Fall Camporee](#) will be held **November 11-13**. **The location for the Camporee has been changed to Woolaroc.**

Advance unit registration is \$5 per person, which will cover the event patch and other materials. Campsites will be assigned in the order registrations are received. Units can register at the Scout Office.

IMPORTANT: Troops must provide their own meals. Troops are also **required to have a tour permit, and will be turned away if they arrive without one.**

Second-year Webelos are invited to attend this event with a host Troop. Webelos will need Boy Scout Troop leadership with them at all times.

Training Opportunities

Boy Scout Leader Training

Boy Scout Leaders, including Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Committee members, should plan to attend [Basic Leader Training on November 5 and 6](#) at Camp McClintock. This hands-on program gives adult leaders Troop and outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts through all aspects of the Boy Scout program.

Register at the Scout Office by October 28. The cost of the training session is \$20 which covers all meals and supplies needed for the day and a half session. The Boy Scout Leader Training is a pre-requisite for Wood Badge, so be sure to take advantage of the opportunity so you will be ready next fall.

Wood Badge Fall 2006

Cherokee Area Council has been approved for a Wood Badge course (SR-749) with Donna Copeland as the Scoutmaster. This is a thorough training course consisting of two Friday-Saturday-Sunday training sessions in the Fall of 2006.

Past attendees at Wood Badge have noted that this has been a big help in delivering a quality program to their units, and also for networking to other Scouters in the area who provide new ideas for expanding their programs.



Summer Camp 2006

The Camp Cherokee Task Force made its report at the September Council Board meeting. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to defer for one year operating a local council resident summer camp in 2006, and to encourage troops to take advantage of the expanded opportunities provided through the summer camp programs of nearby councils.

Both Camp Cherokee and Camp McClintock remain open to camping throughout the year for any unit. Reservations are made through the Scout Office (918-336-9170 or 888-269-1328).

The Board considered many options for summer camp opportunities. With current youth levels in the Council and our historic data (both for in-council and out-of-council attendance during recent resident camp seasons), it was decided that our youth would be best served through the many summer camp programs offered at nearby council's camps.

Units may go to the Council web site for a [list of 2006 Summer Camp opportunities](#) or pick up a copy at the Scout Office describing the options available for units in the surrounding councils.

Resident summer camp is an important part of the Scouting program and units are encouraged to take advantage of one of these programs. Staff positions are available for interested older Scouts.

Rare Council Patch Goes on Sale

The rare [white ghost Cherokee Area Council 75th Anniversary CSP](#) goes on sale on EBay on **October 15th**. The only other one known to have been sold appeared in the Council Scout auction held last year, and went for over \$100. This will be in a set of 75th anniversary patches, so be sure to watch on EBay for this sale by the Cherokee Area Council. Only 75 of these patches were made for the 75 sets sold in 1995.

Other items from the council may be appearing at the same time, and the information will be posted on the council web site as to what is being offered.

National Training Opportunities

Boy Scout Training at Florida Sea Base

BSA's Boy Scout Division is expanding its training opportunities in 2006 to include five courses January 9-15, 2006 at Florida Sea Base: **Strictly for Scoutmasters, Boy Scout**

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**Advancement, Developing Strong Youth Leaders, Building Stronger Troops,
Teaching Basic Outdoor Skills.**

[More information](#) is available the Council web site

Training for Venturing Leaders at Florida Sea Base



The national Venturing Division is offering a **Kodiak and Kodiak X Course Directors Course** at Florida Sea Base. The course runs from January 22-27, 2006. Kodiak and Kodiak X are teen leadership development courses.

The national Venturing Division is also offering **Delivering the Venturing Program** at Florida Sea Base. The course runs from March 2006.

[More information](#) is available the Council web site

Cub Scout Training at Philmont

The Philmont Training Center has announced the Cub Scouting training opportunities for summer 2006. Programs include:

- ❖ Cub Scout Outdoor Program
- ❖ Strictly for Cubmasters
- ❖ Cub Scout Roundtables
- ❖ Training for Cub Scout Leaders
- ❖ New Directions in Membership Growth
- ❖ Health and Safety/Risk Management
- ❖ Leader Pack Camping
- ❖ Connecting Character with Cub Scouting
- ❖ Webelos Scout Program
- ❖ Supercharging Den and Pack Programs
- ❖ Putting "Pizzazz" Into Cub Scouting



Training is scheduled June 25-July 1, 2006 and July 30-August 5, 2006. [More information](#) is available the Council web site.

BSA National announces several events

The Scout Office has received flyers on several upcoming events:

Jamboree-on-the-Internet – October 15-16, 2005

48th Jamboree-on-the Air – October 15-16, 2005

21st World Scout Jamboree - July 27-August 8, 2007 (Cherokee Area Council has two youth openings)

Check the Council web site for [more information](#) or contact the Scout Office at 918-336-9170 or toll-free 800-269-1328.

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2006 Sea Base Adventures Available

If your unit has not made high adventure plans yet for 2006, there are still Sea Base Out Island adventures available for just about every week of the summer.



Since initial lottery reservations were done earlier in the year, the Sea Base availability is unusual and provides a unique opportunity for getting to go to this great high adventure program. Check it out at www.bsaseabase.org.

You will need to register in order to make a reservation, and it requires the ID number from your BSA registration card (the Scout Office can give you this number if you don't have your card).

New-Unit Organizer Award

The [William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award](#) recognizes volunteers who organize one or more traditional Scouting units after March 1, 2005. The award is a square knot worn above the uniform left pocket, with three colors representing Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing.

The program is administered by the BSA Relationships Division, and awards are presented by local councils.



Requirements include an organizer being approved by the district committee and completing the organization of a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew, following procedures outlined in "New-Unit Organization Process" (no. 34196).

These include ensuring that new unit leadership is trained, unit program is organized and has begun, the unit committee is functioning, a unit commissioner is assigned, all paperwork for the new unit is completed and processed, and the unit charter is presented to the chartered organization.

Organizers of additional units can wear up to three program devices (pins) on the square knot, representing the types of units organized.

New First-Class Requirement

Beginning January 1, 2006, an additional requirement will be added to the requirements for First Class rank in Boy Scouting.



Scouts beginning their First Class requirement work after this date must complete the new requirement. Scouts working on First Class requirements prior to this date will have until June 30, 2006, to complete First Class rank without complete the new requirement.

The new requirement tests the candidate's persuasive communications skills and can help make Scouting available to more boys.

It reads as follows:

"Tell someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your troop's activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project, or

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meeting. Tell him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active."

The Boy Scout Handbook and 2006 Requirements book will be updated with this new detail. All Scoutmasters were sent a DVD containing tool that young Scouts can use to assist them in completing this requirement, including a video that trains them how to speak to their friends about joining, and a video of Scout activity images they can share with someone interested in joining. Also, Scouts can find support for the completion of this requirement on the Boy Scout membership web site, www.thescoutzone.org.

New Patch Promotes Duty to God

Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) have announced a new patch to promote "Duty to God."

"Duty to God" is at the heart of the Scouting movement. Religious emblems reinforce this spiritual component and promote many of the values found in the Scouting program. The purpose of this "Duty to God Promotion Patch" is to encourage youth and adults to learn about and promote the religious emblems programs.

[More information](#) is available on the P.R.A.Y. web site.



National Youth Service Day

On April 21-24, 2006, millions of young people across America will celebrate the 18th Annual National Youth Service Day, a pivotal event that celebrates the contributions youth make to their communities throughout the year. National Youth Service Day aims to get youth on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement and jump-start yearlong youth-led efforts.

The Boy Scouts of America is a national partner in this service initiative, which ties into our Good Turn for America service initiative. Units are encouraged to conduct a service project the weekend of April 21-23, 2006, and input that information into goodturnforamerica.org. BSA will be using the data collected on this web site to report our contributions to [National Youth Service Day](#).

Several [grants](#) are currently available to support service projects conducted in association with National Youth Service Day. Council, districts, or units may apply for these grants. In addition, Scouts may apply for a grant for an Eagle Scout project.

In addition, one hundred \$1,000 grants, funded by the State Farm Companies Foundation, are available for teachers, youth (ages 5-25), and school-based service-learning coordinators to implement service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day. Service learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service with curriculum or program-based learning. Schools and organizations use service learning as a tool to help youth build stronger academic skills, foster civic responsibility, and develop leadership skills. [Grant applications](#) must be received by **October 17, 2005 (U.S.-based applicants only)**

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Florida Sea Base expands offerings for 2007

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base has announced expanded council contingent offerings for 2007. The following programs are now available for councils to book:



☞ **Sea Exploring** – Sails the Keys in a tall ship of 85 feet for more with a crew of 20-22 (youth and adults). Councils can book for spring, summer, or fall seasons and the cost is \$620 per person.

☞ **Out Island Adventure** - Crews spend a week in a Robinson Crusoe experience on Big Munson Island in the Atlantic Ocean. Crew size is 6-8 (youth and adults) and you can book for spring, summer, or fall seasons. Fees are \$620 per person.

☞ **Coral Reef Sailing** – Your crew of 6-8 Scouts and leaders will spend their week sailing on a 41-foot sailboat. This is available for council contingents in the spring season, the month of August, and the fall season. The cost is \$4,950 *per crew*.

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