



Scissortail District Roundtable



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Roundtable Commissioner
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Welcome to Roundtable

Pledge of Allegiance

Scout Oath

Scout Law

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation minded.





Tonight

- Events, Updates, and Troop Resources
- Hot Topic—Adult Recognition!





Safety Minute—Rope Bridges



Monkey bridges are fun to build and use; however, as with all pioneering projects, strict safety measures are essential. Please adhere to all Guide to Safe Scouting standards during construction and operation.

There should only be one person on a monkey bridge at a time.

Scouts should only climb onto the monkey bridge after all lashings are tight and the structure has been completely inspected by a qualified adult leader. While crossing a monkey bridge, participants should not bounce or purposely swing or sway on the ropes, nor should anyone race to see how quickly they can get across. Participants waiting their turn to cross a monkey bridge should stay off the ropes until the participant before them has exited the monkey bridge.





Safety Minute—Rope Bridges



Everyone should stay off a monkey bridge whenever the foot and hand ropes are being tightened or the spanner ropes are being adjusted.

Anchorage and holdfasts are essential for safe bridges. Check soil conditions to ensure that pickets driven into the ground are secure and will not move.

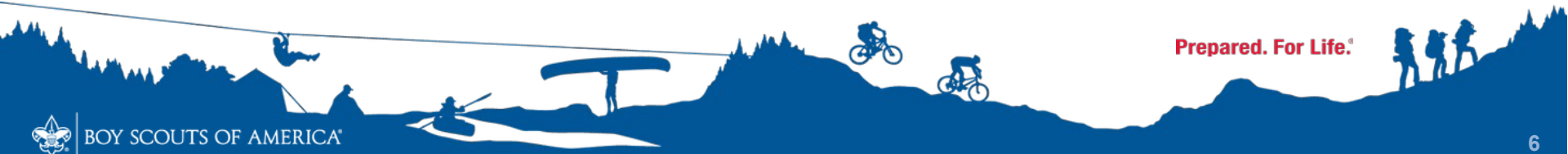
Pickets should be at least 4 feet in length, 4 inches in diameter, and pointed at one end. Pickets should be driven at least 3 feet into the ground. Pickets are ideally used in sets of three. The log and picket holdfasts provide a sound anchorage, so at least four pairs of pickets are recommended.

Monkey bridges constructed and used during council-sponsored events must follow guidelines outlined in section PS-212 of the National Camp Accreditation Program National Camp Standards book.





Recognition Corner—Adult Recognitions!



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Upcoming Autumn



BALOO 3-4 October at JNSR

Leave No Trace 9-11 October at WRSR

IOLS 7-8 November at WRSR

Woodbadge

Fundamentals of Training (EDGE)

Wilderness First Aid

NRA RSO - Range Master Training





Upcoming Events—Autumn & Winter 2026

25-27 September **Fall Cub Family Camp** at JNSR



3 October **SPL & Scoutmaster Summit, Leader Blitz** at Chapel Hill UMC



8 October **Scissortail District Committee Meeting**



15 October **Scissortail District Eagle Boards of Review**



22 October **Scissortail District Roundtable**



Each weekend in October **Fall Family Cub Adventures** at CGT



16-18 October **Williams Fright Night** at WSR



13-15 November **Scout Fall Encampment** at DHR



7 & 14 November **Scouting for Food**



4 December **Gathering of Eagles Banquet** Embassy Suites

27-30 December **Winter Camp** at WRSR

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Order of the Arrow Events



9-11 October **2026 Southern Prairie Lodge Fall Festival** at KSR

HERITAGE 250: HONORING THE PAST—BUILDING THE FUTURE

7-8 November **Southern Prairie Lodge Vigil Reunion** at CGT



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Upcoming Merit Badge Classes Scissortail Series--Gaylord Scout Center

Family Life 6 October at Chapel Hill UMC

Space Exploration 14 and 21 October at GSC





DUTY TO GOD Zoom Event: Sept. 28th– Oct. 1st

Hosted by: dutytogodbsa.org



2026 Religious Relationships Week
Zoom Event: Sept. 28th– Oct. 1st

Hosted by the National Religious Relationships Committee
www.dutytogodbsa.org

Over 20 classes to choose from including advancement coordinators, faith specific sessions, program coordinators, council/district professionals, chaplains & worship leaders, membership coordinators, marketing specialists, religious emblems, and more.

Youth & Adults are welcome to attend. Sessions WILL NOT be recorded due to Safeguarding Youth. However, PowerPoints and handouts will be available afterwards.

<https://dutytogodbsa.org/portfolio/2026-virtual-religious-relationships-week/>

For other questions about Duty to God or Religious Emblem Programs check out www.PrayPub.org or contact Chad and Janie Goodman at DutytoGodLFC@gmail.com

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Messengers of Peace Program

What if every service project your Scouts completed became part of something much bigger?

That's the idea behind Messengers of Peace.

Whether your unit is collecting food, restoring a trail, mentoring younger Scouts, supporting veterans, cleaning a park, or helping after a disaster, you're already making a difference. The Messengers of Peace program helps Scouts recognize that these acts of service are part of a worldwide movement to build stronger, more peaceful communities.

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/>

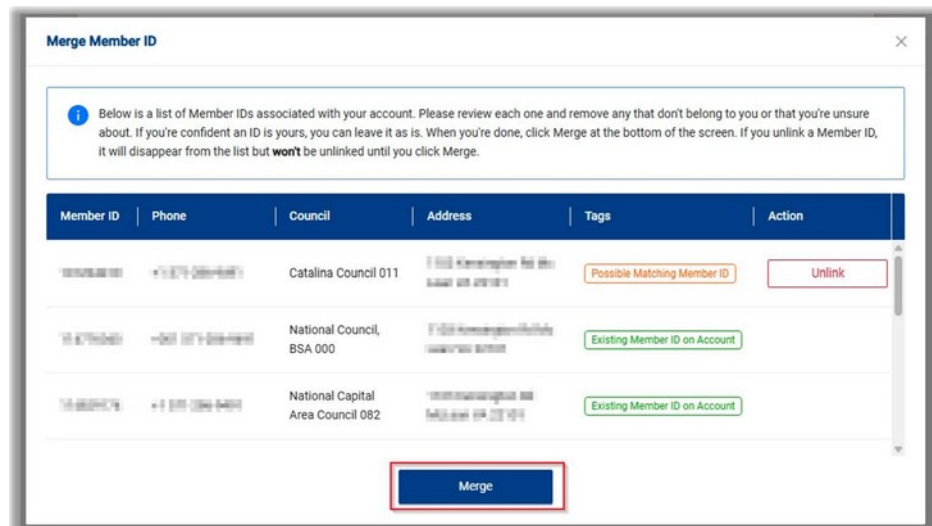
Peace isn't just the absence of conflict. It's helping a neighbor, protecting the environment, welcoming others, solving problems, and leaving every place better than you found it.





Merging Member IDs is now live in My.Scouting

We will now be able to merge our member IDs that have been created across different councils (or the same council in some cases) or the National Council. We can merge these down to one single, surviving member ID that will follow us across our registrations. It will also merge training records under one member ID.



To start this process, you will need to navigate to “Manage Member ID” in My.Scouting.

Be patient for the results, the merger is an overnight process.

Be aware - for Scout Accounts and advancements. Complete Advancements will merge in Scoutbook, but likely advancements that are not complete in the Non-surviving SB Users, the requirements will be lost. So it is advised to print or save History reports for the users before they try to merge.





SCOUTING AMERICA LAST FRONTIER COUNCIL



SENIOR PATROL LEADER AND SCOUTMASTER SUMMIT

**10/3/2026 From 9:00am to 1:00pm
at Chapel Hill UMC**

2717 W Hefner Rd
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120

PLEASE RSVP BY 9-30-2026

We invite all Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters to this summit to ask questions and raise concerns to the Council.

Food and Refreshments will be provided.



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Leader Blitz 2026—Get Your Game On



Cub Scout Position Training

Pack Camping and Cooking
Getting Cubs outdoors

Using the Aims and Methods to Provide a Great Program

Fundraising

Promoting your unit

Adult Position Review

How to: Scoutbook

October 3rd, 2026
Chapel Hill UMC

Scouts BSA Training

Den Chef Training

ILST

Breakouts

Commissioner Breakout

Cubmasters' Corner

Planning Plan B and C Den Leader Breakout

Scoutmaster Breakout- what to do during a meeting

Troop Position Training

Merit Badge Counselor Training

Building your volunteer army

Program help-Resources/Facilities

Rechartering your unit for 2027

AOL->Troop Transition

Pack Committee

Troop Committee Breakout

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OCCC Scouts BSA Classes



OKLAHOMA CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Webelos Adventure Badges

Contact Kristi at kristi.l.carlucci@occc.edu to schedule Webelos classes.

<https://www.occc.edu/academics/community-outreach/youth-programs/scout-badges.html>

The cost per class is \$20, unless otherwise noted.

- [Art Merit Badge](#)
- [Astronomy Merit Badge](#)
- [Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge](#)
- [Aviation Merit Badge](#)
- [Chemistry Merit Badge](#)
- [Digital Technology Merit Badge](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Badge](#)
- [Engineering Merit Badge](#)
- [First Aid Merit Badge](#)
- [Insect Study Merit Badge](#)
- [Genealogy Merit Badge](#)
- [Oceanography Merit Badge](#)
- [Personal Management Badge](#)
- [Plant Science Merit Badge](#)
- [Pottery Merit Badge](#)
- [Space Exploration Merit Badge](#)
- [Textile Merit Badge](#)
- [Weather Merit Badge](#)



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COME ONE, COME ALL TO

Scouting America
Last Frontier Council



FALL CUBOREE!



A WEEKEND OF ADVENTURE, FRIENDS & FAMILY FUN!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



BBs



Archery



Scout Skills

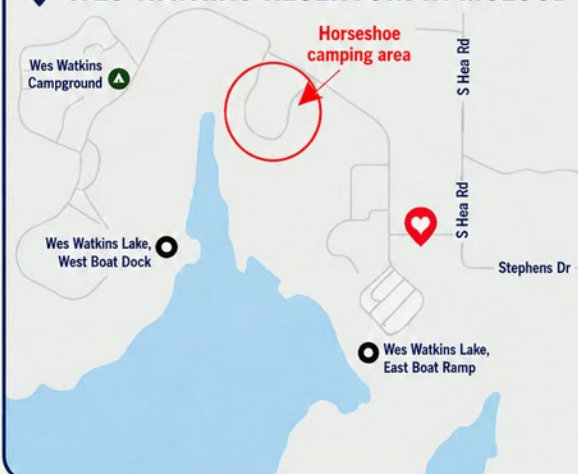


Fishing

BRING YOUR FISHING POLE!
WE'LL PROVIDE THE BAIT.

*Adults fishing must have
a valid fishing license.*

WES WATKINS RESERVOIR IN MCLOUD



JOIN US OCTOBER 16-18!



OVERNIGHT CAMPING
FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY NIGHT

CAMPING BEGINS
FRIDAY EVENING

OR

COME SATURDAY
MORNING
FOR ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES ALL DAY
SATURDAY



CUB SCOUT YOUTH
\$15

REGISTRATION COST

SCOUT SIBLINGS
\$5

ADULT
\$10



SATURDAY CHECK-IN:
9:00 AM



OPENING CEREMONY:
10:00 AM

Shirt for Scouts renewing
membership or newly registered
and paying for Cuboree.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY SEPTEMBER 21 TO RECEIVE A SHIRT.

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SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program



VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must be a recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award, and a registered, active member of their Troop, Crew, or Ship at the time the award was received. They must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting, and community.

The deadline for entry to the local VFW Post is 1 March. A local Post may be found by zip code at www.vfw.org/FindaPost

There is no minimum age requirement. The maximum age requirement is 18 years old.

<https://vfw-org-hqagarhxahbybyd9.z01.azurefd.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Scout-of-the-Year/ScoutoftheYearBrochureandEntryForm.pdf?v=1&d=20210708T183715Z&la=en>

Questions should be directed to 816.756.3390, ext. 6787 during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to scouting@vfw.org.

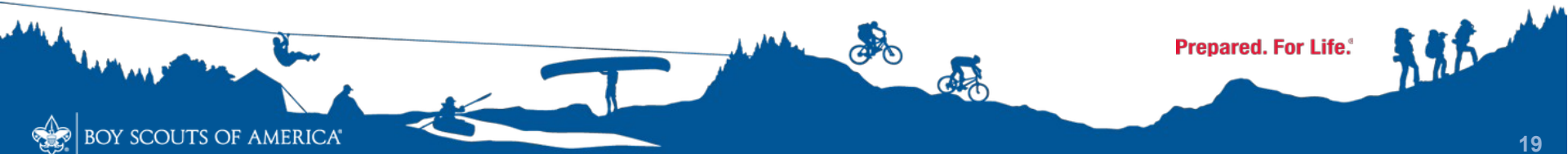
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Hot Topic—Adult Recognitions



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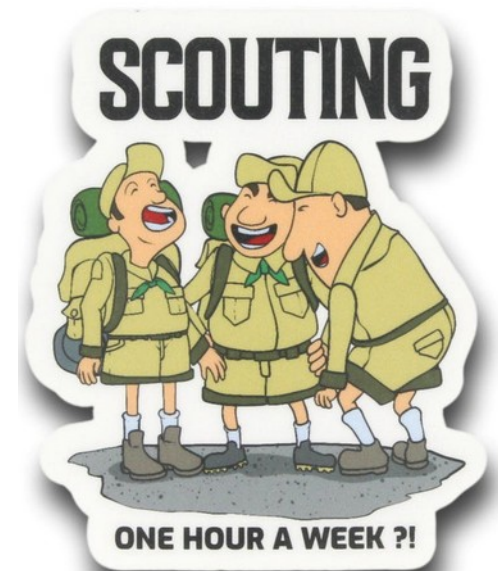


Why adult recognition?

It's a great motivator! It's deserved.

Our adult volunteers work hard for our Scouts.

**Sometimes it's more than
“an hour a week.”**





Formal Adult Awards

Scouting America recognition of volunteer service

Spread across all programs (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting)

Most require another person to nominate

Requirements are online at:

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>





Self-earned, as youth or adult

Arrow of Light

Eagle, QM, Summit

Religious Awards



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Awards For Unit Level Volunteers

Scouters Training Award

Tenure, training, planning, unit assessment



Unit Leader Award of Merit

SM/CM/Skipper, tenure, training, succession plan



Boyce New-Unit Award

Start a new traditional unit



BSA Distinguished Conservationist

Conservation Service; youth also





Awards For Unit Level Volunteers

Alumni Award

Recruit a Scouting alumni back into Scouting



Community Organization Award

Be recognized by an organization (Rotary, Lions, etc)



Scouter's Key

Unit leaders, District Committee members
5 year tenure, unit trainings, performance



Medal of Merit

Significant service using Scouting skills





Awards For Unit Level Volunteers

Den Leader Award

Tenure, retention



Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Award



International Scouters Award

Giving leadership to international Scouting events



Venturing Leadership Award

Unit level to National





Awards For Unit Level Volunteers

Whitney M Young Jr Service Award

Service to rural or low-income youth



¡Scouting! Vale la Pena! Service Award

Scouting opportunities for Hispanic/Latino youth



Asian American Spirit of Scouting Service Award

Scouting opportunities for Asian American youth



PTC Masters Track Award

Taking PTC training, and giving training





Awards For Commissioners

Require time in office, goal setting, and attendance at trainings

Arrowhead Honor



Commissioner's Key



Excellence in Unit Service



Distinguished Service Award



Doctorate of Commissioner Science





Awards For District and Council Service

District recognitions

Scoutmaster of the Year

Troop of the Year



District Award of Merit

- District level service



Silver Beaver

- Council level service





Awards For District and Council Service

Silver Antelope and Buffalo Area and National level



OA Distinguished Service Award

Service to OA beyond your Lodge





Donation Awards

West Fellowship

- Recognizing monetary donations
- Bronze (\$1K) through Diamond (\$15K) levels
- Cumulative over several years





Informal Awards

Unit level, and can be anything you want

- **Name a Scout award for a distinguished volunteer**
 - **David Thompson Trail To First Class Award**
 - **Al Bragg Cooking Award**
 - **Tom Garrett Scout Of The Year**
- **Give out service stars yearly**
- **Small gift or memento for “retirements”**





Things To Think About

Timing can be important!

- **Most should be awarded at a Court of Honor**
 - **Don't overshadow the Scouts**
 - **Usually a separate segment**
- **Some are awarded at District meetings**
- **Some are awarded at Council meetings**





Takeaways

Most of us know people who have gone above and beyond for our Scouts.

Recognition is a concrete way to say THANKS!

Recognition also can motivate other leaders and potential leaders to step up.





The District Executive's Minute





**Next Meeting Thursday, October 22nd,
6:30pm.**



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Questions and Open Discussion



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