

## ARBUCKLE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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# My Scouter

the Extra Edition of the Arbuckle Scouter



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# Happy Independence Day!

**Council Service Center Closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**



## **Important Changes to Youth Protection Training Policies!**

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Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of the Boy Scouts of America. To increase awareness of this societal problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting, the BSA is implementing several important changes to further enhance its Youth Protection policies.

As of June 1, 2010—Youth Protection training is required for all registered volunteers. New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before they submit an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.

Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of re-charter, the volunteer will not be re-registered. To ensure that these policies are fully implemented, please take the following steps:

-If you have not taken Youth Protection training within the past two years, please log on to [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org) and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID #. The # is on your BSA Membership card. If you do not have a card, call the service center at (580) 223-0831 for assistance.

-If you have taken Youth Protection training online but did not input your member ID #, please log on to MyScouting and input your member ID in the My Profile section so the training will be linked to your records.

-If you have taken Youth Protection training within the past two years but did not take the course online, contact the Council office for verification that your Youth Protection training records are accurate.

For a tip sheet on setting up a MyScouting account, e-mail [kristin.baker@scouting.org](mailto:kristin.baker@scouting.org)

### **As of June 1, 2010**

**When Submitting New Adult Applications**, make sure that you have the following four items:

- ✓ Completed & Signed Adult Application,
- ✓ A Signed Disclosure/Authorization Form (located on the Adult Application)
- ✓ Youth Protection Training Certificate
- ✓ Appropriate registration fee

## **Harry Miller Day Camp July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Ada Elks Lodge**



Harry Miller District Day Camp will be held at the Elks Lodge in Ada from July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, check-in starts at 8:30 AM and the camp ends each day at 4 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$55 per Scout. Late fee (after June 29<sup>th</sup>) is an additional \$10. Webelo Day is on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Directors are Shari Taylor and Evelyn Pardue. For more information, contact Shari at (580) 272-0096 or Evelyn at (580) 399-4020.

## Winter Camp Merit Badge Counselors Needed



Winter Camp Counselors are needed for this year's camp, which is planned for Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 through Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Kristin at [kristin.baker@scouting.org](mailto:kristin.baker@scouting.org). We would like to offer some of the 2010 Centennial Merit badges if we can find counselors for these badges. This will be the last time to earn the centennial badges for the year.



## 8th Annual Eagle Scout Heritage Celebration Planned for August 14th at the National Scouting Museum

The Eighth Annual Eagle Scout Heritage Celebration will be held in Irving, Texas at the National Scouting Museum on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Keynote speaker will be BSA Chief Scout Executive and Distinguished Eagle Scout, Bob Mazzuca. The celebration will last all week, with Eagle Scouts receiving a commemorative patch and free admission. Call 1-800-303-3047 for more information and to reserve your spot.



## Inventing Merit Badge Pamphlet Now Available

The Inventing Merit Badge is now officially released. The Boy Scouts of America in partnership with the Lemelson-MIT Program has officially launched the badge.

This new, exciting merit badge is now available for all Scouts to earn.

To view the requirements visit:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-inventing.aspx>



## The Boy Scouts of America is putting Scouting on the map!



That's right! *It's real and it's coming!*

The BSA is putting Scouting on the map all across the nation! In time for Join Scouting 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will have its own joining Web page with information on Scouting, plus an actual Google map application that will help potential Scouts and their parents find packs, troops, and crews in their communities.

**How will it work?** In a nutshell, unit leaders will be able to update their unit's Google "pin" - the bubble you see on Google maps - through MyScouting. They can add their unit meeting time, location, phone number, unit Web site address if they have one, as well as a contact name for the unit. *It's easy!*

**Why is this important for the BSA? Consistent marketing.** One national Web site we can use in marketing materials, PSAs, etc., that directs potential Scouts to local units.

**Find Scouting Near You!** It's a great way to find Scouting in your community.

**"Join Now!"** An easier way to invite families to join.

**The Google Pin.** The information in the "pins" will be tied to unit records in the BSA's database. Unit leaders will have the ability to update this information to keep it accurate and up to date. They will be able to edit it as often as they like.

**"Ask Us! We can help."** A new feature allows people interested in a particular unit to e-mail questions to the unit leaders. For instance, say a potential Scout parent wants to know, *"What night does your den meet?"* The parent would click on the "For More Information" link. The site will open up a "blind" e-mail window (the sender never sees the actual e-mail address.) He or she types the question and presses Enter. The leader receives the question and can respond.

BeAScout keeps a record of the question and the person requesting the information and whether or not they receive a response. Plus, unit leaders, district personnel, council staff, area, region, and national-level staff can run reports to see the requests coming in and whether or not responses are being sent. More information will be sent in future articles.

## Save the Date for your District's Fall Kickoff!

Washita District August 5th  
Harry Miller District August 10th  
Chickasaw District August 19th



### New Cub Scout Leader Books For Sale at the Scout Shop

The Arbuckle Area Council Scout Shop has just received a shipment of the new ***Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide*** Books. This guide is a must-have for all den leaders.

The ***Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide*** is a book your den leader can use for all five years of the Cub Scout program. Modeled in the new Cub Scout 2010 advancement program, no den leader should be without it. It is recommended that pack purchase enough to take care of your den leaders for this Fall. Cost is \$6.99 before tax.

Cub Scouts Academics and Sports Guide, BALOO Training, Cub Scout Leader How-To Book, and Cub Scout Den and Pack Ceremonies are also books that are recommended for packs to have in their resource library. The new versions have no changes in them except for the covers. Be sure to get your orders for materials in over the summer so your pack is prepared for the new Scouts joining this Fall. To order call Kristin at (580) 223-0831.



### Applicants Sought for 2011 Philmont Trek



Arbuckle Area Council is taking youth and adult leader applications for the 2011 Philmont Trek. Applicants must be 14 years-of-age by January 1, 2011. The dates for the trip are July 3, 2011 through July 16, 2011. Cost of the trek is \$800. This fee includes all meals, transportation, and the Philmont fee. For more information contact Mike Payne (405) 665-4225 or Scott Harmon (580) 369-2478.

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### Scout Stamp to Début July 27<sup>th</sup> at Boy Scout National Jamboree

After unveiling the design of the USPS Celebrate Scouting stamp last November, BSA is preparing for the stamp to become available nationwide on July 27<sup>th</sup>! As part of this exciting day, a "First Day of Issue" ceremony will be held on during the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

Continuing the BSA's long tradition of service and good turns, we will bring deeper purpose to the Celebrate Scouting stamp by sending letters and care packages to the military men and women serving our country overseas. Also included in this effort are the many veterans who have honorably served our country throughout the years. Join us in the effort!

For more information on writing letters to soldiers, veterans, and putting together care packages visit: <http://scouting.org/100years/100years/100YearsStamp.aspx>



### Webelos Transitioning to Boy Scouts



If your troop has Webelos that have moved up to Boy Scouts, please make sure that they have filled out a youth application for the Scout troop they are entering. Any youth who moves from one unit to another must complete a new application. The application must be signed by a parent/guardian and be signed by the Scoutmaster.

A \$1 transfer fee may be paid if the Scout is currently registered in a unit at the time of the transfer, but you still must submit a new youth application to complete the transfer.

If the Scout is not registered in a unit, they will pay the unit's normal registration fee and also submit a youth application.

## Historical Merit Badges Now Available at Service Center



The 100th Anniversary Celebration, vintage merit badges for Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking are now available at the Scout Service Center.

The requirements are posted at [www.scouting.org/100years](http://www.scouting.org/100years) and must be completed by December 31, 2010. These badges, first offered in 1911, can be traced back to the origins of the BSA and the original merit badge requirements are used whenever possible. All can be used towards rank advancement. If you are interested in being a merit badge counselor for these badges, please contact Kristin at [kristin.baker@scouting.org](mailto:kristin.baker@scouting.org)

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## Jamboree Patch Sets Available

The Jamboree Patch sets are available for \$35 each. The Jamboree Lodge flaps are \$8 for the color flap and \$7 for the ghost flap. Call the service center at (580) 223-0831 to place your order or visit the council website at [www.arbucklebsa.org](http://www.arbucklebsa.org) All orders shipped will have a shipping fee.

Color Lodge Flap



Jamboree Patch Set

Ghost Lodge Flap



## Celebrating 100 Years — “A Shining Light” Jamboree Celebration

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For the first time in the history of the Boy Scouts of America, we will be bringing the entire Scouting community together for a single, nationwide event to celebrate our organization and reflect on what it has meant to millions of America's youth.

On Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 8 p.m. EST, the Scouting family — past, present and future — will be able to take part, in a special nationwide broadcast. *A Shining Light Across America* will bring the Centennial Celebration Show from the 100th Anniversary National Scout Jamboree in Fort AP Hill, Va. to communities across the country via Webcast and satellite transmission.

The Shining Light webcast will be available worldwide at [www.ustream.tv/shininglight](http://www.ustream.tv/shininglight) and via a Shining Light tab on the [BSA's Facebook page](#). Viewers will be able to comment and interact with fellow webcast participants while watching.

## JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 23-Aug. 4

National Scout Jamboree

## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5<sup>th</sup> Washita Roundtable & Kickoff
- 10<sup>th</sup> Harry Miller Roundtable & Kickoff
- 19<sup>th</sup> Chickasaw Roundtable & Kickoff
- 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting