

Trained Leaders

Scouting offers a great chance for adults to work with youth as role models, and to impact a new generation. Every adult can use some help as a role model, and Every Youth Deserves a Trained Leader.

Here are the simple steps:

The new leader begins with a short self-paced introduction (known as Fast Start) to familiarize him/herself with Scouting terms. Then he/she participates in two courses (This is Scouting and Leader Specific Training) which share basic information about Scouting in general and about the position that they will be volunteering in within their unit.

School Night

A council-wide coordinated effort to encourage new youth to join Cub Scouting, Tiger Cubs, and Boy Scouting. Evenings in September are set aside for this annual event, although packs and troops are encouraged to recruit youth throughout the year. Troops may invite youth to a special troop meeting, campout, or court of honor. The council provides materials, and districts host kickoffs and training programs in August.

Popcorn Sale

This highly productive fundraiser is beneficial to any unit, featuring a healthy profit margin and a high quality, desirable product. This annual sale takes place in the fall. Popcorn Sale Dates:

September 10 – October 22, 2011

September 8 - October 20, 2012



JANUARY 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

- 5 District Committee
- 12 Roundtable
- 14 FOS Kickoff

EASTERN OREGON

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Roundtable
- 5 OA
- 19 Roundtable

OREGON TRAIL

- 5 Commissioners
- 5 District Committee
- 12 Roundtable
- 21 FOS Kickoff
- 28 Pinewood Derby

PIONEER

- 3 OA
- 4 District Committee
- 4 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

- 5 Commissioners
- 5 District Committee
- 12 Roundtable

WHITE BLUFFS

- 1 District Committee
- 12 OA
- 12 Roundtable
- 19 Commissioners

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

- 2 NEW YEARS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
- 3 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
- 10 Endowment Committee
- 12 OA LEC
- 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING
HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
- 18 FOS KICK OFF
Council Annual Meeting
Advancement Committee
- 21 OA WINTER BANQUET
- 25 Staff Meeting
- 26 Council Commissioner

January 2012

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Annual Membership Charter Renewal

The online charter renewal process will be available October 1st. Review your current records and roster. Contact your district for your 2011 access code.

Avoid the most common errors:

- Have applications for those people added.
- Have correct signature on charter and applications

The online charter renewal is available October 1st. Start with a review of current records. A discussion of the accomplishments and goals of the unit is held with a representative of the district. The charter renewal forms are then filled out, Boys' Life magazine fees collected and the unit receives a charter to operate for another year. Units are encouraged to complete, print and then turn in unit charters before November 15th, allowing all to enjoy the holiday season and ample time to correct or clarify information. All unit charters expire at the end of December.

Anniversary Week

As Scouting celebrates its anniversary, Scouts and units are encouraged to demonstrate Scouting values. Scout Sunday is an excellent opportunity to share Scouting with a local congregation; many units organize special Anniversary Week service projects. Whatever the method, everyone is invited to get involved and share the Spirit of Scouting. A free patch is offered to Scouts who participate in Anniversary Week events.

Anniversary Week:

February 5-11



100 YEARS
Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey
OF SCOUTING

FEBRUARY 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

- 2 District Committee
- 9 Roundtable
- 17-18 Tri-Cities Klondike Derby
- 25 Scouting for Food

EASTERN OREGON

- 2 District Committee
- 2 Roundtable
- 2 OA
- 8 FOS BREAKFAST & KICKOFF
- 16 Roundtable
- 24-25 Klondike Derby

OREGON TRAIL

- 2 Commissioners
- 2 District Committee
- 9 Roundtable

PIONEER

- 1 District Committee
- 1 Commissioners
- 3-5 Klondike Derby
- 7 OA
- 9 Roundtable

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

- 2 Commissioners
- 2 District Committee
- 9 Roundtable
- 17-18 Tri-Cities Klondike Derby
- 25 Scouting for Food

WHITE BLUFFS

- 2 District Committee
- 9 OA
- 9 Roundtable
- 16 Commissioner

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

- 5 Scout Sunday
- 5-11 Scout Anniversary Week**
- 7 Day Camp Meeting
- Training Committee
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 15 Advancement Committee
- Executive Committee/Board
- 20 President's Day – Office Closed**
- 22 Staff Meeting
- 23 Council Commissioner
- 29 LDS Relationships

February 2012

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SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY WEEK						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			
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	<i>PRESIDENT'S DAY - Office Closed</i>			COUNCIL COMMISSIONER		
26	27	28	29			
			LDS RELATIONSHIPS			

Camporees

Camporees are two to three-day campouts for troops within a district. They usually involve camping and Scout skill competitions. A campfire with awards, stunts, songs, and skits are highlights of the weekend, and most Order of the Arrow chapters also “call out” newly elected members during the weekend. Camporees are held in spring and fall. A special patch is available for participation. Camporee dates and locations are found on the district pages of the website: www.bmcbsa.org/districts.

Camporees 2011:

October 7-9, Columbia River District
October 14-16, Oregon Trail District
October 21-23, Rattlesnake Ridge District

Camporees 2012:

April 20-22, Oregon Trail District
April 20-22, Pioneer District
April 27-29, Columbia River District
April 27-28, White Bluffs District
September 14-15, Eastern Oregon District
October 12-14, Oregon Trail District

Order of the Arrow Ordeal



The purpose of OA is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives;
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit;
- To promote Scout camping;
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

The Ordeal is the induction weekend for candidates in the Order of the Arrow. After being “called out” at Camporee, candidates go through this weekend of service and inspiration to become an Ordeal member of the OA. The Wa-la-moot-kin Lodge #336 is the OA lodge for the Blue Mountain Council. For more information go to: www.bmcbsa.org/oa.

OA Ordeals 2012:

May 25-26
August 17-18

MARCH 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

1 District Committee
3 District Pinewood Derby
8 Roundtable
10 District Recognition Dinner

EASTERN OREGON

1 District Committee
1 Roundtable
1 OA
15 Roundtable

OREGON TRAIL

1 District Committee
1 Commissioners
3 Scouting for Food
8 Roundtable
9 District Recognition Dinner

PIONEER

6 OA
7 District Committee
7 Commissioners
8 Roundtable

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

1 District Committee
1 Commissioners
8 Roundtable
10 Basic Leader Training

WHITE BLUFFS

1 District Committee
8 OA
8 Roundtable
15 Commissioner

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

6 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
8 OA LEC
17 BIGHORN
21 Executive Committee/Board
Council Advancement
28 Staff Meeting
29 Council Commissioner
31 LDS General Conference

March 2012

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Health and Safety & The Guide to Safe Scouting

Take time to plan an event carefully to be as safe as it can be. The **Guide to Safe Scouting** is an easy to read document designed to clearly spell out the official policies of the Boy Scouts of America in regard to issues surrounding health and safety. The online version of the **Guide to Safe Scouting** is updated quarterly. Go to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx> for the latest version.

Be Prepared: To Set the Example of Safety!

Good activity supervision includes the following:

- Assess the physical condition and health of Scouts
- Set a good example
- Look for and correct unsafe acts
- Make and enforce necessary rules
- Clearly define duties and responsibilities
- Clearly define adult authority
- Make Scouts accountable for unsafe behavior
- Inspect equipment, materials, meeting and camping areas
- Be a good listener

Be Prepared: Have an Emergency Plan

Skilled Scouters “live” the experience in advance by thinking their way through every detail of an event. Develop an emergency plan that includes the following:

- Name and phone number of person in charge
- Action to be taken in the event of an emergency
- Alternatives that may be used
- First Aid
- Emergency equipment
- Evacuation routes

Be Prepared: Communicate with Participants and Parents!

Whenever a unit engages in challenging activities or activities that involve risk, describe the activity thoroughly and identify potential hazards associated with the activity. Include a statement to Scouts and parents that adults will do their best to supervise, and that participants are expected to be responsible for their own conduct, obey rules, not behave in a way that presents a risk of harm to others, and to be responsible for their own equipment. Make sure that youth and parents understand any hazards when deciding to participate in an activity. Inform Scouts that no one should feel pressured to engage in any activity in which the Scout or his parents are uncomfortable.

Note to Cub Scout Leaders:

The nature of the Cub Scout program does not involve hazardous activities. Whenever a pack or den chooses to engage in an activity which presents a risk (swimming, for example), leaders should ensure that all safety requirements found in the Guide to Safe Scouting are satisfied, including training, and that parents are present in sufficient numbers.

APRIL 2012

COLUMBIA RIVER

- 5 District Committee
- 12 Roundtable
- 27-29 Spring Camporee

EASTERN OREGON

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Roundtable
- 5 OA
- 19 Roundtable

OREGON TRAIL

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable
- 20-22 Spring Camporee

PIONEER

- 3 OA
- 4 District Committee
- 4 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable
- 20-22 Spring Camporee

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE

- 5 District Committee
- 5 Commissioners
- 12 Roundtable

WHITE BLUFFS

- 5 District Committee
- 12 OA
- 12 Roundtable
- 19 Commissioners
- 27-28 Spring Camporee

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

- 3 Day Camp Meeting
Training Committee
- 6 **Good Friday – Office Closed**
- 10 Endowment Committee
- 12 OA LEC
- 18 Executive Committee/Board
Council Advancement
- 25 Staff Meeting
- 26 Council Commissioner
- 28 BALOO Training