



# I ♥ SCOUTS

## FEBRUARY FOCUS

### ROUNDTABLE

7:00 PM Thursday, February 14  
1100 Stapleton Lane, Flower Mound

### CUB SCOUT BREAKOUT SESSION

**Rank Advancement Ceremonies**— Cub Scout Rank Advancements are an important milestone in Scouting! But how do we make them special and give them the importance they deserve? Join us for this month's Cub Scout Breakout for fun and easy Advancement Ceremony ideas that will make lasting memories for ever Scout in your Pack including Lions!

### BOY SCOUT BREAKOUT SESSION

Rifle/Shotgun/Pistol/Archery – Burleigh Wood of Troop 114, who is a NRA certified pistol, rifle, and shotgun instructor, NRA Chief Range Safety Officer, and USA Archery level 1 instructor will go over BSA shooting sports as well as what is and is not allowed at each level of scouting. He will also discuss what adults can do to become a Range Safety Officers, firearms instructors, and/or archery instructors to help with troop, district, and council events.

### MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Merit Badge College which will have the second and final session on February 23

### RECHARTER CHECK IN FEBRUARY 21, 7 – 9 PM

Turn in for recharter will be at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 1100 Stapleton Rd. Flower Mound, TX 75028 (same place as Roundtable.) Please plan on bringing your printouts so that we can help submit the recharter and collect any fees that have not been paid.



## **BSA ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY EAGLE SCOUT EXTENSION FOR NEW SCOUTS BSA MEMBERS 16-17 YEARS OLD**

Boy Scouts America announced that they will offer a one-time, limited exception to its age requirements for the Eagle Scout award, giving new Scouts BSA members, male and female, a fair chance to earn the program's top honor. See attached announcement.

### **DISTRICT AWARD BANQUET AND NOMINATIONS**

The Tonkawa Annual Awards Banquet will be held 4-6 pm on March 23rd.

This is a perfect opportunity to recognize the quiet service and sacrifices offered up on behalf of our youth scouts by our volunteers. Please take a moment to recognize those in your units who exemplify the best of scouting for our youth. Please encourage others in your units to do the same. Depending on what's easier for you, use the fillable or print version PDF to complete and submit your award nominations. The deadline for submitting award notations is Feb 25th. Please submit nominations to Tonkawa District Chair Lewis Gonzales and/or District Executive Vince Dorsey

Awards Descriptions and blank nomination form [via this link](#)  
Tonkawa District Heroism Award Nomination Form: [link to PDF file](#)  
Fillable Nomination Form: [link to PDF file](#)

### **WEEKEND IN THE WOODS MARCH 1 - 3**

A camping trip for new Scouts BSA Female Troops, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts. See attached.

### **TONKAWA DISTRICT CAMP-O-REE MARCH 29-31**

Theme is Survival Scenario Competition. See attached flyer or [download here](#)

### **SCOUT SUNDAY**

Scout Sunday can be celebrated according to the wishes of each individual faith. BSA has designated Sunday February 8th as Scout Sunday. However, each church can choose the date to celebrate.

Here is a list of local churches celebrating Scout Sunday.

First United Methodist Lewisville, 2/17/2018  
Vista Ridge Methodist Church, 2/17/2018



## SCOUTBOOK IS NOW FREE

BSA just announced that Scoutbook is now free. **CLICK HERE** to read more about it.

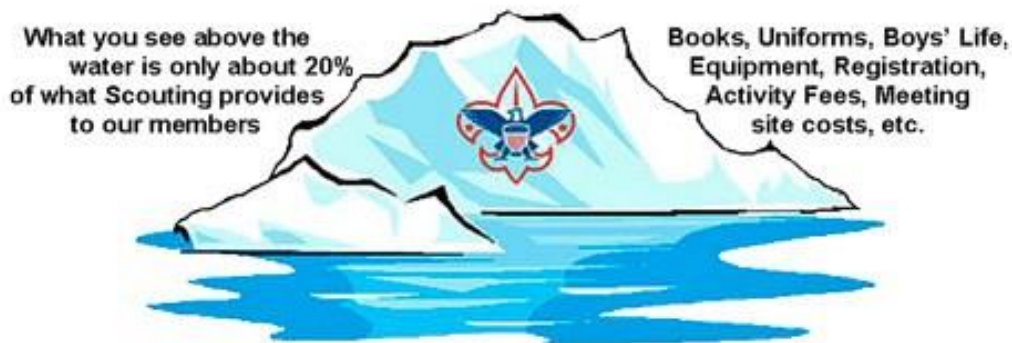
## SCOUT CLOSET

Did you know that Tonkawa District has a Scout Closet? This is great for those in need of cub or scout uniforms and equipment. All items are donated. If you have any scouting items that are no longer used in your home, please bring them to Roundtable to be included in the inventory.

WE NEED YOUR USED CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS – bring them to roundtable.

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)

Get your materials at Roundtable. Friends of Scouting is your council’s annual giving campaign. In most councils, FOS represents the council’s largest source of income. What you see is only about 20% of what council provides members. Each unit needs to have a FOS champion.



## TONKAWA DISTRICT DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with the day camp committee. It may seem that Day Camp is far away but for a great Day Camp lots of planning and execution is needed right away. We ask that most of the volunteers come from troops not registered through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as this is the last year that they are chartered organizations and will not participate after 2019. Please reach out email [tonkawadistrictchair@gmail.com](mailto:tonkawadistrictchair@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer.



## Looking Ahead

- Boy Scout Roundtable Breakout Topics for the next three months are:  
March: *Backpacking and Hiking*  
April: *Troop Meeting Games for Pre-Opening/Gathering*  
May: *Individual Scouting Plans (ISP)*
- Cub Scout Roundtable Breakout Topics for the rest of the year are:  
March: *Campout Cooking: Dutch Oven Cooking*  
April: *Day Camp and Resident Camp: Making the most of your camping resources and effective planning*  
May: *Day Camp Training*
- Recharter – February 21, 7-9 pm
- Merit Badge College – Session 2 February 23
- Weekend in the Woods – March 1 - 3
- Camporee – Mark your calendars for March 29 & 30
- Cub Scout FUN Day - Due to weather and conflicting schedules, our Tonkawa District Cub Scout Fun Day has been postponed to May 18th, 2019! Details will be available in the Spring.

## REFLECTIONS

### JANUARY 2019 EAGLE SCOUTS

Please join us in congratulating the latest Eagle Scouts of Tonkawa District!!!

Logan G. – Troop 9168

Raley W.. – Troop 226



Cole L. – Troop 114



## Tonkawa District Resources

### WEBSITE

<http://www.tonkawadistrict.com>

### DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS (EMAIL)

To subscribe or unsubscribe from District Emails, please visit [this link](#).

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# The BSA Announces Temporary Eagle Scout Extension for New Scouts BSA Members

The Boy Scouts of America **will offer** a one-time, limited exception to its age requirements for the Eagle Scout award, giving new Scouts BSA members, male and female, a fair chance to earn the program's top honor.

Traditionally, BSA rules say a young person can no longer earn Eagle once they turn 18. But for 16- and 17-year-olds who are new to Scouts BSA — even those who join on the Feb. 1, 2019, launch day — there isn't enough time to earn Eagle before their 18th birthday.

By offering this one-time extension, the BSA's volunteer-led National Executive Committee is saying that everyone deserves a chance to work toward Eagle. The decision **was made public** on Oct. 3, 2018. (Read more about the rationale and the decision's impacts [here](#).)

Who is eligible? Any young man or young woman who is at least 16 but not yet 18 on Scouts BSA launch day: Feb. 1, 2019.

Those who apply for the extension (details on the process below) will have just 24 months from the initial date of registration to complete all requirements for the Eagle Scout award.

Anyone who has earned Eagle knows that completing these strenuous requirements in less than 24 months will require focus and dedication. But as an Eagle Scout myself, I see this as a fair solution for those who, through no fault of their own, wouldn't otherwise be able to earn Scouting's top honor. Additionally, the BSA announced that instead of recognizing a first female Eagle Scout, it will honor an inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts. Young women who earn Eagle by end of 2020 will be included in this history-making group.

The move gives these Scouts the 19 or 20 months they'll need to meet all requirements while encouraging them to enjoy the journey toward Eagle, rather than simply racing to the finish line. Keep reading for more about this temporary transition period.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEMPORARY EXTENSION?

Eligibility is based on two factors:

1. The young person's age on Feb. 1, 2019
2. The date the young person joined Scouts BSA

### 1. The young person's age on Feb. 1, 2019



To be eligible, the young man or young woman must be **at least 16 but not yet 18 on Feb. 1, 2019.**

- What about those **under 16** on Feb. 1, 2019? They'll have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18 and don't need an extension.
- What about those **over 18** on Feb. 1, 2019? They're considered adults and aren't eligible to join Scouts BSA. (But should absolutely join Venturing or Sea Scouts!)

## 2. The date the young person joined Scouts BSA

To be eligible, the young man or young woman must register as a member of Scouts BSA on or before Dec. 31, 2019.

In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019 — both girls and first-time-joining boys.

Boys who were members of a Boy Scout troop before Feb. 1, 2019, aren't considered first-time-joining boys and therefore are not eligible for the extension. The thinking there is that they've always had the opportunity to join Scouting and could've started working toward Eagle as early as age 11.

## HOW LONG IS THE EXTENSION?

Young people can apply for an extension lasting up to 24 months from the initial date of registration.

For example: A young woman or young man who joined Scouts BSA on Feb. 1, 2019, would have until Feb. 1, 2021, to complete their requirements — even if that young person turned 18 during that span.

Why 24 months? The BSA calculated the minimum time needed to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout award at 19 to 20 months. That factors in time-based requirements like “serve actively in your unit for a period of six months” in a position of responsibility.

## HOW DOES A SCOUT APPLY FOR THE EXTENSION?

Youth who want to apply for the extension must talk with their unit leader(s) to request the extension. The leader then accesses the youth's profile in My.Scouting. If the Scout is eligible, there will be a button the leader can select to indicate the youth has asked for the extension.

This request goes to the National Service Center in Texas. Once the request is approved, the youth, their parent, unit leader and council representative will receive an email with confirmation as well as the expiration date of the extension.

Other things to know:

- Requests for extensions must be received **no later than 30 days after turning 18.**



- **Only the National Council** may grant extensions.
- **No exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements** for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception.
- All requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class rank in Scouts BSA and moving to a Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship.

## MORE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

**Q: Is the BSA changing the Eagle Scout requirements for girls joining Scouts BSA in 2019?**

A: No. The Eagle Scout award requirements are not changing.

**Q: Can troops, districts or councils amend or adjust the requirements/process?**

A: No. Eagle Scout requirements are set by the National Council and cannot be adjusted by a troop, district or council. In fact, the Eagle Scout award is earned when it is approved by the National Council.

**Q: Will work completed while girls participated unofficially before the introduction of Scouts BSA count toward Eagle requirements?**

A: No. To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class rank in Scouts BSA. (As specified in the *BSA Guide to Advancement*, after earning First Class rank in Scouts BSA, an individual may transfer primary membership to Venturing or Sea Scouts and continue to work on Eagle Scout requirements.)

**Q: Will work that female Venturers or Sea Scouts completed count toward Eagle Scout requirements?**

A: No. Same reason as the previous answer.

**Q: Will camping nights from current Venturing and Sea Scouts that count for requirements for the Order of the Arrow, also count for the Eagle Scout award?**

A: No.

**Q: Will this extension always be available for all youth that enter Scouts BSA?**

A: No. These are temporary transition rules and will not be available to any youth who is under 16 on Feb. 1, 2019. These Scouts will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18.





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TONKAWA DISTRICT - LONGHORN COUNCIL



Please join us for a

# WEEKEND IN THE WOODS

A Camping Trip for new Scouts BSA Female Troops,  
Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts

March 1st-3rd at Worth Ranch  
\$20 for Scouts and Adults (\$15 for Saturday only)



Rock Climbing, Rifle • Shotgun, Archery • Fire Building • Knife  
Safety • Knots • Campfire • Interfaith Worship • Awesome Food

Training: Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops (PLC and SM)  
and Scoutmaster Specific

**RSVP to Brandee Ganz at [bganz@gmail.com](mailto:bganz@gmail.com)**

# —2019 SPRING CAMP-O-REE— TONKAWA DISTRICT SURVIVAL SCENARIO COMPETITION

## Attention: Tonkawa Shelter Regional Governors (SMs)...

President Kitchen of the Tonkawa Wastelands (Tonkawa District) invites your Male and Female Captains (SPLs) and their Shelter Region Male and Female Scout Forces (Troop Members) to compete in the 2019 Spring Survival Scenario Competition (Tonkawa District Camp-O-Ree)!

## —ACTIVITIES—

- Troop Challenges
- Patrol Competitions
- Regalia Contest
- Shelter Faction Flags  
*Troop Flag Contest*
- Dessert Competition
- Tug-O-War Tournaments
- Camp Fire Program
- OA Callout Program
- Scout Sunday Service

Sid Richardson Scout  
Ranch  
Stripling Island Camp Area  
MARCH 29—31, 2019

THE TONKAWA  
WASTELANDS  
NEEDS YOUR HELP...

PLEASE RETURN ALL CAMP-  
O-REE TROPHIES TO THE  
FEBRUARY OR MARCH

### Fees collected by Camp-O-Ree Committee

\$8.00 per person @ March Roundtable (3-14-19)  
\$8.00 per person @ March Banquet (3-23-19)  
\$10.00 per person @ Event Registration (3-29-19)  
*(Participants Include: Adult Scout Leaders,  
Male and Female Scouts, Adult Crew Leaders, and Male and  
Female Crew Members)*

The Camp-O-Ree Committee  
will be set-up in the main  
LDS Church Hallway.

PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR TROOP  
TO WORK A STATION!

**ALL SCOUTS BSA GIRLS TROOPS ARE  
INVITED TO ATTEND!**

## —CAMP-O-REE CONTACTS—

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