



Upcoming Events:

December

- 1 West Plains Merit Badge Univ.
- 1 Leader Specific Training
- 4 District Committee Meeting
- 4 Roundtable
- 4 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Recharter Work Night
- 25 Christmas
- 30 MSU Basketball Game
- 31 OA Christmas Tree Recycling

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 OA Winter Banquet
- 12 District Awards Banquet
- 15 Recharter Turn-in Night
- 17 Council Annual Business Mtg.
- 18-20 Boy Scout Klondike Derby
- 26 Cub Scout Klondike Derby

February

- 2 Council Annual Banquet
- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 8-10 OA Honors Weekend
- 12 Fireside Chat
- 20 Council Program Com. Mtg.
- 21 Executive Board Meeting
- 23 Commissioner Basic Training
- 24 NESAs Eagle Scout Dinner



Osage Hills Online:

<http://www.ozarktrailscouncil.org/OsageHills>



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Need Training? Log on to www.myscouting.org to take online courses!!

...TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES

Many of you participated Scouting for food. As a part of the 2012 Journey to Excellence program, all community service is to be recorded online at the Good Turn for America website. In order for your unit to get credit for this work, please make sure that you have logged on to this site and entered the information. You will need to do this for all community service conducted throughout the year. The online site can be found here. Please work to input this data. What your unit records or does not record will affect your JTE Score and the district's score, so please enter your hours today.
<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

MSU BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE!!!

The MSU Basketball Experience is scheduled for December 30 at 4:00 PM. All boys who sold \$600 or more in popcorn are eligible to receive 2 free tickets to the game and can participate in the pizza party for free. All other members of the unit may attend the game and pizza part for a small fee. You can find more information and the registration form which is due by December 19th here:

WANT TO SELL MORE POPCORN?!?!?

Would your unit like to make a little bit more money from the popcorn sale? If so, please contact JC Harsh at the Council Office about purchasing left over popcorn from the Council. He can be contacted by calling 417-883-1636 ext. 234. This is a great opportunity to hit a few show and sell weekends before Christmas. Don't wait, what's left is going fast!!!

2012 JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE SCORECARDS

It's that time of year again. Time to start completing and turning in your units Journey to Excellence Scorecard. If you need a copy of the Scorecard, you can find it by logging on to www.scouting.org/jte. There you will find all of the Journey to Excellence resources available. Please make sure that you are looking at these and have the qualifications met by the end of 2012.

TURN IN YOUR ADVANCEMENT REPORTS!!!

If you have boys who have recently earned a new rank or just joined Scouting and earned their Bobcat rank, please don't wait to turn in their Advancement Forms. Even if you're not doing their recognition ceremony or court of honor until after the first of the year, please make sure and get the paperwork in before the end of the year. The percentage of boys that advance in your units are a criteria for the District and Unit Journey to Excellence scores and we are really close to scoring in these fields, so please get the paperwork turned in and get these boys recognized. All new Cub Scouts should have received the Bobcat badge by now.

RECHARTER WORK NIGHT

If you are processing your units recharter paperwork for the first time, or need some help because you can't remember what you did last year, please join us at the 2013 Recharter Work Night on Thursday December 13th. We will be meeting in the Lybyer building, room T203 on the MSU campus in West Plains from 5:30PM to 9:00 PM. Commissioners will be on hand to help you work through your recharter and answer any questions that you might have. Please plan to join us.



FOS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The 2013 FOS Campaign is just around the corner. Many of you are putting together your calendars for the year, and I encourage you to make plans to have a Family Friends of Scouting presentation. Most units have these at their Blue and Gold Banquets in February and March or at a Spring Troop Court of Honor. Once you have a date in mind, please contact Kevin Walker so a presentation can be arranged.

BOY SCOUT KLONDIKE DERBY!!

The 2013 Osage Hills Klondike Derby is set for January 18-20 and is being hosted by Troop 160 in West Plains. This year's Klondike is going to be a throwback to year's gone by, and will require some real Scout Skills to be successful. To find out more information about the race, sled specifics, and the weekend in general, the registration form and information sheet can be found on at the link below. Registrations are due to the Springfield Office by January 11th. See you there!!!
<http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org/Osage%20Hills/District%20Activities>

FIRESIDE CHAT!!

The annual fireside Chat with the Council leadership will be held on Tuesday February 12th at 7:00PM. This year, like in years past, we will be having a chili supper/contest. So break out your best chili recipes and get cooking. Crackers, cheese, bowls, and drinks will be provided but it's up to you to provide the chili. Come out and make our Council leadership feel welcome and join us for a great evening of fellowship.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

Nominations are currently being sought for the Osage Hills District Award of Merit. Nominations are also being sought for other district awards such as Volunteer of the Year, Continuing Service, and Outstanding Service etc. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please contact Kevin Walker ASAP.

OLS TRAININGS

Due to an increased need for Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, and Venture Crew Leaders to complete Outdoor Leader Skills training, an additional two courses will be offered in January and February of 2013. More information about these trainings can be found on the Council Training page by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org/Training>

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET

The annual Osage Hills District Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday January 12th at the new Latter Day Saints Church just North of Mountain Grove on HWY 95. Pack, Troop, Team, and Crew 22 have graciously offered to host this year's banquet. The evenings activities will begin about 5 PM. All unit and district leaders and their families are invited to attend. We will be recognizing a large number of volunteers from throughout the district and would like to have as many people in attendance as possible. If your unit would like to recognize a specific leader or two please let us know. Also, if you have leaders that have earned training or service knots, that need to be recognized with these awards, please let us know. We want to recognize as many people as possible at this year's banquet, so please plan to join us, and plan to recognize those in your unit that really stand out and make a difference in the lives of the young people that we serve every day. See you then.

OA LOCK-IN/CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Tse-Xo-Be Chapter of the Order of the Arrow is having a Lock-in the evening of December 30th at the Council Office in Springfield, MO. Our chapter is scheduled to run the Christmas Tree Recycling day at Bass Pro Shops on the 31st from 12-6. All arrowmen, youth and adult are invited to come and participate. We will be meeting at the Council Office at about 7:00 PM, or if you'd like a ride, there will be a group leaving West Plains about 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Hess at (417) 252-0042 or by email at ehess000@centurytel.net.

OA WINTER BANQUET

The Wah-Sha-She Lodge 42 Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday January 5th, at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church in Springfield at 4:00 PM. For more information and to download the registration form, click on the link below. Registrations are \$15 if paid by December 28th or \$25 at the door.
http://media.wix.com/ugd/4586b9_3128b01ed60c1b3d35bb020945ef94a8.pdf?dn=WINTER%2BBANQUET%2BREGISTRATION%2BFORM.pdf

CAMP ARROWHEAD SUMMER 2013!!!

Have you heard about all of the awesome changes that are happening at Camp Arrowhead for the Summer of 2013. For the first time in our Council's History, both Boy Scout and Cub Scout Camp are going to be at Camp Arrowhead!!!! That means no more driving to Joplin for Cub Scout Camp. This year, they're also making some really big changes to the water front. **CAN YOU SAY ROPE SWING?!?!** We're also adding **ATV's** for the older boys during summer camp. There are tons, and tons, of awesome new changes this year. And oh year, the Leader's guide is already available and the program guide should be out sometime after the first of the year. This year's camp is going to be awesome. We've got an awesome staff that will be better trained, and better qualified to teach our kids. If you haven't already signed up do so quickly because spots are going fast!!!! Find the Leader's Guide here: <http://www.ozarktrailsbsa.org/Camping/Facilities/Camp%20Arrowhead>

