



Trail of Tears Roundtable

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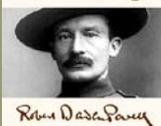
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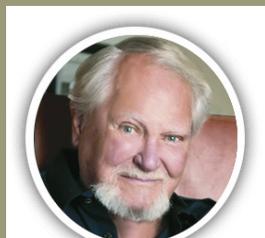
"No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way."

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Who Am I?

Adventure novelist & successful amateur marine archaeologist, founder of the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA); Eagle scout at age 14



Archaeology Merit Badge

"Archaeologists are detectives who study how people lived in the past. They figure out what happened, when, how, and why. Using the clues that people left behind, they try to understand how and why human culture has changed through time."
(from Meritbadge.org)



"In a thousand years, archeologists will dig up tanning beds and think that we fried people as punishment." -Olivia Wilde

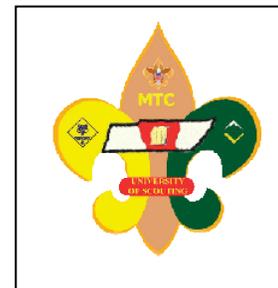
2016 University of Scouting

Holy Family Catholic Church 9100 Crockett Road, Brentwood

What is University of Scouting? It is a one day supplemental training for all volunteers.

What will I do at the University of Scouting? You will take specialized classes towards earning a Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate Degree from the School of Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting or Venturing.

<http://mtcbsa.org/Volunteers/training/UOS.html>



Pack Spotlight

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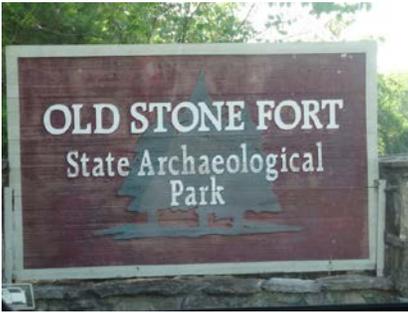
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Pack 374 was chartered in 2001 by Blackman United Methodist Church. It has traditionally been a very strong and active Pack, earning JTE Gold every year since its inception. Pack 374 is looking forward to celebrating its 15 years of Scouting this in 2016. It is a great place to be!!

This pack meets on Monday evenings, at 6:30 p.m. at Blackman United Methodist Church.

Where to go Camping – Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park



Old Stone Fort is the name given to a special type of Native American mound site. It is a hilltop ceremonial enclosure begun 2000 years ago and used at least through the fifth century. It has been identified as, perhaps, the most spectacularly sited sacred area of its period in the United States and the largest and most complex hilltop enclosure in the south. Settlers tended to name such enclosures “forts.”

Visitors can learn about the Old Stone Fort on this hike with twelve interpretive panels as well as enjoying the areas graceful waterfalls.

The park’s museum consists of displays of prehistoric Native American replicas as well as dioramas and photos. The exhibits provide information on the theories regarding the enclosure’s builders, archaeological excavations at the site and the culture of its builders.

What to Do – Hiking, Camping, Special Archaeology Programs



There are 51 campsites with water and electrical hookups, grills, picnic tables and hard-surface pads. A dump station is open year round. One of the two restroom facilities is also open year round. The facility with the showers is seasonal. The stay limit is two weeks.



Several foot trails explore the Old Stone Fort enclosure and Duck River area. The trail around the perimeter of the ancient enclosure is 1-1/4 miles in length. There are 2 miles of developed trails beyond the main interpretive trail. There is a Nature Trail in the campground area and a 2 mile paved path separate from the main park campus.

Programs can be scheduled for school and other groups that provide insight into the significance of Old Stone Fort, the culture or lifestyles of Woodland Indians, and the goals and techniques of archaeology. There are scheduled programs for weekend days during the summer months.

What to Eat – Lemon-Lime Soda Apple Dumplings

Feeds 5-10 scouts

Ingredients

- 2 large Granny Smith apples
- 1-12 ounce can of lemon-lime soda
- 2-8 ounce cans of refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 stick real butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon



Instructions

1. Use a Dutch oven large enough to accommodate all apples in one layer because they'll rise/expand when cooking.
2. Cut each apple into eight pieces. Wrap each piece in one crescent roll.
3. Melt stick of butter in the bottom of the Dutch oven and roll each piece in the melted butter before placing them in the bottom of the pan.
4. Mix cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle the mixture over all apple pieces (mixing the sugar rather than just dusting the tops better incorporates the cinnamon flavor). Carefully add the soda so as not to wash away sugar from the dumplings.
5. Based on oven size, adjust the amount of briquettes on top and bottom and bake until dumplings turn golden brown (about 30 minutes at 350 degrees).



THE SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

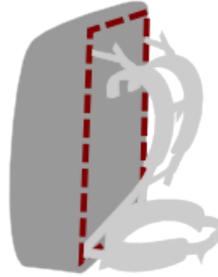
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BACKPACK BASICS

Two basic types - **External frame** and **Internal frame**.

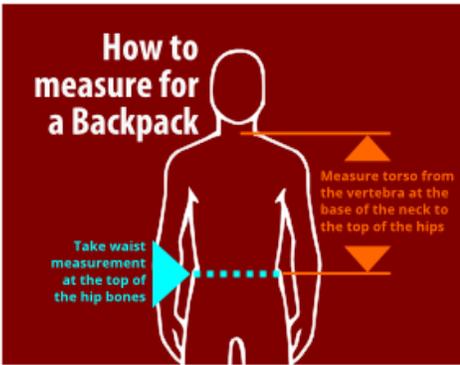


External frame packs have the pack bag attached to the frame.



Internal frame packs have the frame built into the bag.

External frame backpacks are *generally* easier to pack and adjust. Internal frame packs are *generally* lighter and have a narrower profile but are *generally* more difficult to pack and adjust.



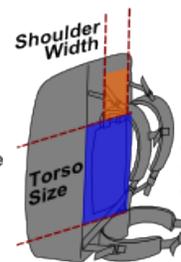
The most important thing about choosing a backpack is getting a proper fit.

To carry correctly and comfortably a pack must fit both torso length and hip size. Torso length is measured along the spine between the base of the neck and the top of the hips and hip size is measured around the top of the hips, (don't confuse this with waist size).

Backpack Suspension System



Load adjustment straps adjust the load between the shoulders and hips.



Many packs provide a range of torso size and shoulder width adjustment.

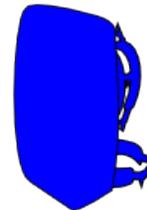
Other Features



Some backpackers find external pockets or divided compartments aid in packing and keeping track of their gear. Choice is based on personal taste.



Traditional packs (both internal and external frames) are designed for heavier loads, weigh more and generally have more adjustment features than lightweight packs.



Lightweight packs are designed for lighter loads, weigh less and have fewer adjustments and other features than traditional packs.



Leadership, Power, Responsibility, and Service

Anyone who takes on a position of responsibility as a leader will feel pretty self-important at first. After all, *you* have been chosen, or *you* stepped in when no one else did. It's a big ego boost to have a title, to have people follow your directions. That's a pretty heady feeling isn't it... all that power?

Power scratches an itch, and some leaders never quite lose their addiction to power. We can even convince ourselves that we are something special, someone who is deserving of respect and recognition. A lot of times we don't like to be challenged or questioned – after all we are *the leader*, right? *We* know better!

Hopefully somewhere along the way we learn being a leader isn't about power at all. It's not nearly as exciting and ego-boosting, it's really about responsibility. We also discover that responsibility isn't anywhere near as fun as power. Maybe you've heard it said; "it's lonely at the top".

Giving orders is kind of fun! Being responsible for other people? That's serious business. Leaders can become targets for other people's fears and uncertainties, their followers will say and do things that hurt their feelings. When that happens we are tempted to use the power of leadership to strike back at them. After all, a leader has to be strong, right? I can tell you from experience; using the power of leadership as a weapon never goes very well. You may feel vindicated in the short term, but the long term results are always bad.

We realize a leader's decisions actually effect people, and it's possible to get things very, very wrong, it really *is* serious business. That realization makes a lot of us back down and hide out, we don't want to make decisions or give directions anymore because we are afraid we'll be wrong. If leaders make bad decisions or give bad directions *everybody* knows, and that's just plain embarrassing.

Every good leader I have known reaches a point where they have serious doubts, when their self-confidence fades to the point they just want to hide from their responsibilities. No responsible leader, no matter how young or old, quite gets over the nagging feeling that someday everyone will see their fears and uncertainties, and they will be unmasked as a fraud.

Every responsible leader has felt like this at one time or another, you aren't that special.

If you hang in there, though, what you will realize is that leadership isn't about power or getting special treatment, it isn't about being appreciated; it's about service and devotion to the welfare of others. Once you realize this you will be happier, and a lot more effective as a leader.

You'll discover much of the time leaders lay aside their own interests, recognition, growth, and personal fulfillment for a greater reward; watching the ones they serve grow, seeing them happy and fulfilled, seeing their talents and efforts recognized.

Do leaders sacrifice some things? Sure! It may look like they give up a lot, but the true reward is so much bigger and better than the things we lay aside.

Stick with it, you'll see.

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The Patrol Method

Patrols are the building blocks of a Boy Scout troop. A patrol is a small group of boys who are similar in age, development, and interests. Working together as a team, patrol members share the responsibility for the patrol's success. They gain confidence by serving in positions of patrol leadership.

What is this Award?



Answer at bottom of this page.

Grand Slam of High Adventure Award - participate in one qualifying high adventure program at all four of BSA's National High Adventure Bases (Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, The Summit Betchel Reserve).

<http://www.nationalhighadventureawards.org/about>



Trail of Tears Spring Cub & Family Campout/Spring Camporee/Webelos Crossover

April 15-17, 2016 at Boxwell Reservation
\$15 per family; \$5 for each additional patch

Webelos Crossover, Saturday April 16, 2016; 6:30 p.m.
Main Ampitheater across from Cripple Crab

Schedule of Events:

- 6:00 p.m. - All Order of the Arrow participants at site
- 6:30 p.m. - All Packs & Troops participating should be at site with complete list of boys and what troop they are going to.
- 7:00 p.m. - Order of the Arrow Guides will lead participants and guests into the Ampitheater
- 8:00 p.m. - Ceremony completed; Units will take charge of their new scouts
- 8:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - District Campfire, Awards, Songs, and Skits
- 8:40 p.m. - Order of the Arrow "Tap Out" (Boy Scout troops only)

District Pinewood Derby

Stahlman Dining Hall
Check-in 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Race begins at 10:00 a.m.

Outlaw Pinewood Derby

Check-in 8:00 a.m.
Outlaw Race follows Pinewood Derby at 1 p.m.



What Is Venturing?

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age.

Venturing Rendezvous April 8-10, 2016



Check-in is Friday, April 8th at 5 p.m. at Latimer Scout Reservation; ends Sunday afternoon

Share the Experience

Venturing Rendezvous is an overnight campout and networking opportunity for all Venturing Crews. The events are planned to touch many aspects of the Venturing program and should provide a good overview of what we do. Each crew brings and cooks their own meals along with a dutch oven dessert to share at the Saturday night social.

Activities to be included:

Rappelling, Challenge Competitions, Emergency Preparedness, COPE, Shooting Sports, Sailing, Texting Obstacle Course, Geocaching, Fellowship, Social Activities, and Council VOA elections.

District Calendar

Scouting for Food	Feb 6-13
Scouting Anniversary	Feb 8
Feb Recharter Due	Feb 15
District Committee Meeting	Feb 25
MTSU/MBU	Feb 27
Commissioner College	Feb 27
Camp Card Sales Begin	Feb 29
Scout Executive Fireside Chat	Mar 3
District Roundtable	Mar 3

Trail of Tears Youth Protection Training

January 2016
88.1% Current
8.1% Expired
3.8% Never Taken



Trail of Tears Eagles
2013 - 48
2014 - 39
2015 - 34

We're on the Web!

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Important Websites

Middle Tennessee Council

www.mtcbsa.org

Boy Scouts of America

www.scouting.org

My Scouting - Training

my.scouting.org

District Google Group Page

<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/trailoftears>

District Facebook page

www.facebook.com/totscouting

Subscribe to our new District YouTube Channel

Search for Trail of Tears Scouting on youtube.com

(like us and subscribe to the channel: currently have 35)

Want your unit in the spotlight, know of a great place to camp or just have something for the newsletter, send an email to totscouting@gmail.com

Commissioner Service



Champions of the Units

District Units Served = 55

Unit Commissioner Needs = 55

Current Unit Commissioners = 18

Unit Commissioner Deficit = 37



Our vision for unit service is to enable units to better serve more youth by providing an adequate number of trained commissioners who provide a link to district committees in support of a quality unit program. Fulfilling that vision demands that we continually recruit and train new members of our corps, and assigning dedicated commissioners to new units and units at risk increases the number of unit commissioners needed. As a practical matter, there may be times when a district simply doesn't have enough commissioners to assign to every unit. At those times, we'll do our best at increasing unit retention by assigning dedicated commissioners to new units and units at risk first while continuing to recruit so that we'll have new members of the corps who can serve stronger units.