



# Trail of Tears Roundtable

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### B.P.'s Blog



Rima Dase-Paney

"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.."

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### Who Am I?

Boy Scout, Arrowman,  
Supreme Court Justice



Antonin Scalia

## Cooking Merit Badge

"The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available."  
(from Meritbadge.org)



**Cooking merit badge is required** for the Eagle Scout rank.

## 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.

They have lots of space left in: Flag etiquette; Duty to God, and Planning a Scout worship service, along with many more classes.

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



## Troop Spotlight



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**Troop 416 was chartered in 1937.**

Troop 416 is a High Adventure Troop. We have attended 3 BSA national camps Northern Tier Winter camp,

The Summit, and Seabase in the past 2 years. This year's trip is a week on the AT with Philmont following in 2017.

We attend Boxwell summer camp and Grimes Canoe Base every year.

Troop 416 meets at First Baptist Church on Tuesdays at 7:00-8:30

## Where to go Camping – Standing Stone State Park



Standing Stone State Park is located in Standing Stone State Forest on the Cumberland Plateau. The park takes its name from the Standing Stone, a 12 foot tall rock standing upright on a sandstone ledge, which was supposedly used as a boundary line between two Indian nations. When the rock fell, the Indians placed a portion of it upon an improvised monument to preserve it. The stone is still preserved in nearby Monterey, Tenn.

The famous National Rolley Hole Marble Tournament is held here every September. The largest of its kind, the tournament has been an annual event at the park for more than 30 years. This traditional marbles contest draws some of the country's best players to a tournament where players match wit and skills with special flint spheres on a smooth dirt surface. The festival includes kids' games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food.

## What to Do – Hiking, Camping, Special Archaeology Programs

Standing Stone State Park has more than eight miles of day-use hiking trails, providing access to some of the park's loveliest areas. Trails range from easy to strenuous and pass into virgin woods through vivid wildflowers and over-flowing streams and around beautiful Standing Stone Lake.



The park has 36 campsites, each with grill, picnic table, water and electricity. There are also 17 historic WPA cabins and seven more modern cabins available that can be reserved up to a year in advance. All cabins are completely equipped for housekeeping including appliances, microwave oven, cooking utensils and linens. The park has three group lodges ranging in size and accommodations.

## What to Eat – Chicken Dutchiladas

### Feeds 8-10 scouts

3 cups boiled shredded chicken  
 1 large can green enchilada sauce  
 12 corn tortillas  
 vegetable oil  
 1 pint sour cream  
 1 package dry, ranch dressing mix  
 3 cups Jack and/or cheddar cheese, shredded  
 ½ cup black olives, sliced  
 aluminum foil



1. While the coals heat up, lightly fry both sides of 12 corn tortillas in oil till slightly crispy (this will help them hold up during cooking). Layer tortillas between paper towels to drain off as much oil as possible, and set aside.
2. Combine shredded chicken, a third of the green sauce, sour cream, ranch-dressing mix, olives, and a third of the shredded cheese. Set mixture aside.
3. Line the Dutch oven with aluminum foil to make it easier to clean. Wet bottom of oven with some of the leftover green sauce and layer three tortillas, shredded-chicken mixture, some cheese, and more green sauce.
4. In that order, layer a couple of more times and top with the last of the tortillas, cheese, and green sauce. Cover and cook 30 minutes at 350 degrees until layers are heated through and cheese is melted.
5. Based on oven size, adjust the amount of briquettes on top and bottom—perhaps 4-6 for the bottom and 4 on top.



## THE SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

*Helping Deliver the Promise of Scouting!*



# The four elements behind every great Scoutmaster's minute

Since at least 1925, troops have been setting aside time near the end of their meetings for the Scoutmaster's minute.

In those 60 seconds (or, let's be honest, usually a little longer), the Scoutmaster shares a story, a parable or an anecdote that helps Scouts think about Scouting and life in a new way. (Note for Venturing and Cub Scouting leaders: These same principles apply to a Cubmaster's minute or Crew Advisor's minute.)

The February 1927 issue of *Scouting* magazine offered a nice description of the Scoutmaster's minute that still holds true nearly 90 years later: "The Scoutmaster says a word, tells a story or in his own way gives the boys a bit of inspiration in the way of a reminder of the Oath and Law."

There's magic behind a Scoutmaster's minute, but the formula isn't a secret, says John Duncan, council commissioner with the Northeast Illinois Council. In the February 2016 ScoutCast, the BSA's monthly podcast for Boy Scout leaders, Duncan offers four elements behind every great Scoutmaster's minute.

### 1. Relevance

Is this topic important to the people who are listening?

### 2. Sincerity

Do you truly believe what you're saying or is this some trite cliché that you read out of the book and you're reading it back?

### 3. Credibility

Do you exemplify what you are saying? If you aren't visibly doing your best on your honor, then you come across as a hypocrite and that is the worst possible thing that could happen with a Scoutmaster's Minute.

### 4. Passion

How important is this topic to you as the speaker?

These four tips are just a small taste of what Duncan shares in the ScoutCast, so be sure to take a few minutes and listen. You won't want to miss his "performance" of his personal favorite Scoutmaster's minute. It'll give you goosebumps.

(from Bryan on Scouting blog posted February 10, 2016; <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/02/10/four-elements-behind-every-great-scoutmasters-minute>)



### 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.

## Developing Youth Leaders – Ready, Fire, Aim

July 7, 2015 By **Clarke Green**

I want to encourage you to stop training youth leaders and start developing their leadership skills – two very different things. Scouts learn best experimentally, “ready, fire, aim” is an apt description of the process.

Directing the archery and rifle range at our camp many years ago I learned some important lessons about how to help Scouts develop skills. Most Scouts that showed up at the range weren’t receptive to formal instruction because they had that jumpy “beginner energy”, assumptions about their own skill, and they were excited to try things out.

Initially I thought it best to instruct them in the individual steps to shooting before I put a bow, rifle, or shotgun in their hands. I’d sit them down for the first session and cover the ten steps to firing an accurate shot in detail. I soon learned most of it was forgotten when they stepped up to the firing line because the Scouts had no frame of reference. No matter how sharp my presentation skills may have been the instructions were mere theoretical abstractions to them.

Inevitably I’d end up instructing all over again; something I found endlessly frustrating. I recall feeling angry and resentful; blaming the Scouts for not paying attention. I’d find myself saying things like, “don’t you guys remember what I told you?” or, “See! You should have listened to me the first time!”

It wasn’t that the Scouts weren’t paying attention. I had yet to learn a couple of important things about getting through to them.

Ultimately I stopped instructing before the Scouts had their first turn on the firing line. After a quick safety talk I’d demonstrate the proper technique and explain it briefly, then it was their turn to try. I made it my goal to get them actively shooting within minutes of their stepping through the gate at the rifle or archery range.

Naturally few were able to shoot very well at that point, but that wasn’t what I was looking for. What I wanted to do was establish a frame of reference, a foundation to build on, a set of experiences that made further instruction relevant.

Once they had that frame of reference Scouts actually saw the value in things like controlling their breathing, getting a sight picture, following through, and all the other minute steps involved in firing an accurate shot. *Talking* about all ten steps at once didn’t work anywhere near as well as *experiencing* how the individual steps worked as they stood or sat on the firing line.

I’d observe and coach each of them individually, and pair them off to observe and coach each other. There wasn’t a whole lot of sitting listening or doing nothing at all. This worked so well that I tried it with my youth leaders:

**READY – A brief (that means minutes) overview and (when appropriate) demonstration modelling the skill.**

**FIRE – Apply the skill immediately.**

**AIM – Step back, analyze the result, coach and instruct towards an incremental improvement.**

This simple process repeats ad-infinatum. Scouts attain most skills quickly because they are at an age of incredible plasticity. We must appreciate the importance of hands-on experiential moments in this process, and respond to how rapidly it happens.

Stop training youth leaders and start developing their leadership skills – rapid fire, one-step-at-a-time. Once you see it work you’ll apply the ready-fire-aim approach often.

Venturing Shooting Sports Award - encourages Venturers to shoot in multiple disciplines and then be recognized for several challenging requirements

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/shooting.pdf>



## 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

Wildernes First Aid	Mar 4-6
Volunteer Banquet	Mar 5
Order of the Arrow Univ	Mar 11-13
Mar Recharter Due	Mar 15
University of Scouting	Mar 19
District Committee Meeting	Mar 24
District Roundtable	Apr 7

### Trail of Tears Youth Protection Training

February 2016  
93.6% Current  
5.3% Expired  
1.1% 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](http://www.mtcbsa.org)

### Boy Scouts of America

[www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

### My Scouting - Training

[my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org)

### District Google Group Page

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

### District Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/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](mailto: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.