



# Trail of Tears Roundtable

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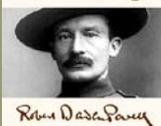
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### B.P.'s Blog



Reina Dase-Paney

" When a boy finds someone who takes an interest in him, he responds and followst"

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### Who Am I?

Former member of Explorer Post 10 in Maryland



William Macy, Actor

## Bird Study Merit Badge

" Birds are among the most fascinating creatures on Earth. Many are beautifully colored. Others are accomplished singers. Many of the most important discoveries about birds and how they live have been made by amateur birders. In pursuing this hobby, a Scout might someday make a valuable contribution to our understanding of the natural world."

(from Meritbadge.org)



### MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT

The Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scouts of America invites and encourages you to take part in a special day of flag placement honoring those who served in our nation's armed services and are now laid to rest. Many of these heroes gave their lives for our freedom while in active duty. Please join us in placing flags on the graves of soldiers who so sacrificially served. Our veterans, both living and deceased, deserve our utmost respect and thanks for all they do, and have done to make this country what it is today. This is a great way to show that appreciation. Bring your Scout in full uniform and allow him or her to be part of a now over 40-year tradition with MTC.



<http://mtcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2016-memorial-day-flag-placement/1887238>

## Crew Spotlight



**Tony Love - Venturing Crew Advisor;** tkallove@comcast.net

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Crew 197 is a High Adventure group. They are extremely active. They attended Venturing Rendezvous last weekend and had many crew members elected to positions in the Venturing Officer's Association.

One of their members was elected to the VOA Vice President of Programming for Middle Tennessee Council. Way to go Lindsay!!

They assisted with the ILST course held out at Boxwell in mid-April. We look forward to seeing much more of them in the future.

## Where to go Camping – Pickwick Landing State Park



Pickwick Landing State Park was a riverboat stop dating from the 1840s. In the 1930s during the depression, the site was chosen as a location for one of the Tennessee Valley Authority's dams on the Tennessee River. What comprises the park today was once the living area for the TVA construction crews and their families. The TVA Village, better known as Pickwick Village was located where the Post Office, Park office and day use area are now located. The State of Tennessee purchased all 681 acres of Pickwick from TVA in 1969 designating the area as a state park in 1970. Since that time additional land has been brought to enlarge the park.

Pickwick Landing has fishing, swimming, disc golf, golf, pools, camping, tennis, and hiking. Shiloh National Military Park is only 15 minutes away from Pickwick Landing.

## What to Do – Hiking, Camping, Fishing

The park is located on the Tennessee River at mile marker 207.6. Below the dam is Pickwick Lake, a reservoir of the Tennessee River with fisheries similar to those listed for Kentucky Lake. It too is known for great sport fishing and numerous local and national fishing tournaments.



There is a 2.8 mile Island Loop Trail and a 1.2 mile Inn Walking Trail. There is a Disc Golf course that begins at the Inn and finishes with a beautiful view of Pickwick Lake. Pickwick Landing has three public swimming beaches. There is a beautiful wooded campground with 48 sites, each equipped with a table, grill and electric & water hookup. There is also a primitive campground and picnic area on the north side of Pickwick Lake. There are 34 sites located in this area. There is a bathhouse available as well. It is opened from April through October.



## What to Eat – Campfire Orange Cakes

- 1 box of yellow cake mix
- 1 cup of water
- 1/3 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 10-12 oranges

Slice the tops off the oranges about 1/2" from the top. Save the tops because they will be used later on.

Hollow the oranges out like you would a pumpkin. After preparing the cake batter according to the directions, fill the oranges 3/4 full with the batter

Place tops back on the oranges and carefully wrap them in heavy duty aluminum foil.

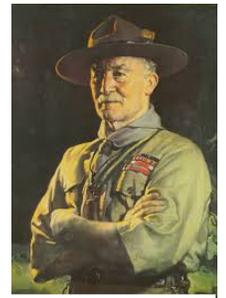
Place directly into campfire and cook for 15-20 minutes, rotating once or twice to ensure even cooking.

Remove from fire and check to see that they are fully cooked.

Enjoy!!

(<http://www.todaysletters.com/2010/10/campfire-orange-cakes.html>)





## THE SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

*Helping Deliver the Promise of Scouting!*

### RESOLVING SCOUTING PROBLEMS

*Policies and rules are meaningless if we don't understand the principles and ideas that drive them.*

**Our ideals are the Scout oath and law.  
Our principles are the aims and methods of Scouting.**

*Every conflict, disappointment, or other difficulty we encounter can be resolved by applying our principles and ideals.*

There are two important ideas I believe may help you find resolutions;

#### **Perspective and Emotions**

We can all remember some instance our emotions outstripped our judgment or we found our perspective was skewed.

Each human being has a unique perspective. Parents, older people, younger people, leaders, followers – all view situations through a filter. We don't all see things the same way.

#### **Policies and Rules as Training Wheels**

If every Scout, Scouter, and parent had a mature understanding of our ideals and principles we wouldn't have much use for policies and rules. But we don't completely understand our ideals and principles at first, so policies and rules function like training wheels on a bike, they help us stay on course.

The first few years I was a Scoutmaster I read some policies and rules and thought "that just doesn't make sense!" They didn't make sense because I was looking at things through the filter of my own perspective. Once I started learning and applying principles and ideals things became clearer.

#### **How To Resolve Problems**

Policies and rules were not designed to resolve *all* of our problems, just to define our course, so before you go looking for a policy or rule try doing two things;

1. Study the ideals and principles. I can tell you from experience most times I don't have to go much farther than the Scout law, (especially, kind, courteous, helpful, and friendly).
2. Examine your perspective and emotions. I usually start with the assumption that I am not seeing things as others do.

I think you'll find out what I have; most of our problems are resolved once we apply principles and ideals, and check our own perspective.

It's more than likely you'll find a rule or policy that corresponds to the resolution you've found. Our application of that policy or rule is so much better when we have a solid basis of ideals and principles.

We are well on the way to resolving any problem once we understand ideals and principles form the basis for rules and policies and the filter of our own perspective and emotions can distort things.



## What is a "Boy-Led Troop" February 3, 2016 By Clarke Green

Many Scouters claim; "We have a boy-led (or youth-led, or Scout-led) Troop," but what does that really mean?

Official literature [mentions this sort of thing often](#), but how is do we really define "boy-led"?

We'd like to think what the Scouts do and how they do it defines "boy-led", but it doesn't. Young people lead themselves all the time, it comes quite naturally to them.

What adults do is just as important to a boy-led troop as what adults *don't* do.

Defining what we *should not* do is nowhere near as useful as sharing what we *should* do, but before I do let's address one common misconception;

*Boy-led is not boy-defined.*

Every once in a while I'll hear something like; "We don't have patrols because the Scouts decided they didn't want them, we are boy-led after all."

Imagine a basketball game where the players were carrying the ball rather than dribbling. You ask a coach why and they tell you; "the players all decided they'd rather play this way." Can you still call that game "basketball"?

Just like any other game Scouting has limitations and definitions. We all play the game within those definitions and limitations, the players don't re-invent the game.

**Adults should help Scouts maintain focus** on fulfilling the promises of Scouting and understand the limitations and definitions of the game we are playing.

If we honestly want to engage our Scouts in leading themselves there things we ought to do –

*Adults Should Employ Guided Discovery*

Adults should guide their youth leadership to find their own answers. Ask questions that help them define the goal or the problem and then let them seek a plan or resolution. Don't provide answers – provide guidance.

*Adults Should Respect Autonomy*

When Scouts are focused on fulfilling the promises of Scouting poor choices will be few and far between. Respecting autonomy means our Scouts have the latitude to fail within the bounds of safety and propriety.

*Adults Should Promote Cooperative Resolutions*

In any situation we encounter with our Scouts there are not two sides, there's not a right and wrong, just a question everyone is trying resolve cooperatively.

Adults have the advantages of age and guile, we can pull strings and coerce decisions, we also have the provisional authority to make absolute decisions and give absolute directions.

If we are careful to maintain focus, employ guided discovery, respect autonomy, and promote cooperative resolutions our "boy-led" troop will flourish, and we will rarely have to give absolute directions or make absolute decisions.

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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.

Four thoughts Scouters can apply to triage any situation

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Am I maintaining focus?  
Am I guiding or directing?  
Do I respect autonomy?  
Are we working for a cooperative resolution?



Unit Leader Award of Merit - awarded to Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches and Venturing Crew Advisors who have completed seven requirements and nominated by the top youth leader of the unit.



[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf)

### ADULT AWARD

Den Chief Service Award - awarded to Den Chiefs who serve the pack for a year and meet 10 other requirements, including a project

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/dencf.aspx>

### YOUTH AWARD



Venturing Discovery Award - The Second Venturing program level award.

[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Discovery\\_Award](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Discovery_Award)

### VENTURING AWARD



Arrowhead Honor - Recognizes commissioners have done training for their position, and met 6-8 other requirements, dependent upon the commissioner position they hold.

<http://usscouts.org/awards/arrowheadhonor.asp>

### COMMISSIONER AWARD



**ORDER OF THE ARROW EVENTS - Wa-hi-nasa Lodge** (<http://www.wa-hi-nasa.org/>)

Spring Ordeal - June 3-5, Boxwell Scout Reservation

Prism - Summit Bechtel Reserve - June - July 2016 (<http://prism.oa-bsa.org/>)

Our local chapter is Wdee. Quentin Bolden is our chapter's advisor ([quentin1965@comcast.net](mailto:quentin1965@comcast.net))

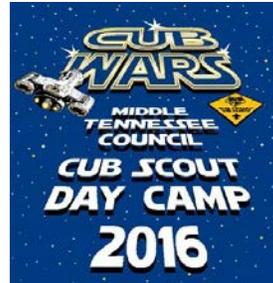


## CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.      \$75 Early Bird Pricing

June 6-10 at Barfiled Park  
June 13-17 at Symrna

Cub Wars: A Galactic Adventure



### Things to know:

- In order to get the early bird price, full payment must be made by may 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Incoming Tigers (will be in 1<sup>st</sup> grade Next year) must have an adult partner

### Volunteer Information

- Sign up now!!!
- Register online at <http://mtcbsa.org/Parents/scout/camping/CubDayCamp.html>
- Sign up now!!!
- We need LOTS of volunteers! Volunteers should register online. If you register after May 1<sup>st</sup>, you are NOT guaranteed to get a t-shirt.
- Packs that send scouts should also send adult volunteers.

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### CUB RESIDENT CAMP, BOXWELL RESERVATION

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Well, you are only steps away from registering for a camp that will give you nonstop fun! Cub Resident Camp is a two night camp designed for upcoming 1-3rd graders (and an accompanying parent) to experience the great outdoors with many of the comforts of home. Come do activities such as swimming, archery, BB shooting sports, adventure loops, campfire programs, sports and more.

### WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP, BOXWELL RESERVATION

Boxwell is a wonderful facility for young boys to have a great camping experience. The experience will be a fun, informative, and safe camping trip that will keep boys entertained. Theme "Medieval Times - CUB-A-LOT"

Swimming, archery, BB shooting sports, slingshots, dodge ball, adventure pins are a few of the activities available throughout the week. They will also get to take part in "The Follow Me Boys" Tour. During your free time you may hike around camp, visit the American village, Medieval Castle, Western Fort and Pirates Cove. Oh, and don't forget, we are located on Old Hickory Lake!

Register for both now at [mtcbsa.org](http://mtcbsa.org)





### 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.

Find out more at:  
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx>



## Exploring Summerfest July 27-31, 2016



This will be held at Summit Bechtel Reserve

Exploring Summerfest 2016 is a fun-filled three days and three nights of action sports and outdoor games and challenges for Explorers from around the nation. Each day Explorers experience the best the Summit has to offer from canopy tours, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and rappelling to an awesome skate plaza, biking trails, air rifle ranges, and more.

Even first-time campers will enjoy Thursday evening and the Summerfest luau on the sand and paddle boat beach. Friday night closes the week with the ultimate karaoke music extravaganza and ice cream party with live DJ, party games, and Dance-O-Rama. You have not experienced the outdoors like this—fun, sun, and super activities all in one.

(<http://www.summitbsa.org/exploringsummerfest/>)

### Other Venturing Events coming up:

Northern Tier is recruiting summer staff. Please visit [ntier.org/jobs](http://ntier.org/jobs) for more information. Please send questions or comments to [jobs@ntier.org](mailto:jobs@ntier.org)

**VENTURING FEST** - Summit Bechtel Reserve, July 31-August 5, 2016 (<http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>)

**CONSERVATION TREKS** - Philmont Scout Reservation (<http://scoutingwire.org/discover-stem-behind-philmont-summer-conservation-trek/>)

**APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE** - Summit Bechtel Reserve (for Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity, and Explorer posts) (<http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp/mountaineer-weekends/>)

**WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS** - Northern Tier (<http://www.ntier.org/Reservations/2016.aspx>)

Look for Popcorn sales to start soon. The Council kickoff for Popcorn is Saturday, July 16 or Saturday, July 23, 2016. Go to [MTCBSA.org](http://MTCBSA.org) to register.



## District Calendar

BB/Archery Certification	May 7
May Recharter Due	May15
Wilderness First Aid	Apr 23-24
District Committee Meeting	May 26
Memorial Flag Placement	May 28
NYLT	May 29-6/4
Adult Whitewater Trg	June 3-5
CS Day Camp Barfield	6/6-6/10
CS Day Camp Smyrna	6/13-6/17
CS Resident Camp	June
Webelos Resident Camp	June
Summer Camp	June-July
Venturing Summerfest	July 27-31
Venturing Fest	July 31-8/5

### Trail of Tears Youth Protection Training

May 2016  
97% Current  
2.9% Expired  
0.1% Never Taken



### Trail of Tears Eagles

2013 - 48  
2014 - 39  
2015 - 34

### We're on the Web!

See us at:

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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.