



Trail of Tears Roundtable

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" We must change boys from a 'what can I get' to a 'what can I give' attitude."

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Who Am I?

Famous actor and former Boy Scout



Richard Gere

Drafting Merit Badge

"Drafting is a highly refined form of drawing used to communicate ideas to engineers, architects, and craftspeople. In earning this badge, Scouts learn the importance of accuracy and simplicity in developing a drawing that shows precise details in a simple format."

(from Meritbadge.org)



Scouting Expo / BALOO / Leader Specific Training

Come show off your scout troop at our Scouting Expo on Saturday September 24, 2016 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at McKnight Park (next to Sports.com).

We will have BALOO training and Leader Specific training for Cub Scout leaders. This personal training is much better than the online training because you get to ask questions, network with other leaders, and just have a lot of fun.

A list of these trainings and more from across the council can be found at:
<http://www.mtcbsa.org/Volunteers/training/training.html>



Unit Spotlight



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Troop 197 was chartered in 2005 by Fellowship United Methodist Church

Troop 197 is a Scout-led active High Adventure troop. We attend the Summit, Florida Seabase, Northern Tier in Ely, and the next trip will be at Philmont in 2017.

We attend Boxwell summer camp and Grimes Canoe Base every year. Troop 197 meets at Fellowship United Methodist Church on Monday's from 7-8:30 p.m.



Where to go Camping – Davy Crockett State Park



Davy Crockett was a pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist. He was born near the town of Limestone, Tenn. in 1786. Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park commemorates the birthplace of this famous Tennessean. In 1817, he moved to Lawrence County. While serving in Congress, he fought for his people's right to keep land they had settled on in the new frontier of West Tennessee. Crockett died at the Alamo Mission in March of 1836 while aiding the Texans in their fight for independence from Mexico. Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park became a state park in 1973.

This 105-acre historic park just upstream from the falls of the scenic Nolichucky River is maintained as a memorial to Davy Crockett. This area includes a limestone marker and replica cabin, as well as visitor center exhibits. Nearby is the Cherokee National Forest and his father's Crockett Tavern Museum in Morristown.

What to Do – Hiking, Camping, Fishing

Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park has 88 campsites. Forty have full hook-ups (water, electric and sewer), 30 sites have water and electric only and there are 18 primitive tent sites with no hook-up. The RV campsites can accommodate any size RV. Small tents may be put up beside the RV's. The campground is located near the scenic Nolichucky River. A swimming pool and a playground are located adjacent to the camping area.



The Nolichucky River provides fishing opportunities for a variety of fish including, smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, redeye and catfish.



There are three picnic pavilions, two of which can be reserved by the public. All pavilions are equipped with grills and nearby restrooms.

What to Eat – Black Forest Cobbler Dutch Oven Recipe

- 1 Chocolate cake mix
- 1 can Cherry pie filling
- 1 can soda pop - cherry or lemon lime
- 1 Hershey chocolate bar
- Chopped walnuts (optional)

Dump pie filling into pie tin (or put directly in 12" Dutch oven).

Sprinkle about 3/4 of the cake mix on top in an even layer.

Pour half can of soda around on top of cake mix.

Stir soda into cake mix, leaving the pie filling alone as much as possible.

Break chocolate into small pieces and place on top. Sprinkle walnuts on top.

Place pie tin in 12" Dutch oven, setting it on top of four small pebbles for air circulation.

Bake at about 350°F* for about 30-40 minutes, or until cake looks done when cut or poked.



*18 charcoal briquettes on lid and 6 underneath.

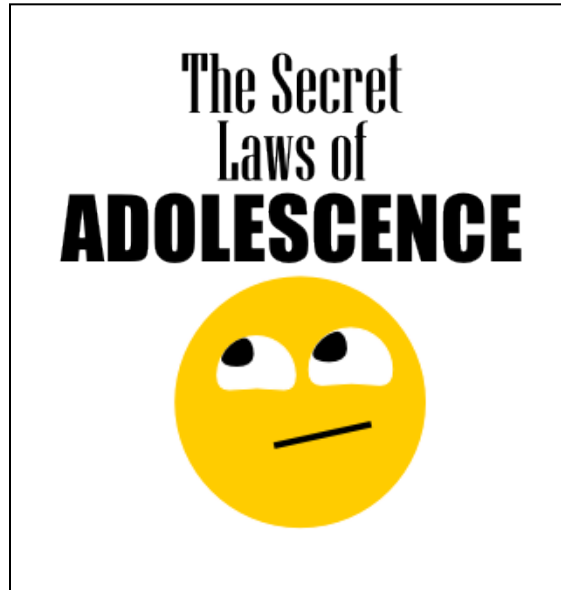
Makes about 8 servings.

(http://www.dutchovendude.com/recipes/black_forest_cobbler-198.php)



THE SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

Helping Deliver the Promise of Scouting!



It's been some years since most of us lived under the regime of the secret laws of adolescence.

Our Scouts know them pretty well and obey them most of the time. Here's one section Scouters should review:

SECTION I TALKING TO ADULTS

1. ATTENTION SPAN

- a. Maximum attention span of three minutes, no minimum attention span required.

2. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY ADULTS

- a. Reaction and "answers" (in order of precedence)
 1. Puzzled look and or exasperated eye-roll.
 2. Grunting.
 3. Words of one syllable (yes, no).
 4. Mumbled, indistinct phrases; I dunno, whaddya mean?, I dintdoit.

3. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

Adolescents not observing SECTION I laws are adjudicated "uncool" (ref. SECTION 38,2,a.) and immediately subject to;

- a. Group eye-roll and generalized snark from peers.
 - b. Derision expressed in (sarcastic) laughter, arm punches, etc.
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Ten Ways to Frustrate a Youth Leader

Ten Ways to Frustrate a Youth Leader (Part 2)

May 5, 2016 By [Clarke Green](#)

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

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

6. Sacrificing the perfectly good to the perfect

Don't expect perfection, expect action. Growing up and learning is a messy, unpredictable business. Perfection takes practice, lots of practice. You can't help other people, let alone young people, exactly meet your standard of perfection.

7. Treating honest mistakes as horrible crimes.

You know what I mean, right? Your attitude is important. It is likely what adults accept as tacitly understood is not at all understood by young people, that's why we are mentoring Scouts towards understanding. Mistakes are inevitable, even desirable – they indicate action and growth. Trouble from Scouts is rarely deliberate disobedience. Scouts make mistakes in judgment – seize on these moments for positive reflection, not anger, shame, or punishment.

8. Hovering

Get out of the room, get out of the campsite, observe from afar. Real responsibility comes from autonomy, and autonomy comes from having the space to act without someone breathing down your neck. Maintain safety and propriety from a respectful distance.

9. Moving the goalposts

Fairness means never dismissing what was achieved by demanding even higher achievement, or redefining the goal to fit the effort. We must maintain a high standard, not an impossibly high standard. Not every shot is a goal. A baseball player with a terrific .300 batting average still strikes out around 2/3rd's of the time. The important thing is stepping up to the plate and giving it your best swing.

10. Usurpation

Actual responsibility leads to actual achievement or actual disappointment. When adults usurp a youth leader's responsibility to make things easier or more predictable they nullify the good that comes from achieving or failing on your own merits.

So how are you doing? A friend and a mentor is neither a hard-nosed drill instructor, nor a permissive pushover. Enable Scouts to do things for themselves, while offering an appropriate amount of direction to assure they remain safe and get the most from Scouting.

Founders Bar - earned by all scouts whose names are on a new-unit charter or who join the new unit before it recharter for the first time.

FOUNDER

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/522-011.pdf>

ADULT AWARD

Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip – have a valid amateur radio license
Use your license to participate in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Amateur_Radio_Operator_Rating_Strip)



YOUTH AWARD

Venturing Award - The **Venturing Award** is the first Venturing program level award similar to the [Scout badge](#) joining requirements. The first step in any journey is the courage to begin. At this level, the new crew member makes their commitment to join and move forward into the experience of Venturing.



[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/TRUST Award](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/TRUST_Award)

VENTURING AWARD

Distinguished Commissioner Service Award

This award is intended to recognize commissioners who provide quality service. Each council decides how to certify eligibility and keep records. There is no national application form for this award.



COMMISSIONER AWARD

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

Fall Fellowship - September 16-18, Boxwell Scout Reservation,
<http://mtcbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2016-fall-fellowship-cc960/1953737>

Our local chapter is Wdee. Quentin Bolden is our chapter's advisor (quentin1965@comcast.net) Stephen Ward is the Youth Chapter Chief

Distinguished Service Award - honors those who render service to the Order beyond the lodge level.





It's a great time to join scouting in Trail of Tears District.

Boy talks and Roundups are happening at all the elementary schools in the area. This year promises to be full of fun, fun, fun.

If you haven't gotten a "Join Cub Scouts" sign from Jason Flannery yet, please ask for one to post at your school, your church, in your yard, your place of business, etc. We want all the youth in our district, which is Rutherford County and Cannon County to know what scouting is and be able to join in on the fun.



CUB SCOUT BOBCAT DAY

Cub Scout Bobcat day for Trail of Tears district will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McKnight Park, right next to Sports.com. The boys will get to shoot Bows and arrows, play lots of other games, and just in general have a lot of fun. If we're not having fun we're doing something wrong!!

Leaders will get the opportunity to take their Leader Specific training, Youth protection training, BALOO training, or just hang out with other leaders.

It promises to be a supercharged and exciting day.



Look at the annual District calendar online at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5n8gn92r0trpc5vchvk3ji1cc%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>



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>



Leadership Summit September 9-11, 2016



This will be held at Latimer Scout Reservation

This weekend is for all registered Venturing youth and Sea Scouts as well as adults who have Venturing program responsibilities and interest. In addition to Venturing Advisors, Associate Advisors, and Crew Committee Members, we strongly encourage Boy Scout Leaders, Commissioners, and District Training Team members who would like to learn more about Venturing to attend this weekend as well.

The purpose of the weekend is to share knowledge and ideas with your peers throughout the Middle Tennessee Council to keep your Council's Venturing Program vibrant while interacting in training sessions and exciting programs and, most importantly....TO HAVE FUN!

Register at: <http://www.mtcbasa.org/Youth/scout/training/vlsc.html>

Fall Fun Rally September 23-25, 2016 St. Louis, MO

Join more than 1300 Venturers, Explorers, and Advisors for an event filled weekend with demonstrations, and competitions. This event, put on by the Greater St. Louis Area Council participants from more than 20 BSA councils and more than a dozen state.

This year's activities will include some of your favorites such as Mud Cave, Mountain Man V Staking, and the STEM Village. This year we are working on bigger and better activities including hot air balloon launches, more sports, and emergency vehicle demonstrations.

New in 2016!

A new event this year will be the Sip 'n Sync during Saturday lunch. We're encouraging everyone to pack a picnic lunch and join us in the field for some root beer, a lip sync contest, and more fun than ever at lunch time. Save time and don't walk back to your campsite, spend that time having more fun at the programs!

The Fall Fun Rally Meal Plan is all new in 2016. We've selected a new caterer. In addition the new caterer is able to accommodate a couple dietary options including vegetarian and gluten free diets. We're working to get a list of other allergies per food item that you can plan around too. A full menu is available.

Information and Registration at: <http://fallfunrally.org/2016>



Contact and Resource Information

District Calendar

September Roundtable	Sep 1
Venturing Summit	Sep 9-11
Show & Sell Distribution	Sep 10
September Recharter Due	Sep 15
OA fall Fellowship	Sep 16-18
Popcorn Blitz	Sep 17
Trail of Churches	Sep 17
Fall CNF Director's meeting	Sep 21
District Committee Meeting	Sep 25
Wood Badge weekend 2	Sep 23-25
Scout EXPO/BALOO	Sep 24
Bobcat Day	Sep 24
National Public Lands Day	Sep 24
October Roundtable	Oct 6

Trail of Tears Youth Protection Training

September 2016
94.8% Current; 4.9% Expired
0.3% 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

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

<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

Commissioner Service



Champions of the Units

District Units Served = 55

Unit Commissioner Needs = 55

Current Unit Commissioners = 22

Unit Commissioner Deficit = 33



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.