



# Trail of Tears Roundtable

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### B.P.'s Blog



Robin Wade Pomeroy

"A boy on joining wants to being right away.."

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### Who Am I?

"First man on the moon and an Eagle Scout"



Neil Armstrong

## Safety Merit Badge

" Knowing about safety helps Scouts to make the right choices and to take the best actions to avoid accidents by making informed choices in their everyday activities and to respond appropriately during an emergency situation. "

The Safety merit badge was created in 1927. It replaced the "Safety First" merit badge that was created in 1916.

(from Meritbadge.org)



## BALOO Training

Come show off your scout troop at our Scouting Expo on Saturday September 30, 2017 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Barfield Park (697 Veteran's Parkway, Murfreesboro; Pavilion #7)

We will have BALOO training for Cub Scout leaders. This training is not available online. You will have fun because you get to ask questions, network with other leaders, and cook your own lunch.

A list of these trainings and more from across the council can be found at:

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



## Bobcat Day

Cub Scout Bobcat day for Trail of Tears district will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barfield Park (697 Veteran' Parkway, Murfreesboro; Pavilion #6. The boys will get to shoot Bows and arrows, Launch rockets, 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!! They will also get to earn their first patch, and their first rank.

It promises to be a supercharged and exciting day.



## Where to go Camping Reelfoot Lake State Park



Reelfoot Lake State Park is located in the northwest corner of Tennessee and is noted for its fishing, boating and wildlife viewing. The 15,000 acre lake was created by a series of violent earthquakes in 1811-1812 that caused the Mississippi River to flow backwards for a short period of time, creating Reelfoot Lake. The park's ecosystem is unlike any other place in Tennessee. Reelfoot lake is a flooded forest. While Majestic Cypress trees rise above the water, below the surface are many submerged Cypress stumps. A variety of aquatic plants and flowers occupy the shoreline and saturate the shallow water. The lake harbors almost every kind of shore and wading bird as well as golden and American bald eagles.

During January and February, Reelfoot Lake is home to thousands of American bald eagles. Experienced park naturalists lead daily bald eagle and waterfowl tours. The annual Reelfoot Eagle Festival in February is a bird watching destination. In March and April, deep swamp canoe trips are offered and scenic pontoon boat tours are offered May - September. Every fall, hundreds of white pelicans stop at the lake on their seasonal migration. While the shallow lake offers many opportunities for boating and fishing, swimming in the lake is not permitted. The park has several hiking trails that are popular for bird watching and wildlife viewing. There are two campgrounds at Reelfoot Lake State Park. Campsites provide water, electricity, tables and grills with many campsites located on the lake shore.



## What to Do – Birding, Camping, Fishing, Boating or other activities

Reelfoot Lake has 2 campgrounds that offer electric, water, picnic tables, & grills; all are level. Both campgrounds have a small number of primitive sites with water & some with picnic tables only.



While Reelfoot Lake is known for its eagles and Eagle Festival, White Pelicans also make the park home during their annual fall migration. A variety of other birds can be seen from the visitor center, including Prothonotary Warblers, Double-crested Cormorants, Wood Ducks and various wading birds.

It is ideal for canoes, kayaks, and jon boats; crappie & bluegill fishing; and has several hiking trails.

## What to Eat Dutch Oven Cherry Dump Cake

### Ingredients:

Can of Cherry pie filling  
Yellow Cake Mix  
Can of Lemon-lime soda  
Chopped pecans



### Instructions

Prepare the charcoal for the Dutch oven.  
Line your Dutch oven with a liner or foil and spray with some cooking spray.  
Dump the entire can of cherry pie filling into the bottom of the lined Dutch oven.  
Mix the cake mix and soda in a separate bowl.  
Pour the cake batter over the cherry pie filling.  
Sprinkle the pecans on top (this is optional, especially if there are scouts with nut allergies)  
Place the lid on the Dutch oven.  
Create a circle of coals and place the pot on top.  
Place coals on the lid.  
Bake for 20-25 minutes or until it smells ready.

<https://letscampsmore.com/dump-cake/>



## THE SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

*Helping Deliver the Promise of Scouting!*

### Three Leadership Styles (part 1) October 28, 2015 By Clarke Green

Although the founder of Scouting Baden-Powell and the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu lived centuries apart on opposite sides of the world, each describe the same three distinct leadership styles.



More often than not we'll find some aspects all three styles in the same person. I know I have used all three styles at one time or another myself.

*Leadership is the keynote to success- but leadership is difficult to define, and leaders are difficult to find. I have frequently stated that "any ass can be a commander, and a trained man may often make an instructor; but a leader is more like the poet- born, not manufactured."*

— Baden-Powell, B.P.'s Outlook

*The best leader is one that the people are barely aware of  
The next best is one who is loved and praised by the people.  
Next comes one who is feared.  
Worst is one who is despised.  
If the leader does not have enough faith in his people,  
They will not have faith in him.  
The best leader puts great value in words and says little  
So that when his work is finished  
The people all say, "We did it ourselves!"*

— Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching

#### **Authoritarian Leaders**

These are Lao Tzu's feared leader and Baden-Powell's commander. As a young, newly minted director of a program department at our camp, I was an insufferable authoritarian leader (I see myself at that time when I read Baden-Powell's "any ass can make a commander").

I was certainly demanding, not particularly friendly, and mistook my abrasiveness for clarity of mission. In fact, I was so brash, loud, and dictatorial I wonder any of my counselors lasted through the summer. I got my comeuppance at the end of the season when one of them had the sand to write exactly what he thought in his evaluation of my job. I owe him a great debt of gratitude; it changed me for the better.

Authoritarian leaders do get things done, but a Scouter's goal is much broader than efficiently completing tasks. Scouting has well-defined expectations, but these are not enforced in an obedience-oriented, authoritarian manner. We want our Scouts to be obedient, but we do not want them to be frightened. We encourage them to ask questions and respond by helping them find answers.

<http://scoutmastercg.com/three-leadership-styles/>



THOUGHTS FOR CUB SCOUT LEADERS 2



UNDERSTANDING MEETINGS

## Cub Scout Leader "Survival Guide" 2 (part 6)

February 18, 2015 By **Clarke Green**

(<http://scoutmastercg.com/cub-scout-leader-survival-guide-2/>)

### 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.

Scouting is not about controlling the conduct of young people.

We have a much bigger challenge; to form their character as defined in the Scout oath and law.

### The People With the Shirts

Imagine you are a newcomer at a meeting or activity in your own den or pack.

Are the people with the shirts (the adult leaders) striding over to you offering their hand in a few seconds? Or are they off in a corner, heads together, kind of like the cool kids at school?

Has someone taken the time to explain the obvious unspoken things you know nothing about? Or are the slickly moving through the activity, glancing at you to see if you are impressed?

How long did it take for someone to learn your son's name, what grade he's in, and what he most looks forward to doing as a Cub?

If you ask a question do you get a helpful, understanding response or are you treated like an ant at a picnic?

You aren't buying a used car from the people the shirts, but would you?

If not, why would you want them working with your child?

Are we welcoming, helpful, easy-going folks or kind of stand-offish? New people have been a challenge for me, on stage in front of the crowd I am confident, with new people; not so much.

Are we going out of our way to help people understand what we are doing, or speaking "Cub Code"? (What in the world is a Webelos anyway?)

Break the ice, shake hands, show some interest! I still have to tell myself this over and over again, someday I'll get it.

Torch of Gold: recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service with special needs



[http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Awards\\_Central/TorchofGold.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Awards_Central/TorchofGold.aspx)

## ADULT AWARD

Emergency Preparedness Award – encourages youth to be prepared, productive, self-reliant adults active in their communities, involves emergency preparedness requirements



<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/media/publications/emergencypreparedness.aspx>

## YOUTH AWARD

The Qualified Seaman Program is designed for Sea Scout ships whose members are not interested in following the advancement plan leading to Quartermaster, or it can serve as a training outline for traditional ships. Topics include: Aids to Navigation, Rules of the Road, Seamanship, Safety, Piloting, Charts, Safe Boating and Operating a Boat



<https://seascout.org/awards-and-recognition/>

## VENTURING/SEA SCOUT AWARD

### Commission

BSA commissioners and professional staff members share the wreath of service in the design of their badges of office to signify their shared responsibility for providing unit service. They also share something else unique in Scouting: a commission. The issuance of a commission represents the formal empowerment by the BSA to perform the duties and undertake the responsibilities for a designated commissioner position and the acceptance of that obligation by the commissioner.



<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Commissioners/recognition/Commission.as>

## COMMISSIONER





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.



### Trail of Tears STEM Day Event and Cub Scout Leader Training

Come join the Trail of Tears Cub Scouts in a STEM event where the youth will get to participate in an "Hour of Code". While doing games they will get to learn the basics of programming and have lots of fun!!! Along with programming they will get to learn about robotics, see 3D Printing in action, and experience Virtual Reality.

This spectacular event will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the MTSU James E. Walker Library room 272 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

While the Scouts are having fun coding with games like Minecraft, Star Wars, Lego, and Hot Wheels, their parents can pass the time learning all about Cub Scouting while seeing what they can do to help out their Son's Cub Scout Pack!

Register at: <http://mtcbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey>



Look at the annual District calendar online at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5n8gn92r0trpc5vchvk3ji1lcc%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>



## Leadership Summit September 8-10, 2017



### 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>

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://latimerbsa.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2175791&OrgKey=2061>

## Fall Fun Rally - September 22-24, 2017 Beaumont Scout Reservation, St. Louis, MO

Join more than 1000 Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Advisors for an event filled weekend with more than 100 activities, training, demonstrations, and competitions. This event, put on by the Greater St. Louis Area Council VOA is a unique event drawing participants from more than 20 BSA councils and more than a dozen states.



This year's activities will include some of your favorites such as Mud Cave, Mountain Man Village, Climbing Tower, Crate Staking, and the STEM Village. We're planning on continuing other new favorites such as sip'n sync, expanded training, and more. The Fall Fun Rally Meal Plan will be similar to 2016. We plan to continue with the 2016 caterer who 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 for this year is available!

We're adding a new component Fall Fun Rally on Sunday Morning: Service. We're planning on setting up a couple hours of service projects on Sunday morning. We realize not everyone will be able to participate, but for those of us who have to watch their tents dry, we can put that time to more productive use.

Information and Registration at: <http://fallfunrally.org/2017>

Please head over to the Facebook page for Venturing in Middle Tennessee <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mtcventuring/>.

Officers in Middle Tennessee Venturing: Youth officers are Mykal Phinney, President; Greta Kowalski, VP of Administration; Lindsay Parker, VP of Program; Emeline Dubois, VP of Communication, James MaGuirk, Boatswain. Adult advisors are Kurt Kowalski, Advisor Extraordinaire; Sherry McGugin, Advisor for Admin; Bart Sims, Advisor for Program; Don Haynes, Advisor for Communications; and Gail Beckman, Council Commodore.

## District Calendar

Sep Roundtable	Sep 7
Venturing Summit	Sep 8-10
Show & Sell popcorn pickup	Sep 9
September RecharTERS Due	Sep 15
Fall Fellowship	Sep 15-17
Woodbadge weekend 2	Sep 22-24
STEM Cub Scout event	Sep 23
Cub Leader Training	Sep 23
District Committee Mtg	Sep 28
District Commissioner Mtg	Sep 28
Rapelling Training	Sep 29-10/1
National Public Lands Day	Sep 30
<b>Oct Roundtable</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>
October RecharTERS Due	Oct 15

### Trail of Tears Youth Protection Training

September 2017  
89.7% Current; 9.9% Expired  
0.4% Never Taken



### Trail of Tears Eagles

2013 - 48  
2014 - 39  
2015 - 34  
2016 - 45

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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 41)

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 = 60

Unit Commissioner Needs = 60

Current Active Unit Commissioners = 20

**Unit Commissioner Deficit = 40**



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.