



Trail of Tears Roundtable

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B.P.'s Blog



Rev. Dad Pomeroy

“We must change boys from a ‘what can I get’ to a ‘what can I give’ attitude.”

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Who Am I?

"Civil Rights icon"



Martin Luther King Jr

Kayaking Merit Badge

This merit badge can be earned concurrently with the Kayaking BSA Award but earning one does not automatically qualify the Scout as earning the other.

The Worksheet contains information on, and can be used for, either or both the Kayaking Merit Badge and the Kayaking BSA award, and indicates which requirements correspond in whole or in part to requirements for the other award."

(from Meritbadge.org)



NRA Basic Pistol Course

Saturday, March 17
9:00am – 6:00pm

Camp Mack Morris
455 Camp Mack Morris Rd, Camden, TN 38320, USA

Description:Registration:

<http://www.wtacbsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2159993&OrgKey=2347>

Cost is \$30 and includes all course materials, firearms usage, ammunition, and patches. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch. Qualification will be at the outdoor range so participants need to dress accordingly.

Opened to active registered BSA Volunteer adult leaders and Venturers



Boxwell Beaver Day

Boxwell Beaver Day is April 7.

Beaver Day is designed for volunteers to come to Boxwell for a day of readying the Reservation for summer camp.

Units who are scheduled to come to camp this summer, as well as all others, should come and put some sweat equity into your camp.

Bring your friends, neighbor, co-workers, union (projects are available during the week and additional weekends if needed), whomever.

Volunteers are needed for these special work days as we strive to make Boxwell Scout Reservation the premier scout camp in the Southern Region.

Boxwell will provide all the materials and a special patch for each volunteer (youth, adult or parent.) Lunch will be provided for those who respond to the Scout office no later than 7 days before the Beaver Day they will be attending.



Where to go Do Stuff – Port Royal State Historic Park



Port Royal State Historic Park was the site one of the earliest colonial communities and trading posts in Middle Tennessee. It was first settled in the early 1780s and was a longhunter camp as early as 1775. The town of Port Royal was founded in 1797 and rose to great prominence in the early part of the 19th century because of its strategic location at the head of navigation on the Red River, serving all of Northern Middle Tennessee and South Central Kentucky and at a major stage line route. In 1977, the state of Tennessee received the deed to 26 acres of land at Port Royal, and designated it a Tennessee State Park in 1978.

Port Royal is designated as an official site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

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

There is canoe and kayak access to the river. All boats must be able to be carried by hand onto the water. No trailers are allowed on river access.

There are 3 trails for hiking: River Bottom Trail is .6 miles long and connects to the Trail of Tears. The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail is .2 miles long and is an original, preserved section of the Trail of Tears certified by the National Park service. Overlook Trail is .1 mile along the top of the bluff to overlook the Red River and the bottom below. It is of moderate difficulty.



Sulphur Fork Creek and the Red River provide fishing for bass, bream and catfish. Fishing is productive from the bank and visitors may carry small personal boats through the park to launch at the access area.

What to Eat – Pork and Sausage Jambalaya with Black-eyed Peas

Ingredients:

8 oz smoked sausage or andouille, sliced ¼" thick
 1 pound lean pork chunks, cut into 1" cubes
 1½ cups chopped onion
 1 cup low sodium chicken broth or stock
 1 cup water or more low sodium broth or stock
 ½ - 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
 ¼ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
 (if using spicy sausage, add cayenne to taste)
 1 (15 to 16 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained

¼ cup oil
 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
 ¼ cup chopped bell pepper
 ¼ cup chopped celery
 ¼ cup butter
 ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 1 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
 ¼ cup chopped parsley



Instructions

- In a heavy 4-quart kettle or Dutch oven, brown the sausage and pork in hot oil. Season with the Cajun seasoning.
- Add onion, bell pepper, and celery. Cover and cook over medium heat 20 to 30 minutes, or until pork is nearly done. Skim off excess fat.
- Add water, chicken broth, butter, salt, to taste, and the black pepper and cayenne. Bring mixture to a boil.
- Add rice and black-eyed peas, stirring to blend.
- Cover and cook 20 to 30 minutes or until the rice is tender. If you use brown rice, allow 10 to 15 minutes cooking time.
- Add the parsley and sliced onion tops the last 5 minutes.

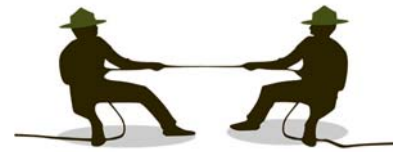
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THE SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

Helping Deliver the Promise of Scouting!

Resolving Scouting Problems (Part 2) June 16, 2015 By Clarke Green



Resolving Scouting Problems

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;

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).

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.

<http://scoutmastercg.com/resolving-scouting-problems/>



THOUGHTS FOR CUB SCOUT LEADERS 3



UNDERSTANDING VOLUNTEERING

Cub Scout Leader "Survival Guide" 3 (part 5)

February 19, 2015 By **Clarke Green**

(<http://scoutmastercg.com/cub-scout-leader-survival-guide-3/>)

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 Cavalry is not Coming.

Once people realize you have limits, that the cavalry *really* isn't coming, it becomes much more likely someone will be willing to raise their hand.

If you decide to ride to the rescue, keep your saddle ready; because you've just joined the Cavalry. You'll find that people have to be rescued all the time, and being a hero gets old really fast.

While this really is as simple as it sounds, it's never easy.

There's a mile or so long gravel road that leads into our Scout camp. We are always filling in potholes and smoothing over ruts. Despite all our effort that road is never totally smooth. We can't pave it over, we just understand it will always need attention.

If someone complains the road is bumpy we tell them to slow down, hand them a shovel, and point them to the pile of gravel.

Issues with volunteers are like that road, they've always been issues, and they will always continue to be issues we won't ever completely fix, but that doesn't mean we can't smooth them out. Step one – take off some of those hats, have some limits, and let others step up.

If someone wonders why things are so bumpy hand them a shovel.

National Outdoor Award

National Outdoor Badges may be earned by a Boy Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer "demonstrates both knowledge and experience" in one (or more) of the following subject areas: Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Conservation, Riding, and Adventure. Youth earning the National Outdoor Awards badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.



Each award requires the youth to:

- earn Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1–6.
- earn at least one (possibly, two or three) relevant merit badges or Venturing Ranger Award core requirements or electives
- and gain extensive experience in the subject area "under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America".

National Outdoor Badge for Camping



A Boy Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Camping upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1–6.
- Complete the Camping merit badge requirements.
- Complete the requirements for two of the following three: Cooking merit badge or Ranger Cooking core; First Aid merit badge or Ranger First Aid core; Pioneering merit badge.
- Complete 25 days and nights of camping—including six consecutive days (five nights) of camping (Sea Scouts may be on a boat), approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America—including nights camped as part of requirements 1 through 3 above. Boy Scouts must complete six consecutive days (five nights) of the 25 nights at a BSA accredited resident camp.

Devices: The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of nights camping.

Gold – A gold device may be earned for each additional 25 nights of camping.

Silver – A silver device is earned for each additional 100 nights of camping.

National Outdoor Badge for Hiking



A Boy Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Hiking upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
- Complete the requirements for one of the following: Hiking merit badge, Backpacking merit badge, or Venturing Ranger Backpacking elective.
- Complete the requirements for one of the following: Orienteering merit badge, Geocaching merit badge, *Pathfinding merit badge, or Venturing Ranger Land Navigation core requirement.
- Complete 100 miles of hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, including miles hiked as part of requirements 2 and 3.
- *Only the Scouts who have already earned the Pathfinding merit badge during Scouting's centennial celebration in 2010 and first quarter of 2011 can receive credit for this requirement. This badge has been discontinued since then, and can no longer be earned.

Devices: The youth may wear any combination of devices totaling his or her current number of miles hiking.

Gold – A gold device may be earned for each additional 50 miles hiked, backpacked, snowshoed, or skied as outlined in requirements 2 and 3.

Silver – A silver device is earned for each additional 200 miles of hiking.



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

April 13-15, 2018 at Boxwell Reservation
 \$15 per family; \$5 for each additional patch
 Theme is Knights of the Roundtable

Webelos Crossover, Saturday April 14, 2018; 6:30 p.m.
 Main Ampitheater across from Cripple Crab

Schedule of Events:

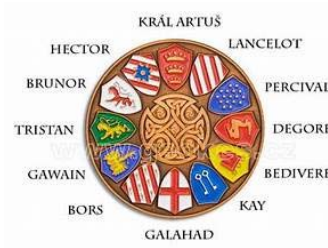
- 6:00 p.m. - All Order of the Arrow participants at site
- 6:30 p.m. - All Packs & Troops participating should be at site with complete list of boys and what troop they are going to.
- 6:45 p.m. - Order of the Arrow Guides will lead participants and guests into the Ampitheater, starting at Stahlman Dining Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Webelos Crossover will begin
- 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
- 8:45 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 11:30 a.m.



Look at the annual District calendar online at:

Public Link -

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

Public Link in iCal format - <https://calendar.google.com/.../5n8gn92r0trp.../public/basic.ics>



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>



2018 SOAR March 23-25, 2018



**Held at Latimer Reservation
Hosted by Middle Tennessee Council**

SOAR is SR-6's annual event for Venturers and Explorers across the area and beyond. The event is typically held in the spring and is hosted by one of the SR-6 councils at its council camp. SOAR, or Scouting's Outdoor Adventure & Recreation, is a time of fun and fellowship where Venturers can meet other Venturers from different councils, talk about Venturing, and participate in exciting activities. The first area-wide SR-6 Venturing event was held in 2017, but 2018 will be the first year the event is called SOAR.

S.O.A.R. is an area-wide weekend Scouting event filled with fellowship and fun. It brings together young men and women with an opportunity for camping, games, high adventure challenges, advancement, training, and celebrating the 20th year of Venturing in the beauty of the outdoors. Participants must be a registered member of a crew, ship, post or troop who meet the age requirements (14 years old or 13 years and graduated from the 8th grade). We will have a full schedule of activities that will suit your Venturing recreational interests. This will count as Tier II Adventure for those who attend for the weekend.

Escape the Mountain

Do you love escape games? Do you love Venturing? Well this is the perfect event for you! For our theme this year, we have decided to construct a series of escape games to test your crew's Scout skills and ingenuity. If you are unfamiliar with escape games, they are a mystery that you and your team have to solve through a series of clues and riddles.

Register online at: <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=2381585>

View Leader's Guide:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17CI45ONTyygY7rKFUDIlogB138DMpiugFPR2kyE8joE/edit>

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 Jena Burk, President; Lindsay Parker, VP of Administration; Morgan Phillips, VP of Program; James MaGuirk, VP of Communication, James MaGuirk, Boatswain. Adult advisors are Kurt Kowalski, Advisor Extraordinaire; Kevin Phillips, Advisor for Admin; David Parker, Advisor for Program; Don Haynes, Advisor for Communications; and Gail Beckman, Council Commodore.

District Calendar

Mar Roundtable	Mar 1
CPR Training	Mar 1
Day Camp School	Mar 9-11
OAU - Boxwell	Mar 9-11
TOT Volunteer Banquet	Mar 10
Rechartering Due	Mar 17
District Committee Mtg	Mar 22
District Commissioner Mtg	Mar 22
University of Scouting	Mar 24
April Roundtable	Apr 5
CPR Training	Apr 5

Trail of Tears Youth Protection Training

March 2018

93.9% Current; 5.4% Expired
0.7% Never Taken



Trail of Tears Eagles

2013 - 48
2014 - 39
2015 - 34
2016 - 45
2017 - 41

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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 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

Commissioner Service



Champions of the Units

District Units Served = 60

Unit Commissioner Needs = 60

Current Active Unit Commissioners = 28

Unit Commissioner Deficit = 32

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.

