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## Did Your Parent Pin the Eagle Medal to Your Shirt?

Then it's not too late to join us on **Friday, November 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** at the **Grande Event Center in Knoxville** as we celebrate the centennial of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and kickoff East Tennessee's Eagle Scout Association. Spouses are invited. Registration includes dinner and an Eagle Scout coin for all Eagle Scouts. Cost is \$30 per person or \$20 for Eagle Scouts under 25 years of age. [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

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## 2015 Great Smoky Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America

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## Council Calendar

### November 2015

- 7 Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow Training Event  
Robotics Merit Badge College
- 9 STEM Scouts STEMposium
- 11 Family FOS Chair Orientation
- 12 Popcorn Pickup day
- 12 Heritage Society
- 13 Eagle Scout Gathering
- 17 Executive Board Meeting
- 19 Friends of Scouting Chair Orientation
- 20 - 22 Order of Arrow Winter Fellowship
- 20 - 22 Leave No Trace Training
- 25 Office Closing at 2pm (Scout Shop Open)
- 26 - 27 Office & Camps Closed
- 27 Scout Shop Open
- 28 Scout Day at Neyland Stadium / UT vs Vandy
- 30 Popcorn Orders Due - Hamblen County

### December 2015

- 2 DCD Table Host Orientation
- 3 Popcorn Payments Due
- 4 Deadline for Silver Beaver Nominations
- 5 Summer Camp Staff Interviews
- 14 STEM Scouts STEMposium
- 23 Office closing at 2pm (Scout Shop Open)
- 24 - 25 Offices & Camps Closed
- 26 Scout Shop Open
- 28 - 1 Winter Camp

**"remember, it is not what  
you have but what you give  
that brings happiness"**

**-Lord Baden Powell**



## RETENTION CONVENTION

As the 2015 Scouting year comes to a close, we will soon be focusing on our annual rechartering process, the time of year where our units, districts and council focus on youth retention. To help you be successful and launch into 2016 on a high note, we want to provide you a great opportunity to learn about growth by retaining our current youth so they can enjoy another great year of Scouting. It's Retention Convention time in Tennessee!

A retention convention is an experience for all Scouters to learn about: Best practices throughout the country on how to retain youth, discuss Webelos to Boy Scout transition plans, rechartering methods, and upcoming district recharter training dates.

We have 3 great opportunities for you to participate:

### **Tuesday, Nov. 10th, 6:30 p.m.**

Lewis M Sansom Scout Center / 1333 Old Weisgarber Road / Knoxville, TN 37909

Confirm Attendance: <http://www.bsa-gsmc.org/event/rentention-convention/1804903>

### **Monday, Nov. 16th, 6:30 p.m.**

Bass Pro Restaurant, Private Dining Room / 3629 Outdoor Sportsman Place / Kodak, TN 37764

Confirm Attendance: <http://www.bsa-gsmc.org/event/rentention-convention/1804905>

### **Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 6:30 p.m.**

Roane State Community College - O'Brien Building, Room 0101 / 276 Patton Lane / Harriman, TN 37748

Confirm Attendance: <http://www.bsa-gsmc.org/event/rentention-convention/1804906>

Please be sure to confirm your attendance by clicking on the link of the date above so we can plan accordingly. Each meeting will take one to one and a half hour to complete. We ask that every unit have a representative present. District members and Commissioners are also welcome. If you have any questions about the convention, please contact Clay Pruitt at [clay.pruitt@scouting.org](mailto:clay.pruitt@scouting.org).

## 2017 National Jamboree

The youth and adult participant applications for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree are now available at

<http://www.summitbsa.org>

All of the qualifications and requirements are outlined.

[CLICK HERE](#) for BSA Facebook resources and videos

Please contact Jennifer Williams at

865-566-0645 or

[Jennifer.Williams@scouting.org](mailto:Jennifer.Williams@scouting.org) for

registration details.



### **Wood Badge**

April 22-24, 2016

May 13-15, 2016

COST \$250

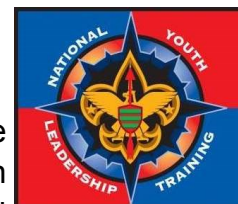
\$100 deposit due at time of Registration

**Wood Badge consists of 2 weekends of training (7:30am Friday through Sunday 5:00pm). Participants must attend both weekends.**

*This training course is limited to 48 participants*

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

# National Youth Leadership Training



NYLT aims to give each participant a toolbox of essential leadership skills, the ability to set and achieve goals, the confidence and experience necessary to run their troop, an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from all around the GSMC, and – of course - a chance to have FUN!

## Location, Date and Time

Camp Buck Toms, 373 Camp Buck Toms Rd, Rockwood, TN 37854

Sunday, May 29 - Friday, June 3, 2016

Check in: 12 pm (noon) Sunday.

For more information: [visit bsa-gsmc.org](http://visit.bsa-gsmc.org).

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Jeffery Smith, Staff Advisor, [Jeffery.smith@scouting.org](mailto:Jeffery.smith@scouting.org), 865-237-9537



Cub Scout Leader Specific is now three separate syllabus that are available on-line.

All the adult leader training syllabus can be found at [THIS LINK](#).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Den Leader Specific](#)

[Cubmaster & Assistant](#)

[Cubmaster Specific](#)

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level Distinguished Service Award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

Do you know of a volunteer leader with outstanding service to the council? If so, please submit a nomination for this leader to the council office no later than December 4, 2015. All nominations will be considered based on eligibility.

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[CLICK HERE](#) for nomination form





# Winter Camp Camp Pellissippi

December 28, 2015

thru

January 1, 2016

COME BRAVE THE BRRRRR!!



## SCOUT SHOP SPECIALS



2016

Philmont Scout  
Ranch Trek



The Great Smoky Mountain Council is accepting applications for Philmont Scout Ranch 2016. The dates for the event are July 19-31, 2016, travel and excursions included. Trek costs include airline fare, Philmont tuition, and lodging and council uniform items. (pre-trek excursions may be added at a later time) Projected cost per person is \$1,600.

Four crews of 12 consisting of 2-3 adults and 9-10 youth for a total of 48 participants.

Must be 14 years of age as of July 1, 2016.

Contact the Great Smoky Mountain Council Service Center at 865-588-6514 to make payment of \$250. Payments/deposits do not constitute acceptance into the contingent but serve as a notice of committed interest on the part of the applicant. Those not accepted will receive full refunds. For additional information, contact Peter Lloyd 865-310-5627 or [lloydpd@bellsouth.net](mailto:lloydpd@bellsouth.net) or Bruce Van Cleve at 865-566-0619 or [brucea.vancleve@scouting.org](mailto:brucea.vancleve@scouting.org).

A promotional poster for "2015 TENNESSEE Scout Day: November 28th". The top section features the title in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says "The Vols invite all Scouts to Scout Day with Tennessee Football and an exclusive pregame 'Kid's Carnival'". In the center, there is a graphic with a large orange "T" and a black star with a white "V", with "vs" between them. Below this, it says "All game tickets for Scouts, Staff, Family, and Friends are ONLY \$28!!". The "KID'S CARNIVAL INCLUDES:" section lists: "Face painting", "Appearance by Smokey the Mascot", "Prize wheels and inflatables", and "Many more games and Boy Scout Activities!". There is a small photo of Smokey the Bear. Below the list, it says "After the carnival head over to Neyland Stadium to cheer on the Vols!". At the bottom, there is a photo of the stadium and a box with the text: "To purchase tickets CLICK HERE or visit UTtix.com and enter the promo code BSCOUTSFB15". Below that, it says "For more information please contact Tyler Reichwein at 865-974-9704 or [treichwein@utk.edu](mailto:treichwein@utk.edu)". At the very bottom, there is the Boy Scout logo and the slogan "Prepared. For Life.".

**CLICK IMAGE FOR MORE INFO**

# Chainsaw Training Class

So many trees, so few trained adults who are certified to chop them up at either CBT or Camp Pellissippi. If you want to help our camps on work days and have a good excuse to use a chainsaw, come out for Chainsaw Training Class at Camp Buck Toms on 11/14/15. Please arrive at 9:30 AM for check in, class will begin at 10:00 AM. Class will run for about 2 hours. We will break for lunch and then we be putting into practice what we learned in class. The class is open to the first 15 adults to register with Tracy at the Scout office by November 10. What to bring: sack lunch, leather gloves, eye protection, ear protection, hard hat, chainsaw (if you have one) and chainsaw chaps if you have them – CBT has some to share, wear boots and long pants.

Contact David Johnson at [david.h.johnson@live.com](mailto:david.h.johnson@live.com) with questions.

Chainsaw Training Class  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Camp Buck Toms  
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Bring a brown bag lunch  
Cost: FREE  
15 Adult students maximum

You might need Chainsaw Training if you think this is how you start a chainsaw.



## It's time to Recharter your Unit!

**Please have your Unit turned in BE "ON TIME - ERROR FREE"**. If you are having problems with your recharter and need help please call 865-566-6514 or contact your District Executive. **THANK YOU** in advance for turning it in on time. **Note: If you're unit DROPS you will NOT be allowed to purchase advancements for your unit.**

### Deadline Dates for Recharterers to be into the office:

Chehote	December 16, 2015
Cherokee	December 16, 2015
Sequoyah	December 16, 2015
Catoosa	December 16, 2015
Echota	January 15, 2016
Pellissippi	January 15, 2016
Unaka	January 15, 2016
Toqua	February 17, 2016
Tuckaleechee	February 17, 2016
Cumberland	February 17, 2016

### Council Hours:

November 25 Closing at 2:00 PM  
November 26 CLOSED  
November 27 CLOSED



## SPRING FAMILY CAMPS 2016

SAVE THE DATES

April 8 - 10

APRIL 15 - 17

APRIL 30 - MAY 1

Come One, Come All!

The Order of the Arrow, Pellissippi Lodge #230 will be conducting its Winter Fellowship and Lodge Leadership Development Training this month at Washington Pike United Methodist Church. Join us for training, fellowship, and fun! Event is November 20 – 21, 2015. For more information, please call your lodge leadership team! [CLICK HERE](#) to register online! The new Universal Registration form will be available for 2016 after Winter Fellowship and we look forward to another year of cheerful service with all you!

Donnie Parker           Lodge Advisor

Email: [dwparkermd@yahoo.com](mailto:dwparkermd@yahoo.com)

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TJ Williams           Staff Advisor

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# WINTERFEST

Winterfest is the largest gathering in the United States catering to Venturers, Explorers and takes place annually in Gatlinburg, TN. Our event is the largest scout assembly that specifically targets co-ed youth ages 13-21, and allows them to participate in a variety of competitive and social activities throughout the weekend.

**When is Winterfest?** February 12-14, 2016

For Info and to Register [CLICK](#) on the image



**2016 Merit Badge College**

February 20, 2016

*Always the 3rd Saturday in February*

Tamsin Miller

MBC Director

865.882.4640

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Bag Distribution Day

**January 30, 2016**

Bags can be picked up from the Council Service Center in time for January Roundtables



<b>Eagle Scout</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>District</b>
John Daniel Bagwell	Seymour	Troop 585	Sequoyah
Matthew Ryan Bosze	Crossville	Troop 374	Catoosa
Brandon Charles Brombach	Baneberry	Troop 78	Cherokee
Benjamin Daniel Clepper	Seymour	Troop 585	Sequoyah
Jared Douglas	Maryville	Troop 87	Tuckaleechee
Jonathan Connor Ewing	Knoxville	Troop 451	Echota
Isaac Scott Fraley	Sevierville	Troop 119	Sequoyah
Danai Daniel Lawson	Maryville	Troop 442	Tuckaleechee
Olan Grant Loveday	Sevierville	Troop 119	Sequoyah
Garet Edward Loveday	Sevierville	Troop 119	Sequoyah
Greysen Kennedy McGee	Friendsville	Troop 81	Tuckaleechee
Stephen Raymond Overton	Knoxville	Troop 55	Echota
Michael James Waller	Knoxville	Troop 451	Echota
Joshua A Wampler	Sevierville	Troop 582	Sequoyah

## **New Eagle Scout Workbook**

**As of October 2015 with the new Chief Scout Executive Michael B. Surbaugh stepping into his new role they have updated the Eagle Project Workbooks with his Message to the Eagle Scout Candidate. Please visit the [NESA.ORG](http://NESA.ORG) to obtain all things EAGLE related. They always have the newest Rank Applications and Workbooks. Also, if you are looking to replace your credential card or want to be an Eagle Alumni.**



# Great Smoky Mountain Council Staff

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