

Cardinal District
Roundtable Agenda
2 January 2025

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| I. | Opening Ceremony | Robert Froom |
| II. | District Key 3 Updates | |
| | a. District Chair's Update | Tim Forrest |
| | b. District Commissioner's Update | Patrick Sperlein |
| | c. Professionals' Update | Alicia Thomas |
| III. | YPT Update and Safety Moment | Philip Mann |
| IV. | Program Update | Chris Harmon |
| V. | Advancement Update | Gantt Edmiston |
| VI. | General Session – Training Career Pathing | Training Chairs |

Calendar Events

National Events

22-31 Jul 2026 Summer 2027	National Scout Jamboree National Order of the Arrow Conference	Summit Bechtel Reserve Location TBA
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Occoneechee Council Events

17-20 Jan 25 8 Feb 25	Winter Blast Eagle Banquet	Camp Durant McKimmon Center
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Order of the Arrow

14-16 Mar 25 11-13 Apr 25	Spring Pow-Wow Cardinal Conclave	Camp Durant Camp Cherokee
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Training Opportunities

Council Trainings

11 Jan 25 15 Jan 25 8 Mar 25	Fundamentals of Training Short Term Camp Administrator Carolina Commissioner College	Westminster Presbyterian Church Council Service Center NC Highway Patrol Training Center
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Program Training Courses

21-23 Feb 25 21-23 Mar 25 21-23 Mar 25/3-6 Apr 25 25-27 Apr 25	NRA Rifle Courses (BIT, Basic, and Instructor) COPE & Climbing Level 1 Leave No Trace Level 2 Training Paddlecraft Safety	Camp Durant Camp Durant Camp Cherokee Lake Crabtree
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Wilderness First Aid

17-19 Jan 2025 14-16 Mar 2025 3 May 2025		Camp Durant Camp Reeves Camp Durant
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First Aid/AED/CPR

3 rd Thursday of Each Month		Council Service Center
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Next Roundtable

6 February 2025	District Adult Recognitions	Apex United Methodist Church
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2 January 2025



District Chair's Update



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District Chair's Update

Membership Recruitment and Retention

- **Family Engagement:** Ensuring families are actively involved in Scouting activities can help with retention.
- **Competition with Other Activities:** Balancing Scouting programs with school, sports, and other extracurriculars.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training

- **Volunteers:** Recruiting and retaining dedicated adult leaders.
- **Burnout of Key Leaders:** Long-serving leaders often face burnout, leading to leadership gaps. Ensure to share loads across all leaders! (Also, remember to recognize adult leaders through the unit, district and council awards)
- **Training Compliance:** Ensuring leaders complete required training, such as Youth Protection Training (YPT).

District Chair's Update

Program Quality and Consistency

- **Activity Planning:** Providing well-organized, engaging events at the district level.
- **Uniform Program Delivery:** Ensuring programs follow BSA guidelines and standards across all units.
- **Diversity of Activities:** Balancing outdoor adventures, service projects, leadership training, and STEM programs

District Commissioner's Update



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District Commissioner's Update

- District Business Meeting
 - Saturday, 11 January 2025 at 8:00 am
 - White Plains UMC in Cary
- Council Business Meeting
 - Thursday, 23 January 2025 at 7:00 pm
 - McKimmon Center at NC State University
- Hazardous Weather is now affecting the 'Trained' status for direct-contact leaders. This expires every two years and needs to be renewed to maintain a 'Trained' status.

District Commissioner's Update

- Additional Guidance from National on Adult Supervision on Overnight Events:
 - **Overnight Events:** *A 21+ year old adult leader staying overnight with a troop MUST be registered with Scouting America in a fully paid role (not a merit badge counselor) and MUST be approved by the charter org and SHOULD be registered with the unit.*
 - This guidance does allow for units to borrow an adult from either another unit or the District/Council to ensure two-deep leadership.

2026 National Jamboree



- For contingent information: 2026NSJ.421@gmail.com
- For staff information: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/staff/>

District Professionals's Update



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District Professionals' Update

- Cardinal Growth in 2024: Thank you!!!
- Planning for 2025
- Scout Card
 - We're looking for more Wake County food and retail to include on the card. If you have any ideas, please reach out to Tyler.

YPT Update and Safety Moment



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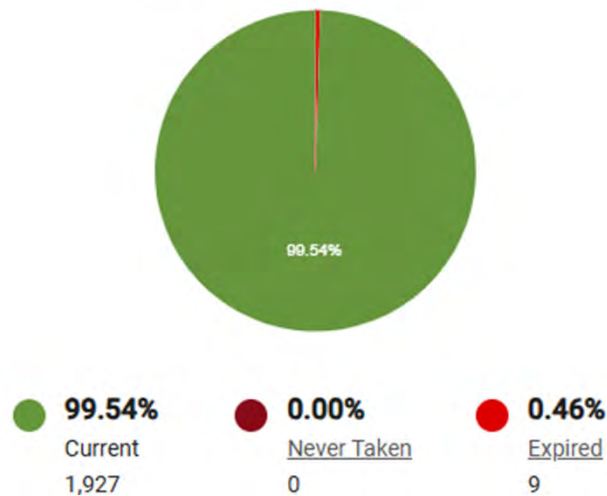
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District YPT Update

YPT



Last data refresh: 12/29/2024 at 09:45 AM



YPT Compliance Monitoring Process

- YPT Aging Status reviewed monthly – identifying YPT expirations within the next 30-60 days
- Unit Notification
 1. List of expired participants shared with the District Commissioner
 2. District Commissioner shares with Unit Commissioner
 3. Unit Commissioner shares with unit Key 3

Safety Moment: Hypothermia

Hypothermia is an abnormally low body temperature that is dangerous and potentially fatal if not properly cared for.

RESOURCES

- [Institute for Childhood Preparedness](#)
- [The Next Summit](#)
- [Scouting America](#)

Signs of Hypothermia



Body temperature drops below 95°F



Uncontrollable shivering



Pallid, cold skin



Loss of Consciousness



Nausea



Drowsiness



Clumsiness



Confusion



Slurred Speech

HYPOTHERMIA AWARENESS

PREVENTION & RESPONSE CHECKLIST

PREVENTION

**Layer Appropriately:**

Wear moisture-wicking base layers, insulating mid-layers, and a waterproof outer layer

**Stay Dry:**

Avoid sweating; remove layers as needed. Carry extra clothing.

**Insulate From Ground:**

Use sleeping pads when resting to prevent heat loss to the ground.

**Eat High-Energy Foods:**

Consume calories-rich foods and warm, sweet beverages to maintain energy and warmth.

**Stay Hydrated:**

Drink water regularly to aid in heat production.

**Avoid Alcohol and Caffeine:**

These can lead to dehydration and increased heat loss.

RESPONSE

**Move to Shelter:**

Protect from wind, rain, and cold. If indoors isn't an option, use natural shelters or create one.

**Remove Wet Clothing:**

Replace with dry clothes, sleeping bags, or blankets.

**Rewarm Slowly:**

Use body heat or warm (not hot) water bottles placed near the body's core.

**Monitor Breathing:**

Ensure the person is breathing; perform CPR if necessary and trained.

**Drink Warm Fluids:**

Provide non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to aid internal warming.

**Avoid Direct Heat:**

Applying heat sources (fire, heaters) on the skin may burn.

Program Update

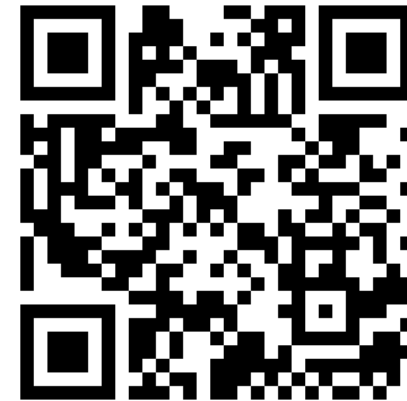
#ADVENTUREON

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Assistance Needed

- Pinewood Derby Committee
 - Sets and Distributes District PWD Rules
 - Plans and Runs District PWD
- 2025 District Committee
 - Assistance is needed in various areas
- Contact Chris Harmon for more information
 - Email chrisnc00@gmail.com



Scan the QR code to fill out a form to indicate areas where you may be able to assist with future events.

Upcoming Cub Scout Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
22 February 2025	Marksmen Hockey Night	Crown Coliseum
1 March 2025	Cub Scout Open Program Day	Camp Durant
15 March 2025	OA Webelos Day	Camp Durant
25-27 April 2025	Council Cuboree	Camp Durant

Registration information for Council events is available on the Occonechee Council website

Upcoming Scouts BSA Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
17-20 January 2025	Winter Blast	Camp Durant
8 February 2025	Council Eagle Banquet	McKimmon Center
4-6 April 2025	Cardinal District Camporee	Camp Durant

Registration information for Council events is available on the Occoneechee Council website

Upcoming Older Youth Events

Dates	Event Name	Location
7-9 February 2025	Winterfest	Gaitlinburg, TN
8 February 2025	Council Eagle Banquet	McKimmon Center
4-6 April 2025	Cardinal District Camporee	Camp Durant
5-13 July 2025	Commodore's Cruise	Oriental, NC

Registration information for Council events is available on the Occonechee Council website

Winterfest registration information is available on the Winterfest website: <https://www.bsawinterfest.org>

Training Updates



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Training Opportunities

Dates	Course Title	Location
11 January 2025	Fundamentals of Training	Westminster Presbyterian Church – Durham
15 January 2025	Short-Term Camp Administrator Training	Council Office
21-23 February 2025	NRA Rifle Courses (BIT, Basic, & Instructor)	Camp Durant
8 March 2025	Carolina Commissioner College	NC Highway Patrol Training Center
21-23 March 2025	COPE & Climbing Level 1 Instructor	Camp Durant
21-23 March 2025 3-6 April 2025	Leave No Trace Level 2 Training	Camp Cherokee
11-12 April 2025	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)	Camp Durant
25-27 April 2025	Paddlecraft Safety	Lake Crabtree

Registration information for Council events is available on the Occoneechee Council website
 LNT Level 2 Registration information can be found on the Old North State Council website

First Aid Training Courses

- First Aid, CPR, AED (Blended Learning)
 - Offered the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Council Office
 - Registration is available on the Council website
- Wilderness First Aid
 - 17-19 January 2025
 - 14-16 March 2025
 - 3 May 2025

Advancement Update



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Advancement & Recognition

- In 2024, Cardinal District recommended 100 new Eagle Scouts!
- Eagle Banquet will be Saturday, February 8th, 2025 at the NC State McKimmon Center, Raleigh
- Sign up information will be emailed to 2024 Eagle families and posted on social media and Council website.

Advancement & Recognition

- Nominations for the six Cardinal District adult awards **closed** yesterday. 1/01/2025 @ 11:59pm
- Thank you so very much for those who took time to provide recommendations.
- We will honor all those selected at our Roundtable, Thursday February 6, 2025
- We received these nominations: DLC – 60, DAOM – 9, PIONEER – 2, ROOKIE – 2, SPIRIT - 4, MEDLIN – 2

Advancement & Recognition

- 2025 Guide to Advancement (GTA)
- Released Dec 16, 2024
- <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>
- See section 1.0.3.0 for significant changes from 2021 revision
- There are 2013 total changes from ver. 2021 to ver. 2025, 765 replacements, 367 insertions, 410 deletions, 364 styling, 107 annotations
- So, don't ask, "what changed..."

Advancement & Recognition

- December 2024 Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA)
- Released Dec 18, 2024
- Current copy at scouting.org is **BROKEN**
- Major concerns have been reported to Scouting America
- Until a new version is available, continue to use the June 2022 version.
- The ESRA generator in Scoutbook Legacy still produces the previous version.
- Eagle candidate names longer than 30 chars are now allowed

Advancement & Recognition

- 9.0.1.3.3 Eagle rank references - changes
- **References:** Must list names and contact information for **four** people who are willing to serve as references for the Eagle candidate. These may be Scout leaders, teachers, employers, coaches, other Scouts, etc. References do not need to be [age] 21 or older. **Parents and other relatives are strongly discouraged from serving as references. The current unit leader and committee chair are not eligible to serve as references; their signature on the application is their endorsement.** See also Section 9.0.1.7

Advancement & Recognition

Previous Req #2 on the ESRA

Current Req #2 on the ESRA

	Name
Parents/guardians	<input type="text"/>
Religious	<input type="text"/>
Educational	<input type="text"/>
Employer (if any)	<input type="text"/>
Two other references	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>

	Name
Reference #1	<input type="text"/>
Reference #2	<input type="text"/>
Reference #3	<input type="text"/>
Reference #4	<input type="text"/>

Advancement & Recognition

The six specific Eagle reference categories, have been replaced with four generic categories.

Gone: Parental, Religious, Educational, Employer categories

Same: Other 1, Other 2 categories

New: Other 3, Other 4 categories

Note: Eagle Scout rank requirement #2 has NOT changed.

"As a Life Scout, demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Tell how you have done your duty to God, how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life, and how your understanding of the Scout Oath and Scout Law will guide your life in the future."

Advancement & Recognition

Reminder: Unit leaders are specifically:

- A Troop Scoutmaster
 - A Crew Advisor
 - A Sea Scout Ship Skipper
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- Because the unit leader and committee chair, are required to sign the ESRA, they have already provided their endorsement.
 - Assistant Unit Leaders and Committee Members are still permitted to provide references.

Advancement & Recognition

- Parents / Legal Guardians and relatives are “strongly discouraged” from providing references. We will still accept parental/family references, if the Scout requests one.
- We are now permitted to ask the Eagle candidate to take a primary role in ensuring their references are submitted, via Eaglerefs. This “reminder” was previously not allowed by the District Eagle board.

Advancement & Recognition

What has **not** changed in terms of Eagle references?

- Eagle packages are held at Council for 30 days, waiting on all four references to be received.
- Eagle packages are held at the District boards for an additional 30 days if received with less than four references.
- After 60 days, the Eagle rank review must be scheduled, regardless if they do not have four references received. NOTE: This delay RARELY occurs.
- See GTA 9.0.1.7 for new specific rules on references

Advancement & Recognition

- In Occoneechee Council we will continue to use the Eaglerefs.org service to request and receive recommendations
- Due to only getting the new reference requirements on Dec 18th, programming changed for Eaglerefs.org are currently being updated, with a goal of having that in place by Feb 1, 2025
- Candidates who opened their Eaglerefs account prior to 1/01/2025 will only need to collect four references, effective immediately.
- Existing parental references can be used as one of their four.

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- Scouts just now creating their references in Eaglerefs, request them in the Primary Other1, Primary Other2, Secondary Other1, and Secondary Other2 category rows
- Once we get the updated Eaglerefs requirements, references may be moved to the new format.

Advancement & Recognition

- There are 29 merit badges that have had requirement changes effective 1/01/2025.
- Change sheet can be downloaded:
- <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Merit-Badge-Requirement-Updates-Effective-January-1-2025-Updated-12-12-24.pdf>

Advancement & Recognition

- Merit Badge Counselors
- Occoneechee Council goal is to automatically renew all 750+ merit badge counselors.
- **HOWEVER**, the new renewal system is having issues with **MULTIPLE** registrations. There is no known ETA for affected **MULTIPLE** registrations that have not renewed with the primary paid registration
- There is no action required at this time, do not worry about or attempt to renew your MBC registration.

Advancement & Recognition

Significant changes to Merit Badge Opportunities

- Merit badge events as fundraisers, are now prohibited and councils must not approve them
- See GTS 7.0.4.10 for all the specific details and new requirements for merit badge opportunities

Recognition Opportunities for New Eagle Scouts



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General Session



Base Training Opportunities

- Position Specific Training
- Adult Leader Outdoor Training Courses
 - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) – Packs
 - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) – Troops/Crews/Ships

Categories for Future Training

- Program
- Aquatics
- Fishing
- Range & Target Activities
- First Aid
- Climbing/COPE
- Leave No Trace
- Wheels and Board Sports

Program

- Camp Administrator
- Cub Scout / Webelos Scout Day Camp Administrator

Aquatics

- Safe Swim Defense
- SAFETy Afloat
- Lifeguard
- BSA Aquatics Instructor
- National Camping School

Fishing

- Angling Educator
- Certified Angler Instructor

Range & Target Activities

- Range Activity SAFETY
- BSA Rangemaster
- USA Archery Instructor
- NRA Basics of Shooting and Instructor Courses
- National Camping School

First Aid

- First Aid / CPR / AED
- Wilderness First Aid
- Wilderness First Aid Instructor

Climbing / COPE

- Climb SAFElly
- COPE & Climbing Instructor
- National Camping School

Leave No Trace

- Recreational Training
- Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor
- Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor

Wheels and Board Sports

- ATV Training

Breakout Sessions



Advancement Changes for
2025



Discussion



Next Month's Roundtable:

6 February 2024

Topic: District Adult Recognitions Event