



## **JULY FOCUS**

### **ROUNDTABLE**

7:00 PM Thursday, July 11  
1100 Stapleton Lane, Flower Mound

### **SERVE IN TONKAWA DISTRICT**

Tonkawa District needs more Unit Commissioners and we are looking for some new recruits.

A Unit Commissioner coaches and consults with adult leaders of Cub Scout Packs, Scout BSA Troops, and Venturing Crews. They help the leaders maintain the standards of the BSA. They are the go-to person when a leader has a question or problem (big or small). A unit commissioner is also the main contact during recharter season, helping to make sure that the unit recharter on time.

Unit commissioners should—

- Have excellent people skills
- Have a Scouting background or be fast-track learners
- Know and practice Scouting ideals

We are requesting that each unit provide at least 2 names from your unit, that you think would make a great Unit Commissioner in Tonkawa District. Please contact our District Commissioner, Bob Hammers (TonkawaDistrictCommissioner@gmail.com), or your Unit Commissioner with 2 potential names.

### **CUB SCOUT BREAKOUT SESSION**

**Roundtable Q&A and Day Camp Review**

### **BOY SCOUT BREAKOUT SESSION**

**Troop Summer Camp, Treks, etc. Review**

Troops should bring what camp/trek they went to, and how many youths attended



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## **100TH ANNIVERSARY COUNCIL CAMPOREE NOV 8, 9, 10**

Texas Motor Speedway is where the fun and excitement will be. All Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, Explorer Posts, and Cub Scout Packs are invited. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## **BSA ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY EAGLE SCOUT EXTENSION FOR NEW SCOUTS BSA MEMBERS 16-17 YEARS OLD**

Boy Scouts America announced that they will offer a one-time, limited exception to its age requirements for the Eagle Scout award, giving new Scouts BSA members, male and female, a fair chance to earn the program's top honor. See attached announcement.

## **THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS AND SCOUTING**

As previously announced the Church encourages youth to remain actively engaged in their current Church Scouting unit until December 31, 2019. Those who desire may begin active participation on their own in a community-based Scouting unit after January 1, 2020. See attached FAQ's

## **SCOUT CLOSET**

Did you know that Tonkawa District has a Scout Closet? This is great for those in need of cub or scout uniforms and equipment. All items are donated. If you have any scouting items that are no longer used in your home, please bring them to Roundtable to be included in the inventory.

**WE NEED YOUR USED CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS** – bring them to roundtable.



## Looking Ahead

- Roundtable 7 pm Thursday August 1 at 1100 Stapleton Lane, Flower Mound
- Roundtable 7 pm Thursday September 12 at First United Methodist Church 907 W. Main Street (corner of Main and Summit), Lewisville

## Training

- Powder Horn – Sept 6-8 & 20-22 \$300 See attached flyer for information or go to [facebook.com/TexasPowderHorn](https://www.facebook.com/TexasPowderHorn) Register at [texaspowderhorn.rocks](http://texaspowderhorn.rocks) by July 1 for early-bird pricing \$250.

## REFLECTIONS

Please join us in congratulating the latest Eagle Scouts of Tonkawa District!!!

### MAY 2019 EAGLE SCOUTS

Erick W. – Troop 284  
Howard R. – Troop 114  
Joseph M. – Troop 281



Colin H. – Troop 281  
Parker K. – Troop 282

### JUNE 2019 EAGLE SCOUTS

Austin W. – Troop 45  
Brendan D. – Troop 437  
Connor M. – Troop 285



David Y. – Troop 822  
Darin Y. – Troop 822



## Tonkawa District Resources

### WEBSITE

<http://www.tonkawadistrict.com>

### DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS (EMAIL)

To subscribe or unsubscribe from District Emails, please visit [this link](#).

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# The BSA Announces Temporary Eagle Scout Extension for New Scouts BSA Members

The Boy Scouts of America **will offer** a one-time, limited exception to its age requirements for the Eagle Scout award, giving new Scouts BSA members, male and female, a fair chance to earn the program's top honor.

Traditionally, BSA rules say a young person can no longer earn Eagle once they turn 18. But for 16- and 17-year-olds who are new to Scouts BSA — even those who join on the Feb. 1, 2019, launch day — there isn't enough time to earn Eagle before their 18th birthday.

By offering this one-time extension, the BSA's volunteer-led National Executive Committee is saying that everyone deserves a chance to work toward Eagle. The decision **was made public** on Oct. 3, 2018. (Read more about the rationale and the decision's impacts [here](#).)

Who is eligible? Any young man or young woman who is at least 16 but not yet 18 on Scouts BSA launch day: Feb. 1, 2019.

Those who apply for the extension (details on the process below) will have just 24 months from the initial date of registration to complete all requirements for the Eagle Scout award.

Anyone who has earned Eagle knows that completing these strenuous requirements in less than 24 months will require focus and dedication. But as an Eagle Scout myself, I see this as a fair solution for those who, through no fault of their own, wouldn't otherwise be able to earn Scouting's top honor. Additionally, the BSA announced that instead of recognizing a first female Eagle Scout, it will honor an inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts. Young women who earn Eagle by end of 2020 will be included in this history-making group.

The move gives these Scouts the 19 or 20 months they'll need to meet all requirements while encouraging them to enjoy the journey toward Eagle, rather than simply racing to the finish line. Keep reading for more about this temporary transition period.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEMPORARY EXTENSION?

Eligibility is based on two factors:

1. The young person's age on Feb. 1, 2019
2. The date the young person joined Scouts BSA

### 1. The young person's age on Feb. 1, 2019



To be eligible, the young man or young woman must be **at least 16 but not yet 18 on Feb. 1, 2019.**

- What about those **under 16** on Feb. 1, 2019? They'll have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18 and don't need an extension.
- What about those **over 18** on Feb. 1, 2019? They're considered adults and aren't eligible to join Scouts BSA. (But should absolutely join Venturing or Sea Scouts!)

## 2. The date the young person joined Scouts BSA

To be eligible, the young man or young woman must register as a member of Scouts BSA on or before Dec. 31, 2019.

In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019 — both girls and first-time-joining boys.

Boys who were members of a Boy Scout troop before Feb. 1, 2019, aren't considered first-time-joining boys and therefore are not eligible for the extension. The thinking there is that they've always had the opportunity to join Scouting and could've started working toward Eagle as early as age 11.

## HOW LONG IS THE EXTENSION?

Young people can apply for an extension lasting up to 24 months from the initial date of registration.

For example: A young woman or young man who joined Scouts BSA on Feb. 1, 2019, would have until Feb. 1, 2021, to complete their requirements — even if that young person turned 18 during that span.

Why 24 months? The BSA calculated the minimum time needed to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout award at 19 to 20 months. That factors in time-based requirements like “serve actively in your unit for a period of six months” in a position of responsibility.

## HOW DOES A SCOUT APPLY FOR THE EXTENSION?

Youth who want to apply for the extension must talk with their unit leader(s) to request the extension. The leader then accesses the youth's profile in My.Scouting.org. If the Scout is eligible, there will be a button the leader can select to indicate the youth has asked for the extension.

This request goes to the National Service Center in Texas. Once the request is approved, the youth, their parent, unit leader and council representative will receive an email with confirmation as well as the expiration date of the extension.

Other things to know:

- Requests for extensions must be received **no later than 30 days after turning 18.**



- **Only the National Council** may grant extensions.
- **No exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements** for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception.
- All requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class rank in Scouts BSA and moving to a Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship.

## MORE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

**Q: Is the BSA changing the Eagle Scout requirements for girls joining Scouts BSA in 2019?**

A: No. The Eagle Scout award requirements are not changing.

**Q: Can troops, districts or councils amend or adjust the requirements/process?**

A: No. Eagle Scout requirements are set by the National Council and cannot be adjusted by a troop, district or council. In fact, the Eagle Scout award is earned when it is approved by the National Council.

**Q: Will work completed while girls participated unofficially before the introduction of Scouts BSA count toward Eagle requirements?**

A: No. To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class rank in Scouts BSA. (As specified in the *BSA Guide to Advancement*, after earning First Class rank in Scouts BSA, an individual may transfer primary membership to Venturing or Sea Scouts and continue to work on Eagle Scout requirements.)

**Q: Will work that female Venturers or Sea Scouts completed count toward Eagle Scout requirements?**

A: No. Same reason as the previous answer.

**Q: Will camping nights from current Venturing and Sea Scouts that count for requirements for the Order of the Arrow, also count for the Eagle Scout award?**

A: No.

**Q: Will this extension always be available for all youth that enter Scouts BSA?**

A: No. These are temporary transition rules and will not be available to any youth who is under 16 on Feb. 1, 2019. These Scouts will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18.



# BSA SAFETY MOMENT

## RISK ADVISORY FOR HIGH-ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

### SUMMARY

**Do you want the best possible experience on your high-adventure trek? How can you be sure your entire crew can handle the strenuous activity? Make sure you and your entire group read and understand the risk advisory before you begin!**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The lure of the adventure can pose your first risk. Signing up for a trip just because it sounds great may be problematic if you aren't healthy or prepared enough to make it through. Understanding what you will experience and what will be expected of you during a high-adventure activity is the first step in making sure that everyone has a great time on the adventure.

Ask yourself, "Am I capable of completing this trek both physically and mentally?" Cardiac issues, hypertension, asthma, diabetes, being too short for your weight, allergies, or seizure disorders are common medical conditions that may make your experience difficult. So, if in doubt, make a plan to get yourself and your entire crew ready now.

Don't know what to do first? The risk advisory is a great place to begin. Many of the common physical elements you will encounter will be briefly described in the risk advisory. Developing a plan is different for each group and each adventure. For example, if everyone in your trek lives near sea level and is traveling to Philmont for a 10-day mountain trek, a best practice will include getting acclimated to the altitude change. You can download a risk advisory at the [Annual Health and Medical Record \(AHMR\)](#) website for all four of the BSA high-adventure bases.

Conduct a self-assessment and be honest with yourself! Review the Annual Health and Medical Record early in the planning phase. Making any necessary health changes early will help you achieve your goals. Where appropriate, be sure that each youth member's parent or guardian has reviewed the risk advisory to be sure they understand the risks and can help plan for the adventure.

Bring the risk advisory to your health-care provider and discuss the specific trek with them. Be sure to talk about anything you think may be difficult for you and ask if you are physically able to go. Complete parts A, B, and C of the AHMR.

Make sure your crew can keep up on the trail too! The risk advisory will help you develop a plan on how to physically train for the event, give you resources about the trek itself, and inform you about how to prepare everyone and everything for your adventure. Get everyone involved in getting physically and mentally fit for the trail.

Risk advisories are great tools for other events as well. Your council may have already developed its own risk advisory for a high-adventure program, summer camp, or an event like a camporee. If not, an easy-to-use risk advisory template is available to get you started.

High-adventure excursions can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many. Understanding what to expect and how to prepare are crucial parts of all successful high-adventure experiences. Risk advisories help adult trek leaders, parents, older Scouts, and their health-care providers determine which adventures are best suited for the participants so that everyone has a great time.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- BSA AHMR landing page: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/)
- Medical Risk Factors for Your Participation in Scouting: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/risk-factors/](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/risk-factors/)
- Council Supplemental Risk Advisory Template: [www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/doc/council\\_risk\\_advisory\\_template.doc](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/doc/council_risk_advisory_template.doc)