



# Roundtable Humors

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## Aims of Scouting Calendar



### Personal Fitness

Take your family or unit to a State Park educational program

### Citizenship

Christmas Parade  
Dec 14; 10am  
Meet behind  
downtown  
Courthouse

### Leadership

Unit Leaders need  
YPT and position  
specific training  
before re-charter

### Character

[District Scouter  
Awards Submissions](#)

## Upcoming Roundtables

**December 5**  
Pinewood Derby

**January 2**  
Blue and Gold

**February 6**  
Crossover and Rank  
Ceremonies

## Fee Changes and Fundraising

Boy Scouts of America announced a fee increase effective January 1, 2020. For Cub Scouts, the fee will jump to \$60/scout, due at recharter.

You can find a detailed breakdown of this announcement and its impact on Scouts and Scouters [here](#).

Occoneechee Council also voted to approve next year's funding model. Starting August 2020, there will be a Council Program fee of \$48 per scout. This is in addition to the National recharter fee and unit dues.

These fees are set for 2020. The wisest way to Be Prepared is to assume that all fees will be due at recharter in the future, and to plan

accordingly for January 2021, until you hear confirmation otherwise.

Scouting will always be a fantastic value for what it provides, but in our area, the average income per home makes these increases difficult for some families to stomach. When you add in unit fees, camping trips, uniform costs, and the cost of gear, it can be downright unpalatable.

Start communicating with your unit now. At your next committee meeting, revisit your unit dues and adjust them so you are ready with appropriate dues amounts for new families, and so your current families have time to adjust before the next

Scouting year. Use the information provided by Erin Zeek to schedule additional fundraisers.

Occoneechee Council asked families to continue to give to the extent they were able. Committees could work with their COR to establish a way for families to give within their units to create scholarship opportunities at the unit level. A unit level sponsorship system will remain useful with any Council or National changes.

Erin Zeek should be contacted for all unit fundraising plans. A helpful article on fundraising in Scouting is [here](#).

## Recharter Resources

If you are a new Committee Chair, you've heard the word "recharter" a lot! Here is the BSA link for recharter resources.

If it has you a little anxious, find another Committee Chair (or 3!) and schedule a lunch. Make a friend, learn from their experience, and share a meal.

Reach out to your Chartering Organization Representative and Unit Commissioner if you need additional help.



### Allergy Free Dump Cake

2 15oz cans of peach slices, in syrup  
1 box Allergy free cake mix (such as Live G Free)  
1/4c butter alternative  
1 can lemon lime soda

Instructions:

1. Dump cans of peaches and syrup into cast iron dutch oven
2. Empty bag of cake mix evenly over of peaches.
3. Pour can of soda evenly over mixture.
4. Break the butter alternative into small chunks and plop them randomly on the top of your mix.
5. Cover with lid, set on hot coals. If possible, put some coals on top of lid. Cook for 30-50 minutes, until cake is set and has spots of golden brown on top.
6. Dive in and let EVERY scout enjoy!

# Healthcare Can Cover Scouting Costs



During this open enrollment phase, take a look at the incentives your plan may include.

Some North Carolina Child Health Insurance Program plans cover the annual program fee for Scouting. The most likely application would be toward the annual National BSA \$60 fee.

In some cases, Family Savings Accounts and Health Savings Accounts can be used to pay for

Cub Scout Day Camp registration.

Wondering why this incentive exists in health insurance?

Investing in a youth program such as scouting is proven to have positive outcomes on the wellbeing of children; it's can reduce long term costs.

In the case of an FSA or HSA, Day Camp can be considered child care, similar to summer day

care options for working parents. This only applies to Day Camps, not overnight programming.

Consider including this information in a pack newsletter or welcome packet. This is one more route units can point out to remove financial barriers to families in our community.

These offers are conditional; coverage will vary between families and plans. Clarify with your insurance provider, accountant or tax advisor, and check state laws before attempting to use those funds.



## Campsite Etiquette

Perfect camping weather has finally arrived!

Many units will

welcome families that are not familiar with camping, or are new to camping in a Cub Scout format. Give them the tools to be exemplary on your site, and as partners for shared sites.

A Scout is Clean. This applies to your campsite, and especially to your bathrooms and eating area. Leave No Trace always applies. Every family should bring a garbage bag with them. Let Scouts have a competition to see who can gather the most trash from the site after each meal, and bring patches, candy, or knick knacks for rewards!

A Scout is Courteous. Keep an eye on the kids in your pack; while camaraderie is expected among A and B sites, your pack should know where your own scouts are, and should maintain responsibility for them at all times.

A Scout is Obedient. Adhere to the schedule provided; keep it posted at your pavilion so all families can see the plan. Flag ceremonies, campfires, and Lights Out are set by the program director and packs should plan with those times in mind. When kids are still playing after lights out on

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a shared site, or lights are on, settling down becomes much harder.

A Scout is Cheerful. Have fun on your trips! Cultivate their love for the outdoors, and teach them to love, respect and frequent the natural wonders around them.

## Cub Scout RT Commissioner's Corner

Our boys started Cub Scouting as Tigers. A lot has changed since then! We have a Bear and a Webelos now, and the impact Scouting has had on them is impossible to overlook.

At a recent campout the kids packed their own bags, put up their own tent, started a fire, cooked their own breakfasts, helped gather firewood and

collected water from a freshwater spring for us to drink.

That's some impressive growth from those sweet Tiger memories of how tired they were from carrying their 6 essentials on their first hike!

Scouting has changed me for the better too.

I see Scouts BSA ahead of us, and I know that soon I won't be as heavily included. When a chance for adventure comes up,

I'm jumping on it! I can see how precious and fast these years have been.

My sense of wonder is returning as I volunteer with our pack. I love seeing the world through their eyes, teaching them and learning from them.

And I adore the relationships I have formed with other Scouters. I have learned so much from my peers and formed invaluable

friendships.

You are only as good as the company you keep; Scouting has been a whetstone for my entire family, sharpening our character, our love for each other, and our love for our community.

I am so looking forward to growing more in 2020 and beyond, and I cannot wait to learn more from you and watch your family grow too.