

KIA KIMA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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BOY SCOUTS  
OF  
AMERICA

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER DAVE ABBOTT:

The 2004 Boy Scout Requirements Book lists the requirements for merit badges, ranks, and Eagle Palms. These new requirements changed on January 1, 2004, and remain effective through December 2004.

The requirements listed in the 2004 Boy Scout Requirement Book might not match those in the merit badge pamphlets because the pamphlets may not have been recently revised. The requirements in the Boy Scout Requirements Book are the official requirements of the Boy Scouts of America.

Revised merit badge requirements are included in this printing for the following merit badges:

Archery	Basketry	Collections
Communications	Dog Care	Electronics
Emergency Preparedness	Fingerprinting	Horsemanship
Model Design and Building	Music and Bugling	Nature
Oceanography	Orienteering	Personal Management
Railroading	Reading	Salesmanship
Textile	Woodwork	

Additionally the 2004 Boy Scout Requirements Book lists the requirements for earning several other special opportunities and awards.

I highly recommend this book to be included in each Scouter’s personal library.

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Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Tony Garcia:

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Welcome to all first-time visitors and hello to the “regulars”.

This month’s theme at the Boy Scout roundtable Split Session will be FORESTRY. We are looking forward to a local Ranger as our guest speaker and we will be discussing thoughts and ideas on Forestry and any merit badge books/badges associated with the theme.

Remember --- there is a NEW FORMAT for our Roundtable sessions. Many of you have already received the e-mail message and hopefully this new format will peak more interest in both split sessions.

We are always looking for ideas on how to improve Roundtables and we are always looking for Scout/Scouters to be part of Roundtable Staff. If interested, please do not hesitate to talk to one of us. I know we are very busy but, with all the talent and resources out there, we can all benefit from each other.

On a personal note – my family and I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers on the recent loss of my mother-in-law.

Thanks again to all for EVERYTHING you do.

DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM KEN MOORE:

**Advancement – Helping Scouts Achieve.** We, as adult Scouters, Unit Leaders, and members of the District, have accepted the responsibility to provide the climate for a good advancement program. Education and fun are important functions of the scouting movement, and they must be the basis of Scout advancement. A fundamental principle of advancement is that youth members will progress as a result of participation in the unit. In a unit with a good program, youth will advance naturally as a result of unit activities, and by taking advantage of the available advancement opportunities.

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There are four parts to advancement.

1. **Learning.** The Scout learns in meetings, on activities, and on his own.
2. **Testing.** The Scout passes the badge requirements in a natural way, as successful completion of each requirement has been demonstrated.
3. **Reviewing.** The Scout is reviewed to discover whether the experience he has had is in line with what the requirements set forth. (There is no review in Cub Scouting).
4. **Recognition.** The Scout gets the badge for the satisfaction it gives him to have his achievement recognized.

Advancement is one of the methods of Scouting to strengthen character, body, mind, and the qualities of participating citizenship.

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I was sent this editorial from the Washington Times this week. It is worth the time to read.  
Ken

Happy Birthday to the Boy Scouts of America.

By Bob Bahr:

This week, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation. On a probably cold winter day back in 1910, when America's dreams of being a world power were shared by perhaps only a handful, a charitable organization was formally created that would, over the next 94 years, instill virtue, love of nature, excitement, wonder and manhood in tens of millions of American boys.

Yes, in recent years, caught up in the larger culture wars that are ravaging Western civilization, many in America have come to loathe not love, criticize not praise, and sue not support, this most American of institutions. Why? I'm not really sure other than perhaps a bit of envy on their part.

But, at a time when the most frequent gesture to be witnessed on American TV seems to be the crotch grab, and public eloquence is measured not by the beauty of phraseology but by the number of curse words one can cram into a sentence, it is indeed appropriate to thank the Boy Scouts of America – battered and tattered as it may be – for continuing to stand tall for God, country and family.

With the flurry of lawsuits against the Boy Scouts of America for refusing to allow homosexual men to lead its members or atheists to infiltrate its ranks still fresh in the clerk's offices of courthouses across America, those who support the scouting movement should challenge the anti-scouters to let us know which of the following 40 words comprising the Boy Scout Oath, they find so objectionable:

- On my honor, I will do my best
- To do my Duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
- To help other people at all times;
- To keep myself physically fit, mentally awake and morally straight.

I, for one would be genuinely interested to learn which of these words the Scouts' critics disdain.

Perhaps it is one of the following 12 attributes of Scouts, the 12 points of the Boy Scouts Law, its critics find so distasteful that they feel themselves forced to bring suit against: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." Or, maybe it's simply the Boy Scout Motto that so troubles its detractors – "Be Prepared." Perhaps it's unfair to those who are un-prepared, or who fail to exhibit any of the characteristics of Scouts, to champion these things that the Boy Scouts of America cherishes; maybe it's simply passé or politically incorrect to be courteous, kind or obedient to the law. Maybe the Boy Scouts are simply no longer relevant. I don't think so.

Yes, standing for honesty and against dishonesty constitutes a value judgment at a time in our history in which the intelligentsia ridicules values. But, what's wrong with standing for such things? Are they not to be valued? Has not American always stood for these things?

During the eight years I served in the U.S. House of Representatives, I had the pleasure and the honor of writing dozens of letters congratulating young men for achieving the pinnacle of scouting – the rank of Eagle Scout. I can tell you, every one of these young men, each of whom had worked hard for years to win the Eagle Scout badge, is among the finest of the fine. Every one of these young men, many of who are now husbands, fathers and professional workers, remains the embodiment of what Ronald Reagan referred to in his second Inaugural address as "The American Sound". I

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know, because I still run into these Eagle Scouts turned-full grown men-in coffee chops, in churches, on the street – and they always come up respectfully and say, “thank you, Congressman, for hat letter you wrote congratulating me on my attaining Eagle Scout.”

Many of these young men are now serving – and dying – in our armed forces, just as did millions of their predecessors, including many generals, admirals and presidents. And while today’s Reality TV and Shock Radio revels in nudity, vulgarity, profanity and iconoclasm, the fact there are still thousands of young men each year who aspire to help others, who unashamedly love their country, who consciously remember we are all God’s children, who obey rather than flout the law, and who seek to strengthen rather than weaken families, give me more faith in the future of American that all the glitzy glamour of the Grammy’s, or the decadent hoopla of Super Bowl halftime shows, ever could. It is particularly impressive when you realize these young men do all this in return not for money but for a simple cloth badge.

Happy Birthday, Boy Scouts of America. God bless you.

Bob Barr, a former Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Georgia, is a columnist for United Press International.

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OA Chapter Advisor Pat McCoy

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Order of the Arrow Elections:

This year we are trying to adapt to the Occoneechee Lodge new leadership structure and it has been a challenge to Lodge 104 and to our Lumbee Anilora Chapter. All of us are working at having a great chapter and everyone is ambitious and eager to excel. Due to a lack of good clear communications an election team became confused about an election date. The Order of the Arrow apologizes to the Troop and thanks their adult and youth leadership for handling this mishap. Communication is an art and we are working on improving that art.

Chapter Elections:

12 Troops completed (elected) --- 38 youth --- 9 adults

Campership Funds ---- Campership Jugs

Remember to decorate your unit’s campership collection jug – with camping pictures or camping fun motif, turn in funds that your unit collects each month at roundtable --- win a beautiful handmade dream catcher (unit collects most money). Enter your jug at the April Roundtable for the best decorated jug contest.

This year’s campership idea is from Jeff C----. He organized getting all the collection jugs with Mary Baham from school cafeteria. He spoke with Mrs. Unruh about the dream catcher. He also retyped the campership letters and had them printed. He developed a collection form sheet and when you turn in your unit campership jug (to save time have money counted if possible) Jeff and a leader will recount and have your initial amount. This game is a winner for all and especially for the youth that get assistance in going to camp, Thank you for supporting this idea – older youth wanting to assist younger youth going to a scout camping experience. Jeff has put a great deal of work and time in this project.

Working with this group of youth who realize challenges and mishaps can become learning tools and life long friendships is rewarding.

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Friends of Scouting Campaign District Trailblazer Pat McCoy:

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We have 5 Packs and 4 Troops make their FOS presentations. I would like to thank the Unit Trailblazers Sherry Unruh, Steve Gamble, O.C. Holloway and Ken McLean. They had done a great job and continue to do so. I would also like to thank the youth that helped with the presentation Evan A---- who has been in scouting from the time he was a Tiger and now an Eagle candidate. We have several units still working on their pledge cards and some units will have their presentations later.

While--Rain –Sleet – Hail – may not stop the Trailblazer –Snow will.

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District Advancement Barry Swift:

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Only units report advancement to Council, using either the printed Advancement Report or a suitable computer generated report. Neither Scouts nor parents may send reports directly to Council. Use the Scout’s registered name, no nicknames. Send the Advancement reports to Council as soon as possible. They may be turned in at the Cumberland Scout Shop.

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The gray Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook is available from either the Cumberland Scout Shop or downloaded from the official BSA web site (to include the rich text file version) at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) are the only acceptable versions. Scouts are not to design their own workbooks, edit the official workbook or use workbooks from unofficial web sites. Proposed projects must be submitted to Barry Swift (483-3570/bsceltbear@aol.com) for District approval BEFORE the project may be started.

As stated on the Eagle Scout Rank Application form, the Eagle Board of review may be conducted AFTER the Scout's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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Day Camp Director Ricky Flowers:  
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A staff meeting was conducted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February at the Day Camp Directors residence. We were all happy to hear our request to use the Lake Rim facilities the 25<sup>th</sup> of June had been approved. Planning continued for the Webelos crafts (thanks Gregg).

We are putting together a list of items we would like you folks to save for the camp. It will be forth coming soon. Our boys will require a lot of items. Sherry Unruh has joined our team for the camp. She has graciously consented to run the Lake Rim activities. I also want to welcome Katherine Gamble (skits and songs). Chris Newton has also contacted me about joining the staff if his schedule works out.

Den Chiefs, where are your folks? As soon as your summer camp dates are worked out, please contact me about working day camp. Den leaders, we need you to join us at our next meeting in March. Give me a call at 864-4197 or email me at [rflowers@nc.rr.com](mailto:rflowers@nc.rr.com) for directions.

Pick up your Day Camp flyers from the "freebee" table or go on line and download an application from the district web page. See you of you at camp.

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District Training Chairman Roger Rose:  
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Training Events: Be sure to check the list of up coming training events. If you are planning on taking Wood Badge this fall you may need to take Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills.

We will be having training workshops soon. If there are certain topics that are "non-standard" training, please let me know so we can arrange them. By non-standard we mean topics like ceremonies, orienteering, Blue and Gold Banquets, crafts and so on.

If any one from your unit has completed the requirements for an adult training award please get the forms to me so the award can be made quickly.

If you are interested in being on the training team or staffing an event let me know

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Anniversary:

If you have an anniversary this month and your name is not printed we do not have a card on you. One can be filled out at Roundtable or you may email [sjackson741@nc.rr.com](mailto:sjackson741@nc.rr.com)

“Anniversary wishes from Kia Kima District Scouts and Scouters “

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Illness:

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Condolences:

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Scout Corner:

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Pack 787 Nannette Walsh Committee Chair:

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Pack 787 Blue and Gold Fiesta was a great event on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. After a marvelous Mexican meal, 8 Webelos II from the Dragon Patrol crossed over to the Troop with the assistance of the professional Dance Team in full Indian Garb. What a touching event for parents and Scouts alike. The New Boy Scouts are:

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Their Den Leader for the past 5 years has been Gary Bell and he served the Scouts well. We are extremely proud of them and will miss them.

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Troop 746 Alex K--- Scribe:

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During the past month Troop 746 has done some interesting stuff. One thing in particular was the Troop's Court of Honor with Pack 746's Blue and Gold Banquet. This allowed younger boys to see what they could look forward to when they get to Boy Scouts. The theme of the celebration was "Happy Birthday BSA the International Way". Each den and the troop have a different country that they had to make decorations and bring food to represent. The Troop had the country of Greece. During the ceremonies twelve scouts received rank. Two scouts received the rank of Life and an Eagle Scout received his Gold Palm.

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Pack and Troop 746 by a visitor to the Event:

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The setting was Hope Mills United Methodist Church for a festive evening for the Packs' Blue and Gold Banquet and the Troop's Court of Honor. When you open the door and walked in you were immediately met by dozens of gaily-colored balloons attached to each chair, as well as a friendly greeting by all. The den tables were decorated by place mats made by the boys carrying out the theme of BSA International Scouting with food from Italy, Spain, England, Ireland, Germany and Greece. Each den and the troop had a different country. The parents, boys and leaders did a wonderful job of having such a variety of food. It was enjoyed by all present, you could tell by the return to the food table.

A joint flag ceremony was held with Tigers, Cubs, Webelos and Scouts taking part. Reverend Hope Vickers gave the invocation. It was a pleasure to see her again and to meet her husband (who I understand learned a lot of cheers).

The awards ceremony started with the Tigers being presented belt loops by their Tiger Leader. Cubmaster Sherry Unruh presented a special scarf and neckerchief slide made by her. They were presented Scout Sunday patches as were all the Cubs, Webelos and Scouts present who had taken part in the Scout Sunday service.

The Wolf and Bear Dens were presented their rank, arrow points and belt loops. Marian Kuczera and Sherry Unruh assisted by the Den Leaders presented these awards. There were songs and skits to keep the evening flowing with Scout spirit. Troop 746 has a great song leader with them and if they keep it up will be known as the Scout Spirit Singing Troop.

The boys and their fathers made cakes to be judged and then sold at the end of the evening. They ranged from a Shamrock to an English castle to a Spanish Margarita and Pinewood Derby cars. They were in all sizes and shapes. Each one showing Scout Spirit, Blue & Gold Theme or something to do with Scouting. The boys were given certificates ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3 places for different categories. I will apologize to the boys who won, as I did not write down their names.

Cubmaster Sherry Unruh presented the Friends of Scouting tape and asked the families present to support Scouting with their donations. The parents were very receptive and quite a bit of money was raised by them.

The Troop held its Court of Honor with Marian Kuczera, Sherry Unruh and Scoutmaster Dave Batton presenting rank advancements and merit badges. These ranged from Tenderfoot to Eagle Palm.

Some of the leaders present for the Pack and Troop were Pattie Cartwright, James Eckman, Kenneth Faircloth, Roger Hart, Dawn Howell, James Kuczera, Marian Kuczera, Patricia Lambert, Robert Luca, Dorinda Marks, James Marks, Donald Schwab JR, Linda Sowell, Sheryl Unruh, Malik West, David Batton, Anthony Layton, Paula Batton, and James McWane. If I left anyone out please forgive me, as I am not sure I know all the leaders personally.

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Troop 29 Jarred J---- Scribe:  
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On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February the Scouts of Troop 29 participated in 2 services on Scout Sunday at Lewis Chapel Baptist Church. We posted colors, lead the congregation in prayer, had Scouts in the choir, Scouts on the floor ushering, Scouts giving offertory appeals. Scouts also read the announcements and others were in the pulpit. Remember a Scout is reverent.

We held our annual food drive on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February and collected over 470 items. Troop 29 is going back to Berkley, West Virginia to have great fun on the slopes again on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2004. We can't wait !!!!!!!!

Henry Scriven is our Scoutmaster

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Scout Shop David Abbott Manager:  
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Can you believe another Scouting year is almost gone? We have those gifts or items of recognition you'll need for your Scout graduations, crossovers and celebrations.

Day Camp, Summer Camp and High Adventure Camps are the highlight of the Scout Program Year. Start preparing now! We have your camping equipment, uniforms and necessities.

Come by, visit and discover all the new items not listed in the 2004 Official Scout Catalog. We have six new items arriving each month.

We now have the Unit Charge Account Cards in the store, no longer requiring a call to Council for approval. We are open Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 Am – 4:00 PM. Any questions or clarifications we can be reached at 910-426-5684.

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Thank You  
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I would like to say thank you to Pat McCoy for all the cards she bought this month for the district. This really helps out on the cost of keeping up our mailing list. I hope everyone enjoys receiving the cards from the district.

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If you have not filled out a card to receive your monthly newsletter by email please do so at Roundtable. Also if you do not have a card on file for your birthday, your spouse's birthday and anniversary they are available at Roundtable. You may also send all the information by email to sjackson741@nc.rr.com.

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Calendar:

March 04 – Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the Church food closet.

March 05 – District Recognition Dinner Hope Mills United Methodist Church 6:30 PM

March 06 – BALOO  
Council Trainer Development Conference

March 11 – District Distinguished Citizen Dinner

March 13 – Fire Antz Game

March 15 – District Commissioner Meeting

March 18 – District Key Three Meeting 7:00 PM – District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

March 20 – WEBELOS OA Day

March 25 – OA Chapter Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM  
Newsletter articles due

March 26 – 28 – Lutheran Scout Camporee

April 01 – Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the Church food closet

April 03 – District Pinewood Derby Hope Mills United Methodist Church

April 11 – Easter

April 12 – Council HR Meeting

April 15 – District Key Three Meeting 7:00 Pm. District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

April 16-18 – OA Conclave

April 19 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM

April 22 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 24 – Den Chief Training

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April 24 - 25 – Council SOS for Women  
April 25 – Newsletter Article Due  
April 30 –May 2 – District Camporee

May 06 – Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

May 08 – Tiger Fun Day  
May 09 – Mother's Day  
May 13 – Spring Round-up  
May 14 –16 – OA Spring Inductions  
May 17 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM  
May 20 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 PM - District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  
May 25 – Newsletter Article Due

June 03 – Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet

June 09 – IOLS Session 1  
June 12 – Training Workshop  
Wildcat Event  
June 14 – Flag Day  
Council HR Meeting  
June 17 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 PM – District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  
June 18 – 20 – ILOS Session 2  
June 18 – District Day Camp Set-up  
June 20 – Father's Day  
June 21 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:30 PM  
June 21 – 25 –District Day Camp  
June 25 –26 – Webelos Day Camp Overnighter

July 01 – Roundtable –Annual Cookout 6:30 PM. Roundtable 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church's food closet

July 04 -- Independence Day  
July 12 – Council HRC Meeting  
July 15 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 PM – District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  
July 17 – District Training Retreat  
July 19 – District Commissioners Meeting  
July 22 – OA Chapter Meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM  
July 25 – Newsletter Article Due  
July 31- August 05 -NOAC

THE YOUTH OF TODAY NEED A GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.  
YOU ARE SETTING THAT EXAMPLE

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR SCOUTING