

Bear Facts



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The Great Smoky Mountain Council has an immediate opening for
[District Executive in Mount Le Conte](#)
and
[STEM Scouts Program Aides.](#)

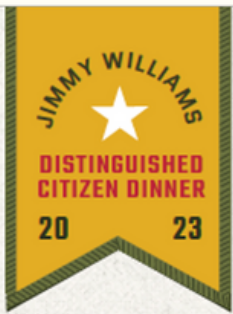


**Deadline to sign
up is March 15!**



National Scout Jamboree
July 19-28, 2023

Visit <https://easttncscouts.org/national-jamboree/> or scan the QR code for more info



SAVE THE DATE

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2023 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN DINNER



KNOXVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2023
→ 6PM RECEPTION / 7PM EVENT

DALE KEASLING AND VAIDEN TAYLOR
EVENT CO-CHAIRS

RSVP TO
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OR CALL 865-566-0626
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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Eagle Scout Scholarships



[NESA Eagle Scout Scholarships](#) due
January 31, 2023



[George W. and Helen F. Fry Eagle Scholarship](#)
applications due February 3, 2023



[Larry Fleming Scout Scholarships](#)
applications due February 3, 2023



Silver Beaver



Each year, the Great Smoky Mountain Council recognizes a select group of dedicated volunteers with our most prestigious award - the Silver Beaver Award. This award is the highest honor a council may present for exceptional service to Scouting.

Congratulations to this year's recipients - a truly elite group of Scouters.

Tommy Campbell
Lenoir City

Tim Collins
Maryville

Jill Grooms
Athens

Dave Halstead
Knoxville

Eric Manneschnidt
Knoxville

Ron McCash
Englewood

Shannon Siefke
Clinton

Christina Sparks
Knoxville

2022 Vigil Class

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp.

The Pellissippi Lodge welcomes the following Arrowmen to the Vigil Class of 2022



▲ Alexander Armstrong

▲ Joanie Rood

▲ Trent Nichols

▲ Don Dare

▲ Alyssa Ross

▲ Elijah West

▲ Evind Granroth

▲ Derek Setzer

▲ Stephen West

▲ Will Irvine

▲ John Sheridan

▲ Grace Williams



Cub Scout Specific Training

January 28, 2023
9:30am-1pm



Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training



or visit <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9241889>

Scoutmaster-Specific Training introduces you to everything you need to know about running a Scouts BSA Troop. This course, combined with Youth Protection Training and the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course, will make you a fully trained Scouts BSA leader.

Where: Christ United Methodist Church
7535 Maynardville Pk
Knoxville, TN 37938

Date: February 18, 2023
Time: 8:00am-4:30pm



INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR
SCOUTS BSA ADULT LEADERS

March 10-12, 2023

Camp Pellissippi



Register at

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9242469>



The Great Smoky Mountain Council has been approved for **Philmont** crews for July 7-19, 2024; scan the QR code below to get on the list!.



The Great Smoky Mountain Council has a few spots open for a Keys Adventure at **Sea Base** for May 26-June 1, 2024; scan the QR code below to get on the list!.

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9195488>





Be the Heart
Build Relationships
Change Lives



To Register, scan QR code or visit: <https://easttnscouts.org/event/cmsr-rt/>

Commissioners' Retreat

February 11, 2023
8:00am-3:30pm
Scout Service Center

Join us at our first commissioner-specific retreat! This event will celebrate and recognize commissioners, collaboratively, set our goals for commissioner service, and help ensure all youth have a quality experience within the Scouting program through training and discussion.

Please bring laptops/tablets to this event.

Cost: \$25, includes materials as well as breakfast and lunch (John Eric Jeffries' cooking!)

Certifies adults (age 21+) to staff a BB, Archery, or Slingshot range for a district or council event. Certification must be renewed every TWO years.

Upon satisfactory completion of the indoor and outdoor portions of the training, participants will receive their own Rangemaster vest.

Trainings run from 8:30am-4:30pm; bring your own lunch.

Cost: \$10 (classes require a minimum of 5 paid registrations)

Contact **Anthony Ingram**
865-455-5268
Anthony.Ingram@scouting.org

Great Smoky Mountain Council,
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scout Rangemaster
(BB & Archery) Training



March 25, 2023
May 6, 2023



SCOUT NIGHT

4/21/23



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Free for Scouts who sold
\$750 or more in popcorn

Other Scouts, siblings, parents, etc can purchase tickets as well.
More information coming soon.

This event is free for each Scout who sold \$500 popcorn this year; register at

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9480834>.

Additional tickets can be purchased for \$16 each.

A promotional poster for a Scout Night event. The background is a photograph of a hockey player in a black and orange uniform, number 9, skating on the ice. At the top, it says "KNOXVILLE ICE BEARS | BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" with logos for both. The main title "SCOUT NIGHT" is in large, white, outlined letters. Below that, it says "SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH | STAR WARS NIGHT" and "7:35PM PUCK DROP". Further down, it says "KNOXVILLE ICE BEARS PATCH FOR EACH SCOUT IN ATTENDANCE" and "PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF \$16". In the bottom left corner is a QR code, and in the bottom right corner is the Knoxville Ice Bears logo.





GOLF TOURNAMENT



MAY 15, 2023



THE CLUB AT GETTYSVUE

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Knoxville, TN 37922



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Ukraine Patch Set

In support of the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU), GSMC and the Pellissippi Order of the Arrow Lodge developed this patch set. 100% of the proceeds will go to the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine. The funds will be channeled through the mechanisms that have been made available to us by WOSM.



Each set is \$25 and includes a number certificate. You may place an order by going to

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9279589>.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Patrick Finn
Mount Le Conte
District Director



Geoff Cusick
Cades Cove
Sr. District Executive

CONGRATULATIONS to Patrick Finn, who was promoted to District Director for the Mt. Le Conte district, and to Geoff Cusick, who was promoted to Senior District Executive for the Cades Cove District!

