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FALL BEAVER DAY

Earlier this year, members of the Council Properties, Health & Safety, and Camping Committees met at Gus Blass Scout Reservation to review the conditions of the property and equipment of the Council. Campsites were visited, program areas and common areas were inspected and a list of items to be repaired and worked on was complied. In the next two months, teams of Scouters will be put together and materials will be gathered to carry out these maintenance items and prepare Gus Blass Scout Reservation for the Winter months ahead. All adult Scouters are invited to come be a part of this very important facet of our camping program. If you had a problem with the facilities at camp during one of the recent activities; if you are concerned about the erosion of the trail from your campsite to the showers or dining hall; or if you were pleased with the facilities but would like to keep things in good repair; come on up to camp and be a part of the Gus Blass Beaver Society. The sign said; " THE BEST SOLUTION TO ANY PROBLEM IS TEAMWORK". Let's ALL be part of the TEAM. Properties Committee Chairman Randall Hall and the above committees look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Randall at (501) 455-1070.

SBC Grant To Improve Store Operations

SBC Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of $10,000.00 to the Quapaw Area Council to install the new SellWise program and equipment in the Scout Store. This new equipment will greatly improve customer service by providing more documentation on purchases while speeding up the check-out process. The use of this new equipment will also improve operations in the reservations (activities and events,) finance (product sales and Friends of Scouting,) and accounting departments.

The photo shows the presentation of the SBC Foundation's check at the August Executive Board Meeting. Pictured left to right are: Council President Rick Watkins, board member and SBC Representative Eddie Blankenship, Vice President of Technology Hunter Babin and Scout Executive John Carman.

Council Executive Board Announces Fall Boy Scout Recruitment Plan

The Quapaw Area Council Executive Board has approved a Fall Boy Scout Recruitment Plan. The 2004 Fall Boy Scout Recruitment Plan has three objectives. These objectives are to:

1. Increase traditional youth enrollment
2. Support and improve unit program delivery
3. Provide wholesome, productive activities for youth

These objectives will be accomplished by providing incentives to existing and potential new youth members and Boy Scout Troops.

- Boy Scout Troops will receive $ 25.00 credit to their unit account for every new youth member registered between September 1 and October 31, 2004. (Unused credit balances may be distributed in cash directly to the unit upon request after November 15, 2004.)
- Boys who recruit their friends to join the Troop will receive a special edition Boy Scout Recruiter Patch.
- New Boy Scouts will receive free registration and a free subscription to Boys' Life magazine (to run concurrent with the unit's charter.)

A new youth member is defined as one who is not currently registered and has not been registered with a Pack, Troop, or Team at any time since January 1, 2004. Qualifying youth must be new to the program, not just new to your unit. Registration requires a completed application with appropriate signatures.
There are a variety of materials available for troops to support your recruiting efforts including flyers, Boy Fact Surveys, and the "Scout Zone" CD.

Following are some suggestions of ways to use the materials.

CD – Copy and distribute the "Scout Zone" CD to each member of your troop (one copy was provided to every troop at Roundtable) and have your existing Boy Scouts give one of the "Scout Zone" business cards to their friends, guiding them to the web page.

Rallies - Distribute printed flyers (with information about the sign-up meeting) and Boys' Life mini-mags to boys during school hours. Set up a model campsite outside of the school before and/or after school for boys and parents to see.

Boy-Fact surveys - distribute in school for boys to complete. If possible, hold a rally with the boys where an adult in uniform talks about Scouting activities while the boys fill out the form. Take along an Eagle Scout in uniform to make a good impression. Give boys a flyer with information about your sign-up meeting. Have Scouts in your troop call the prospective new members by phone inviting them to come to the meeting. Have parents and leaders call the parents of the prospective new members and invite them to attend.

Public Displays -Set up Scouting displays at shopping malls or other stores on weekends. Troops can set up a mock campsite (with tents, sleeping bags, camp stoves, cookware, bicycles, canoes and climbing equipment) at McDonalds or other popular fast-food restaurant. Distribute flyers.

Now that you know what the incentives are and the materials used, you may be wondering what your troop needs to do. That's simple. Just follow these eight steps and you should have a great Boy Scout recruiting event.

1. Set date for sign-up meeting and secure location
2. Make arrangements with school for rally and/or survey distribution
3. Arrange for display at mall or restaurant
4. Order flyers from your district executive
5. Conduct rally and collect completed Boy-Fact surveys, distribute flyers
6. Conduct Troop Open House
8. Submit applications and fees to council registrar

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POPCORN PROCEEDS PROVIDE QUALITY PROGRAM

This year's Trail's End Popcorn sale is going very well based upon reports from units.

If your unit wants to sell and did not attend the kickoff meeting, contact the office immediately in order to receive the necessary sales materials.

The next deadline is Thursday, October 21st. This is the date that your product order is due in the council office. Plan to collect orders from your Scouts on or before October 19th. This will give you an extra day to follow up with any Scouts who do not turn in an order on time, enabling you to still get the unit's order in by the deadline.

Units will need to pick up their product on Saturday, November 6th (see listing for your district's location.) **Don't forget to hold a special meeting that same day in order to distribute the popcorn**. This will enable your Scouts to take advantage of this first weekend to deliver product and collect money. The Scout's will also need their original "Take-Order" forms during delivery. Tip – make a photocopy of their "Take-Order" forms in case they lose them and also as a sales call guide for next year's sale.

Money must be turned in at the Scout Service Center, 3220 Cantrell Road in Little Rock. The office will be open on the deadline date of Saturday, December 4, 2004 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00 Noon to receive money. Please collect money from your Scouts on or before December 2nd, this will provide sufficient time for you to follow up with any boys who don't turn their money in on time and still meet the unit's bonus commission deadline of December 4th.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Good business planning by the Quapaw Area Council is also an essential element of our financial success and our ability to sustain a viable Scouting program from year to year. It is normal for businesses to have lean fiscal years. Scouting, like a business, can experience a diminished revenue year. To overcome these unexpected years of low cash flow, far-sighted councils plan for this through endowment programs.

The Quapaw Area Council has created a program whose purpose is to annually recognize those special friends who have made a commitment of $10,000.00 or more to our Endowment Trust Fund either through a bequest, or by some other form of gift. Those making a gift of $10,000.00 or more become lifetime members of The Quapaw Area Council Heritage Society.

There are several levels of recognition:

- ÿ $1,000.00 James E. West Fellow
- ÿ $10,000.00 Heritage Society

1910 Society (Property, Securities, Cash, 5-year pledge)

- ÿ $25,000.00 Earnest Thompson Seton Member
- ÿ $100,000.00 Daniel Carter Board Member
- ÿ $500,000.00 Theodore Roosevelt Member
- ÿ $1,000,000.00 Waite Phillips Member

The Founders Circle (Deferred Gifts)

- ÿ Bronze $100,000.00 minimum gift commitment
- ÿ Silver $250,000.00 minimum gift commitment
- ÿ Gold $500,000.00 minimum gift commitment
- ÿ Platinum $1,000,000.00 minimum gift commitment

Qualification for the membership to the Heritage Society with a minimum gift of $10,000.00, can be made in the following ways: a Bequest; Charitable Remainder Trust; Stock, Real Estate, or tangible property; Pooled Income Fund; Charitable Gift Annuities.

To accomplish these levels of charitable gifts, most families, like a business, use a plan of action. In this case, a good estate plan that is formulated through your Tax Attorney, CPA, or combination thereof, is the best approach. Whether your gift vehicle is a charitable lead trust, charitable remainder trust, charitable gift annuity, or some other tax saving mechanism, the key is sound financial planning through an estate plan with the assistance of knowledgeable counsel.

For more information and/or assistance, please contact Jim Dean, Finance Director at 501/664-4780 extension 235 or Finance@quapawbsa.org

New Philmont Reservation Process for 2005

Philmont Scout Ranch will be utilizing a new reservation system for the summer of 2005. In the new system, units will be able to go on-line and register for the random selection registration.

This process allows each unit to register at their leisure, during weeks assigned to specific regions in the fall of 2003.

To receive how-to instructions, please e-mail your contact information to :camping@philmontscoutranch.org

Please send both e-mail and mailing address.

Fall Cub Family Weekends

The Council Cub Scout Camping Committee will be conducting two Cub Scout Family Weekends during the month of October. If you have not already received information about these weekends please check the Council web-site or contact your Cubmaster, or the Council Service Center. The weekends will provide Games, Crafts, B B Gun Ranges, Archery opportunities, and lots of fun for the whole family. You will be served three meals in our dining hall and a cracker barrel after the Saturday evening campfire. This year's weather has been some of the best camping weather we have had in many years. Join us for a great Fall outdoor experience. Reserve your place today ! ! **(Program limited to 375 participants each weekend.)**

Choose a weekend : October 23 – 24 or October 30 – 31 (circle your choice)

Cub Scout's Name : _____ Pack No.: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name : _____

Number of Family members attending : _____

We **will** or **will not** bring our own tent. (circle one)

Phone Contact : _____ (include your area code)

Fees enclosed : _____ participants X $20.00 = _____

Return by mail to : Quapaw Area Council, BSA, Cub Family Weekends,

3220 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72202

2005 Beast Feast Set For January 22nd

The Council Camping Committees will hold their annual Beast Feast on Saturday, January 22, 2005 at the Donald W. Reynolds Training Center at Gus Blass Scout Reservation in Damascus. Each Pack and Troop is invited to send two Scouters to this event to receive information concerning the 2005 camping programs. Attendees will sup on a fine meal of wild game and discuss the council camping programs in general. Then each program will break out to discuss the various aspects of the Boy Scout and Cub Scout camping schedule. The cost for this event has been set at $4.00 per person. Please plan to be with us as we continue to improve our service to your unit and be the best. Your advanced registration will help us in determining how much food to prepare. Please return the form below along with your registration fee.

Cub Scout Leader Topics	Boy Scout Leader Topics
Spring and Fall Cub Camping Weekends	Boy Scout Summer Camp
Cub Scout Day Camps	High Adventure Opportunities
Cub Scout Resident Camp	Order of the Arrow

Name _____ Unit Number : _____

Name _____ Unit Number : _____

We will be attending the (check one) : Cub Scout Program Kick-off _____

Boy Scout Program Kick-off _____

Payment Enclosed : $ _____

FREE RANK ADVANCEMENT AVAILABLE

It's time to see your District Executive and sign up for a Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation to be held at your Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, awards banquet, or any get-together with parents in attendance.

- Designate a volunteer to serve as your unit's FOS Chairperson
- Before December 17th, sign up and commit to an FOS presentation and,
- Have the presentation conducted no later than March 31, 2005.

This will qualify your unit as a Pacesetter Unit. In return for meeting these three requirements, your unit will receive free badges of rank from the conclusion of the presentation through March 31st of the following year. By doing so, you'll assist every youth member in the Council by helping support the delivery of a quality program through every unit in your District. Call your District Executive today. You'll be glad you did.

Be Risk Ready With Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat

It's true that the number of serious injuries and fatalities in water-related activities is small relative to the number of Scouting activities every year, but **Scouting loses lives and dollars** from aquatics injuries and fatalities—second only to those lost in vehicle accidents.

To reduce aquatics accidents, we must know and follow **Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat**.

Chapter 2 of the ***Guide to Safe Scouting*** is dedicated to aquatics safety. Give yourself a refresher course before going on your next water activity. **The life you save or the injury you prevent may be your Scout's**. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat save lives!

HEALTH AND SAFETY HS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

To Be Physically Fit is To Be *Risk Ready*

Two important challenges for us in Scouting are physical fitness and good health. Every adult leader should set the example and contribute directly to the health and fitness of today's Scouts by completing requirements for the BSA Physical Fitness Award.

The award's objectives developed by the National Council and the national BSA Health and Safety Committee, are as follows:

- Encourage youth fitness in the BSA by providing positive role models and by enhancing youth awareness and understanding of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.
- Encourage physical fitness among Scouters by enhancing their awareness and understanding of fitness parameters, health risks, and personal circumstances.
- Reduce the rate of stress- and fitness-related incidents throughout Scouting

For more information go to www.scouting.org/pubs/19-327 or call 972 580-2448 for a copy of the To Be Physically Fit, BSA brochure (Bin No. 19-327) and Leaders Fitness Card (Bin No. 19-326)

Webelos-to-Scout-Transition

One of Scouting's greatest challenges is to make the next level of Scouting readily available for a young man once he meets the joining requirements. Webelos-to-Scout transition is the area where we are least successful in doing this. In order to achieve success in this area, the Council has developed a Webelos-to-Scout Transition Plan that involves Cubmasters, Webelos Leaders, Troop leadership, and the District Committee in the transition process.

Webelos-to Scout Transition Plan packets will be made available at October Roundtables. The packet includes job descriptions and assignments for all levels of leadership. The Cubmaster's Disappearing Packet is the key to the plan. The Cubmaster of each Pack will be given several sheets of paper that must be distributed to the Webelos leader and to the Scoutmaster of a nearby troop. This packet lays out tasks that must be completed by each of them in order to have a successful Webelos-to-Scout Transition. The District Committee's role is to track the transition and to assist Packs and Troops if they need help.

Remember, our best source of Boy Scouts is Webelos. In fact, 90% of all Boy Scouts were Webelos. So, it makes good sense to be sure that every interested Webelos and his parents are invited, oriented, and welcomed to a Boy Scout Troop.

Quapaw Lodge 65th Anniversary Pilgrimage

On the weekend of August 13 – 15 the Quapaw Lodge celebrated its 65th Anniversary in great style. Along with the annual fish fry, Indian crafts, and training sessions, we were pleased to have many of our old Scouters visit and reminisce about former Lodge activities and events . The 65th Anniversary Lodge Flap and the commemorative multi-pieced patch will be cherished items in every member's collection. New Lodge Officers and Chapter Officers were elected and will be announced in the next issue of the "Rattler" . The new Lodge Chief is Whitten Lueken from Mohawk Chapter in Little Rock.

The Lodge also recognized the following Scouts and Scouters for their extensive service to the Council and Lodge with t he Vigil Honor :

Youth Recipients	Adult Recipients
Madison Ainley	Linda Cullum
Chris Boylls	Kevin Dunham
Kyle Fulbright	Raymond Jones
Aaron Jones	Robert McGehee
Brenton Piercy	Rocky Togni
James Swann	Rick Watkins

Congratulations to all, and thanks for all you have done and continue to do.

The Lodge has had a very busy year so far, and their plans for the rest of the year show no signs of slowing down. The Lodge will also host those Scouters attending the Beaver Day work session during their Fall Fellowship weekend, October 2nd. Lodge members will be there to work and provide lunch for all Scouters in attendance. There is much to be done to keep Gus Blass Scout Reservation in good repair . "Many hands make light work", so let's plan on helping keep everything in good working order. And of course, in January the Annual Lodge Banquet will be held, honoring those Arrowmen who have given direction and leadership to our Lodge in the past year. Plan to be with us on January 8th, 2005.

What are you doing next Summer ? ? ?

The Quapaw Area Council is now accepting applications for the 2005 Gus Blass Summer Camp staff. The jobs are demanding, and competition for various positions is keen. But it will be a summer you'll remember for the rest of your life. You'll make friends you will stay in touch with and remember for many years to come.

We are looking for outstanding members of the Boy Scouts of America to provide the highest quality program possible for Scouts from Arkansas and many of the surrounding states. Applicants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, subscribe to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, and be willing to set the proper example for others to follow. One of the most important qualities we are looking for is a "can- do" attitude, a willingness to go that extra mile to make Blass Scout Reservation the BEST camp around.

Applications are available at the Council Service Center, on the council web-site, or at district roundtables. The following is a list of positions and the qualifications required for the job.

Position	Minimum Age	Qualifications
Camp Director	21	NCS, + 2 years camp experience
Health Officer	21	Minimum EMT + 1 year experience
Cook	21	Health Dept. Certification
Dining Hall Manager	21	CPR, First Aid
Assistant Cook	18	
Dining Hall Staff	16	
Trading Post Manager	21	
Trading Post Staff	16	
Quartermaster	18	
Chaplain	21	
Commissioner	21	
Program Director	21	NCS, + 2 years camp experience
High Adventure Program Director	21	NCS, CPR, First Aid, 2 years camp experience
High Adventure Staff		First Aid, 2 years camp experience
Aquatics Director	21	NCS + summer camp experience CPR, First Aid
Assistant Aquatics Director	21	NCS + summer camp experience
Aquatics Staff	16	Swimmer
Shooting Sports Director	21	NCS, CPR, First Aid
Shooting Sports staff	16	
Archery Staff	18	
C.O.P.E. Director	21	NCS, CPR, First Aid
Assistant C.O.P.E. Director	18	C.O.P.E. instructor experience
C.O.P.E. Staff	16	C.O.P.E. experience
Climbing / Rappelling Director	21	NCS
Scoutcraft Director	18	
Scoutcraft Staff	16	
Pioneer Trail Director	18	
Pioneer Trail Staff	16	
Ecology / Conservation Director	18	NCS
Eco / Con Staff	16	
Handicraft Director	18	
Handicraft Staff	16	
Mountain Biking Director	18	
Mountain Biking Staff	16	
Counselor – In – Training	15	One year at camp as camper
Cub Scout Resident Camp Staff	15	

NOTE : (NCS = National Camp School – a week long training and certification program)
Application requires Scout Leader's approval, and parent's approval if under 18 years of age.
Camp Staff interviews will be held February 5th, by scheduled appointments. Get your application in NOW ! ! Applications available on-line at www.quapawbsa.org
Join the BEST -- Be a part of the GUS BLASS SCOUT RESERVATION STAFF IN 2005

Summer Camp 2005 Already in Progress

As we wrap up the 2004 camping season, plans for the 2005 Summer Camp have already begun. The Council Camping Committees have met and are putting together the Camp Leader's Guidebook for both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Programs. The Boy Scout Leader Summer Camp Guidebook will be available at the November Roundtables with additional information available at the Beast Feast in January. It will contain the major changes for Boy Scout Summer Camp in 2005, changes brought about by the evaluations you provided in 2004.

The Cub Scout Leader Camping Guide will not be available until the Beast Feast. It will contain information on the District Day Camps, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Cub Family Weekend Camps, National SummerTime Pack Award information, and basic guidelines for camping at Gus Blass Scout Reservation.

Each year the Quapaw Area Council is recognized for its camping programs as units from surrounding states come to participate in one of the Southern Region's finest camping programs. NOW is the time to plant the seed for camping in 2005. Consult your calendar and your unit leaders to make sure your Scouts are planning to attend the Camping program designed for them. Troops need to reserve a campsite and select leadership for their week-long summer camp experience. Contact your district camping chairperson to schedule a special Parent's Night program to emphasize the importance of the outdoor program in your annual unit program. Start a payment plan now to help pay for your Scouts' camping adventure next year. Nowhere else can you get the quality of program designed to prepare your Scouts for the future. Don't wait until next year to begin thinking about these programs; you may find them already filled.

Foothills District

Serving Perry, Conway, Faulkner and Van Buren Counties

District Chairman.....Paul Tipton
District Commissioner.....Andrew Adlong
Sr. District Executive.....Karl Boroski

District Committee Meetings

The Foothills District Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at Conway Fire Station on Caldwell in downtown Conway. Those responsible for attending the meetings are District Committee members, Chartered organization Representatives, and special guests of the committee. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Roundtables/Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings

The Foothills District conducts the Cub Scout Roundtable, Boy Scout Roundtable, and the Order of the Arrow Chapter meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr. Roundtables are an excellent source of training for adult leaders, and all leaders are encouraged to attend. The members of the Order of the Arrow meet to discuss business, plan future activities, and fellowship. All meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Training Upcoming training dates will be listed in the February Scouter issue. If you have leaders who need training in the meantime, please contact the district training chairman.

School Night for Scouting was a great success. We would like to thank everyone that participated as a Coordinator, Registrar, or a Rally Master. These people's efforts will have a profound impact on the lives of our new Scouts, their families and everyone in our community. Special Thanks go to Suzy Hatfield for leading the School Night training, and Michael and Katherine Waters for running the Report Center.

November
2 District Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Conway Fire Dept.
4 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00pm Foothills District Office (1475 Hogan Conway)
11 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 pm Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr.
11 Order of the arrow, 7:00 pm Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr.

December
2 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00pm Foothills District Office (1475 Hogan Conway)
7 District Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Conway Fire Dept.
9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 pm Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr.
9 Order of the arrow, 7:00 pm Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr.

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6 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00pm Foothills District Office (1475 Hogan Conway)
13 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 pm Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr.
13 Order of the arrow, 7:00 pm Conway LDS Church on Dave Ward Dr.

Roundtable Themes:

November
Cub Scouts – Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Patrol Method

December
Cub Scouts –Spread The News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – High Adventure Trips

January
Cub Scouts –It's a Scouting Celebration
Webelos – Scholar/Engineer
Boy Scouts – Places of Interest

Foothills District's Annual Business Meeting

At this meeting we will elect our district chairman and members-at-large for the Foothills District for calendar year 2005. The annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at The LDS Church on Dave Ward Drive.

Popcorn Pick up will be on Saturday November 6, 2004 at Virco WarehouseHighway 65 South in Conway, AR from 9am-noon.

Qualify as a Pacesetter Unit

1. Designate one Adult as the FOS Chairperson
2. Set your unit's presentation date by December 14th (Schedule with your District Executive Karl Boroski at 501-730-0411
3. Conduct your unit's Family FOS Presentation before March 31st

Units that fulfill the above criteria will receive the following:

Free badges of rank for the succeeding 12 months and a pacesetter ribbon for your unit flag

White River District

Serving Cleburne, Fulton, Izard, Stone Independence, and Sharp Counties

District Chairman.....John Peek
District Commissioner.....Larry Adams
District Executive.....Melissa Sisco

Welcome to New Units

The White River District would like to welcome a new Venturing Crew in Cherokee Village. Chartered Organization Representative, Gary Gilliland, and the 9-Mile Ridge Volunteer Fire Department has agreed to charter this Crew. We'd also like to welcome all new youth adult leaders to the district. Your participation in the Boy Scouts of America will help keep our District successful for many years to come. Don't forget to check out the Council's website at www.quapawbsa.org for a complete calendar and other information. Also, please contact your District Executive, Melissa Sisco, at whiteriver@quapawbsa.org with any ideas or questions you may have. Welcome to you all!

School Night for Scouting – A Great Success!

Special thanks go out to all volunteers who helped make this year's School Night for Scouting efforts so successful. As of September 11, a total of 129 Cub Scouts, 9 Boy Scouts and 24 new adult leaders were recruited. We welcome you all to the White River District!

Upcoming Training Opportunities

New Leader Essentials Training will be offered on Saturday, September 25, 2004. The training session will begin at 9:00 AM and it will be conducted at Southside Middle School in Batesville. Any adult scout leader or parent who is interested in attending this training session is welcomed to do so. Please contact Sonny Chidister at (501) 723-8247 or email beemaker@webtv.net for more information.

Cub Leader Specific Training will be held in conjunction with New Leader Essentials Training on Saturday, September 25, 2004. Any Cub Scout leader is welcomed and encouraged to attend this training session.

Special Thanks

The 2004 Spring River Clean-up was held on September 10-12. We'd like to thank District Volunteer Frank Wise for his efforts to organize this event. This was the 16th year for the Spring River Clean-up and we appreciate all who helped make it a success!

Popcorn Sales

Popcorn sales for 2004 began on September 11th. The deadline to turn in popcorn orders is October 21st at 5:00 PM. No orders will be accepted after that date. The popcorn will be delivered to Cherokee Frame Company in Cherokee Village and will be available for pickup on Saturday, November 6th. All money collected should be turned in to the Council office by December 4th. If you have any questions about the popcorn sale, please contact Melissa Sisco at (501) 664-4780, Ext 227.

District Committee Meetings

The White River District Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Lower Union Conference Room at Lyon College in Batesville. This meeting is open to current District Committee Members, Chartered Organization Representatives, and Council Executive Board members residing in the White River District. Refreshments are served at 6:45, and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

District Roundtable Meetings

The District Roundtable Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Southside Middle School in Batesville. This meeting is for adult leaders and it starts at 6:30PM. We share any announcements and then break out into Cub Scout and Boy Scout meetings so that you can get the latest program ideas and information for leading your unit. Roundtable meetings are excellent opportunities for training and for sharing ideas.

Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Deadline

The deadline for your unit to qualify as a 2005 Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Unit is December 12th. Units that recruit a Unit FOS Chairman, schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation prior to the December 12th deadline, and then conduct the presentation before the March 31, 2005 cut-off, will qualify for free rank advancement for the 365 day period beginning the day after the presentation is conducted. Rank advancement refers only to changes in rank, and does not apply to merit badges, Cub Scout Sports and Academic belt loops/pins, Webelos activity badges, and progress toward rank items. To schedule your presentation, please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive .

October 2004

14 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School
14 Order of the Arrow, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School
15-17 Council Camporee; Gus Blass Scout Reservation – Damascus, Arkansas
27 Key 3 Meeting

November 2004

2 District Annual Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Lyon College
9 Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 PM; Southside Middle School
11 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School
11 Order of the Arrow, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School
17 Key 3 Meeting

December 2004

7 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Lyon College
9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School
9 Order of the Arrow, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School
10-12 Klondike Derby; Cedar Valley Scout Camp – Viola, Arkansas
13 District Banquet; 7:00 PM; TBA
14 Commissioner Meeting; 7:00 PM; Southside Middle School
29 Key 3 Meeting

Roundtable Themes:

October
Cub Scouts –Collectors
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Scienceg

November
Cub Scouts –Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Cooking

December
Cub Scouts –Spread the News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival

Saracen District

Serving Jefferson, Grant and Lincoln Counties

District Chairman.....Dr. Ray Jones
District Commissioner.....John Favor
District Executive.....Sedrick Robinson

District Committee Meeting:
DATES: November 10, December 8, and January 12 -
TIME: 5:45 p.m.
PLACE: PINE BLUFF NATIONAL BANK, (WHITE HALL)

This monthly meeting is the gathering of district level volunteers to plan and implement the Activities, Advancement, Camp Promotions and Outdoor Activities, Health and Safety, Membership and Training programs in the support of the Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews and Post of the district. Committee members and Chartered Organization Representatives make up the District Committee, the spend most of the time in breakout meetings working on activities and events.

For more information about the District Committee Meetings, please contact Dr. Raymond Jones, Saracen District Chairman, at 870- 247-2015

District Commissioner's Meeting:
DATES: November 9, December 14, and January 4
PLACE: WHITE HALL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.
TIME: 7:00

This is a monthly meeting where volunteer commissioners meet to discuss issues concerning recharters, unit needs, status of units, and items of interest that need to be communicated to the units of the district.

For more information about the Distrcit Commissioner Meetings, please contact Mr. John Favor, Saracen District Commissioner, at 870-534-6352

Cub Leaders' Roundtable:
DATES: November 11, December 9, and January 13
PLACE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SCOUT HOUSE
TIME: 7:00

This is a monthly meeting where volunteer leaders come together to network, receive district information, council resources, and preview next month's program theme in advance. This is an activities-based meeting as well as information-based meeting. Break-out sessions are conducted for the various leadership groups represented. Bobbi Phillips is the cub roundtable commissioner. For more information about the Saracen Roundtable Meetings, please contact Bobbi Phillips, Saracen District Roundtable Commissioner, at 501-397-6326

October

12 Commissioner Meeting - 7 p.m. - White Hall Methodist Church
13 District Committee Meeting - 5:45 p.m. - Pine Bluff Convention Center
14 Roundtable/OA – 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Scout House

November

9 Commissioner Meeting - 7 p.m. – White Hall Methodist Church
10 District Committee Meeting - 5:45 p.m. - Pine Bluff National Bank, (White Hall)
11 Roundtable – 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Scout House
11 OA Chapter Meeting – 7 p.m. - First Baptist Church, Scout House

December

14 Commissioner Meeting - 7 p.m. - White Hall Methodist Church
8 District Committee Meeting - 5:45 p.m. - Pine Bluff National Bank, (White Hall)
9 Roundtable – 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Scout House
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October
Cub Scouts –Scout Collectors
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Scientist

November
Cub Scouts –Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Cookingt

December
Cub Scouts –Spread the News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival

Boy Scout Leaders' Roundtable:
DATES: November 11, December 9, and January 13
PLACE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SCOUT HOUSE
TIME: 7:00
THEMES:

This valuable monthly meeting is for Boy Scout Troop adult leaders. The topics of discussion are selected annually by the participants and are very timely and informative for anyone associated with the Troop. This is also your first source for materials and information concerning district and council activities.

For more information about the Saracen Roundtable Meetings, please contact Dr. Ray Jones, Saracen District Roundtable Commissioner, at 870- 247-2015.

OA Chapter Meeting:
DATES: November 11, December 9, and January 13

A youth-run monthly meeting of all Order of the Arrow members from the district. These meetings are where Chapter business is conducted, service items discussed, and information is distributed concerning all Lodge activities and events.

New District Volunteers

The Saracen District welcomes Wes Booker as Saracen's Advancement Chair. Along with Wes is Quezi Hunter. Wes will be checking with all of the units that are not advancing. Advancement is an important part of the Boy Scout Program. Saracen would like to welcome these two guys on board.

School Night Brings In a Host of New Boys

School Night for Scouting was on August 26 and there were a few schools that opened on September 2. This year the School Night effort went exceptionally well. On August 26, the Saracen volunteers went to their designated schools and recruited a record number of 267 boys and families. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done. This was a 35% percent increase from last year. Your efforts will make a significant difference in the lives of these people and our community.

Welcome To Our New Unit

Saracen would like to welcome a new pack to the district. Pack 870 is sponsored by the Altheimer Unified School District. The Cubmaster is Mark Anderson, and he is enthusiastic and ready to work hard to deliver a quality Scouting program to the boys of his community. Welcome to the Saracen District.

Thunderbird District

Serving North Little Rock and Jacksonville

District Chairman.....Bill Whitmore
District Commissioner.....Mike Stephens
District Executive.....Drew Ramey

October
14 Roundtables – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
14 OA Chapter Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
22-23 Outdoor Leader Skills – Elk's Park

November
2 Commissioner Meeting – 7 p.m.- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
4 District Annual Business Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Ch
11 Roundtables – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
11 OA Chapter Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
13 Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (OWL) – Elk's Park

December
2 District Committee Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
7 Commissioner Meeting – 7 p.m.- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
9 Rountables – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
9 OA Chapter Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church

January
4 Commissioner Meeting – 7 p.m.- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
6 District Committee Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
13 Rountables – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
13 OA Chapter Meeting – 7 p.m. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church
15 District Banquet
15 Chess Tournament – 8:00 a.m. - St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Roundtable Themes:

October
Cub Scouts –Scout Collectors
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Scientist

November
Cub Scouts –Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Cooking

December
Cub Scouts –Spread the News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival

School Night for Scouting

Thanks to all the volunteers and staff who participated in School Night for Scouting in the Thunderbird District! We worked together with principals, teachers, kids, and parents to create a unique opportunity for boys to become involved with scouting. Even though School Night for Scouting has come and gone in 2004, it is always a great time for boys and their parents to join Scouting.

2004 Trail's End Popcorn Sale

This year's kickoff began with a POP! Thanks to all the units that signed up for popcorn sales. Remember, popcorn sales provide funding, prizes, and fiscal responsibility for our youth. **The unit orders and popcorn prize orders need to be submitted to the Council Office by October 21**. Popcorn pickup will be from 9:00 – 11:00 at Camp Robinson in building 16401. Popcorn payments are due to the council office by December 4.

District Committee Meetings

The district committee meeting is a monthly meeting of district level volunteers to plan and implement the activities, advancement, camp promotions and outdoor activities, health and safety, membership, and training programs in support of Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews in the Thunderbird District. Committee members and Chartered Organization Representative are responsible for attending these meetings.

District Committee Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The November committee meeting is the District Annual Business Meeting. All chartered organization representatives are asked to attend to vote on the 2005 District Leadership

For more information, contact Bill Whitmore, Thunderbird District Chairman, at 833-4019.

Commissioner Meetings

The commissioner meeting is a monthly meeting where volunteer commissioners meet to discuss issues concerning re-charters, unit needs, unit status, and items of interest that need to be communicated to the units of the district. The Unit Commissioner is your friend and their sole task is to help your unit succeed. Call on your Unit Commissioner or the District Commissioner when you need help with program, administration, reorganization, or your annual re-chartering process.

The Thunderbird District Commissioner Staff meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. For more information contact Mike Stephens, Thunderbird District Commissioner, at 753-7486.

Roundtables

Roundtables are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This is a monthly meeting where volunteers come together to network, receive district and council information, and preview next month's theme. This is an activities based meeting, as well and an informational meeting. Break-out sessions are conducted for the various leadership groups represented.

Order of the Arrow (OA) Chapter Meetings

The OA Chapter meetings are youth led monthly meetings of all of the OA members in the Thunderbird District. These meetings are where Thunderbird OA Chapter business is conducted, service items are discussed, and information is distributed concerning all Lodge activities and events. These meetings are conducted on the second Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. For more information contact Marc Swann, Thunderbird District OA Chapter Advisor, at 851-6985.

Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is designed to provide basic outdoor skills used in Boy Scout troops. It is required for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The Course will be held October 22-23 at Elk's Park in North Little Rock.

If you are a Webelos leader and want to learn some skills that will help you teach activity badges to the boys, then Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (OWL) is for you. OWL Training will be held at Elk's Park in North Little Rock on November 13.

If you have any questions about Thunderbird District Training, please contact Marcia Baldwin, Thunderbird District Training Chairman, at 835-9150.

Thunderbird District Chess Tournament

The Thunderbird District Chess Tournament will be held on December 15 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in North Little Rock. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The fee is $10.00 and lunch is provided. Scout of all levels can attend. Steve Yoder is coordinating the event. If you have questions, you can reach him at 681-8108.

Cherokee District

Serving Clay, Greene, Mississippi, Lawrence and Randolph Counties

District Chairman.....Andy Fulkerson
District Commissioner.....Steve Lynn
District Executive.....Stephen Lee

October
12 Roundtable/OA – 7:00 pm – 1st United Methodist Church, Paragould
15 Council-wide Fall Camporee – Gus Blass Scout Reservation through the 17th
21 Popcorn Orders Due – 1st Methodist in Paragould

November
2 Commissioner Staff Meeting
5/6 Popcorn Pick-up at Spectrum Finishing, 1203 Goldsmith Road, Paragould at 9:00 am
6 Order of the Arrow Ordeal
8 District Annual Business Meeting – Noon – Perkin's Restaurant, Paragould
9 Key 3 Meeting – 6:30 pm – 1st United Methodist Church, Paragould
9 Roundtables/OA – 7:00 pm – 1st United Methodist Church, Paragould

December
4 Popcorn Money Due in Council Office, Little Rock
7 Commissioner Staff Meeting
13 District Committee Meeting – Noon – Perkin's, Paragould
14 Key 3 Meeting – 6:30 pm – 1st United Methodist Church, Paragould
14 Annual District Banquet – 7:00 pm – 1st Methodist in Paragould

October Dates of Note:

This year's Fall Camporee will be a Council-wide Camporee and will be held at Gus Blass Scout Reservation on October 15th through 17th. Also, orders for the annual popcorn fundraiser will be due on the 21st of October.

November Dates of Note:

Popcorn distribution will begin at 9:00 am on November 6 at Spectrum Finishing, the same location as last year. It is located at 1203 Goldsmith Road in Paragould.

December Dates of Note:

The money from popcorn sales is due in the Council office in Little Rock by December 4th. The annual District banquet will be held at the Methodist Church in Paragould on December 14th at 7:00 pm. Units should plan now to pay for the tickets for your Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and their spouse to attend this event.

Friends of Scouting Information:

Please note that the District Banquet date will mark the deadline for Packs and Troops to sign up for 2005 as FOS Pacesetters.

Special Announcements:

Welcome to all new volunteers and leaders who have become involved with local and District Scouting as a result of this year's School Night for Scouting recruitment effort. Thank you to all the volunteers/leaders who organized and conducted the School Nights around the District. Your efforts enabled us to add 200 new Cubs and Boy Scouts to our program this year.

District Committee Meetings

The District Committee Meeting is a monthly meeting of district level volunteers to plan and implement the activities, advancement, camp promotions and outdoor activities, health and safety, membership, and training programs in support of Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews in the Cherokee District. Committee members and Chartered Organization Representative make up the district committee.

District Committee Meetings are held at noon on the second Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant in Paragould. For more information contact Andy Fulkerson, Cherokee District Chairman, at 870-239-4002.

District Commissioner Meeting

The District Commissioner Meeting is where volunteer Unit Commissioners meet to discuss issues concerning recharters, unit needs, status of units and items of interest that need to be communicated to the units in the district.

District Commissioner Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Paragould. For more information, contact Steve Lynn, Cherokee District Commissioner, at 870-236-7696.

Roundtables

Roundtables are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Paragould. This is a monthly meeting where volunteers come together to network, receive district and council information, and preview next month's theme. This is an activities based meeting, as well and an informational meeting. Breakout sessions are conducted for the various leadership groups represented.

Training Opportunities

Thank you to Ben Denton, Training Chairman, and all the volunteers who conducted the September 25th training session. Cherokee District will have further training opportunities in the coming months. Also, please contact me if you have training needs prior to our next announcement as our committee is committed to provide training for every leader in the district.

BSA Response to Solicitation

Scouters and others have been receiving letters from various nonprofit organizations claiming to support the Boy Scouts of America and seeking contributions. Some of these groups refer to Scouting in their name: "Save Our Scouts" or "Scouting Legal Defense Fund," and some do not. All of them claim to be supporting Scouting's legal activities in some fashion, but none of them are authorized by the BSA to be seeking funds. Most important, no contributions to these groups go directly to Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America does not solicit funds in this manner, and you may be assured that no names or addresses are ever sold or given to anyone outside the organization. These groups generally use mailing lists purchased from commercial organizations that compile such lists from magazine subscriptions and other sources.

We regret the confusion and misdirection of contributions that these solicitations cause, and we are taking appropriate legal measures to deal with these parties. Under our federal Constitution these groups have the right to solicit funds and to express their support, but they do not have any right to mislead or confuse people.

Some of these organizations have provided support to the BSA through "friend of the court" briefs or published articles, but we would prefer that they did not seek to profit by these activities through soliciting funds in the name of Scouting. Their activities have resulted in confusion and frustration for many of the recipients of these solicitations.

Anyone who wishes to support the Boy Scouts of America should make their contributions directly to local Scout councils.

Three Rivers District

Serving Lonoke, Prairie, White and Woodruff Counties

District Chairman.....vacant
District Commissioner.....Don Young
District Executive.....Todd Ferguson

October
5 District Commissioners Mtg. 7 PM Carlisle BanCorp South meeting room
7 District Committee Meeting, 7 PM Western Sizzlin, Cabot
14 Roundtable, Beebe School Complex, 7 PM
14 OA Chapter Meeting, 7 PM Cabot High School
21 New Leaders Essentials Training, First Baptist Church, Cabot 7PM
28 Cub Leader Specific Training, First Baptist Church, Cabot 7PM

November
2 District Commissioners Mtg, 7PM Carlisle Bancorp South meeting room.
4 District Committee Meeting, 7 PM Western Sizzlin, Cabot
11 Roundtable, Beebe School Complex, 7:30 PM
11 OA Chapter Meeting, Beebe High School, 7PM
13 Troop Committee Training, 8 AM, First Baptist Church, Cabot.

December
2 District Committee Meeting, 7 PM Western Sizzlin, Cabot
7 District Commissioners Mtg. 7 PM Carlisle BanCorp South meeting room.
9 Roundtable, Beebe School Complex, 7:30 PM
9 OA Chapter Meeting, Beebe High School, 7PM
16 Youth Protection Training, First Baptist Church, Cabot

Roundtable Themes:

October
Cub Scouts –Collectors
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Scienceg

November
Cub Scouts –Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Cooking

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Cub Scouts –Spread the News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival

Training

As you can see from the calendar above, we have lots of training coming up. Make sure that any adult in your unit that has not been to training takes advantage of the opportunities. Remember that you want your doctor trained to do medicine, your lawyer trained in law and we should expect no less from the people leading our kids.

Troop Committee Training will be great this year. We have a new training kit and Robert is looking forward to this course. Make sure that your Troop or Pack committee gets to training. The same is true with Chartered Organization Representative Training. Every unit has a Chartered Organization Representative; they are voting members of our District Committee and represent your unit(s) to the District. Find your CR and encourage them to get to training.

Any question related to training please contact Robert Chidister at Rchidister@ipa.net

District Banquet

We do not have a location or theme for the Banquet at this point. Diane Chidister is working on these details. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event, please contact Diane at 870-998-7597.

School Night for Scouting

At the time of this writing, we are at least 4 boys ahead of last year in youth recruited at this time last year, we have almost 200 more boys taking Boy's Life Magazine and we have two new units.

We want to give a warm welcome to our new units at Harding Academy, Pack 529 and Pack 504 returning in Rose Bud with the United Methodist Church.

Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Deadline

The deadline for your unit to qualify as a 2005 Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Unit is December 12th. Units that recruit a Unit FOS Chairman, schedule a Pacesetter Friends of Scouting presentation prior to the December 12th deadline, and then conduct the presentation before the March 31, 2005 cut-off, will qualify for free rank advancement for the 365 day period beginning the day after the presentation is conducted. Rank advancement refers only to changes in rank, and does not apply to merit badges, Cub Scout Sports and Academic belt loops/pins, Webelos activity badges, and progress toward rank items. To schedule your presentation, please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive.

Mohawk District

Serving Little Rock

District Chairman.....Curtis Bailey
District Commissioner.....Larry Furrer
District Director.....Terry Sharp

OCTOBER
5 Commissioner Meeting, Westlake Corporate Center, 5:45 pm
7 District Committee Meeting, Westlake Corporate Center, 11:30 am
7 New Leader Essentials Training, Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 pm
7 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 pm
7 Troop Committee Training, Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 pm
14 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
14 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
14 Venture Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
14 OA Chapter Meeting, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
21 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 pm
21 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 pm
28 Key Three Meeting, Milford Track, 11:30 am
29-30 Outdoor Leader Skills Training, Reservoir Park, 6:00 pm
30 BALOO Training, Reservoir Park, 8:30 am

NOVEMBER
2 Commissioner Meeting, Westlake Corporate Center, 5:45 pm
4 District Annual Business Meeting, Westlake Corporate Center, 11:30 am
11 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
11 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
11 Venture Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
11 OA Chapter Meeting, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
18 Key Three Meeting, Milford Track, 11:30 am

DECEMBER
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7 Commissioner Meeting, Westlake Corporate Center, 5:45 pm
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9 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, Latter Day Saints Church, 7:00 pm
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The month of October features a tremendous opportunity for leaders to attend training. Cub Scout leaders and Boy Scout leaders alike should take advantage of the New Leader Essentials, Cub and Boy Scout Leader Specific, Outdoor Leader Skills, and BALOO training sessions. District Training Chairman Don King and his staff are encouraging all leaders to "Be Prepared" by attending the training courses that are most beneficial to them. For more information on any of these courses you can contact the Mohawk District Training Chairman Don King at (h) 227-0158 or (w) 220-5631 or by e-mail at .

ROUNDTABLE

Every leader needs to keep abreast of all the latest Scouting activities and techniques. There is no better way to do that than by attending "ROUNDTABLE". Roundtables are held the second Thursday of each month at the Latter Day Saints Church on Rodney Parham Blvd. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Roundtables are held under the leadership of Boy Scout Leader Roundtable Commissioner Steve Nielson, Cub Scout Leader Roundtable Commissioner Bennie Petrey, and Venture Leader Roundtable Commissioner Bob Means. A little time spent at Roundtable can save you countless hours and help you to vastly improve your program. Take advantage of this tremendous resource.

TRAILS END POPCORN

Mohawk District Popcorn Kernel Kurt Bender should have all units underway at this date with popcorn sales materials but it's never too late to participate. If your unit has not yet jumped in on the action contact the Scout Service Center before the money's all gone. For additional materials or if you need help in compiling your popcorn order you can contact Kurt or District Director Terry Sharp at 664-4780 ext. 222. Remember, popcorn orders must be turned in to the council office no later than October 21.

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Delta District

Serving Phillips, St. Francis, Lee Arkansas and Monroe Counties

District Chairman.....Jim Smith
District Commissioner.....Rolfe Bryant
District Executive.....Pattie Hornbeck

November
2 Commissioner Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Riceland Foods, Stuttgart
9 District Annual Business Meeting – Riceland, Stuttgart
11 Rountables– 7 p.m. – Brinkley First United Methodist Church

December
7 Commissioner Meeting – 6:00 p.m. - Riceland, Stuttgart
9 Rountables– 7 p.m. – Brinkley First United Methodist Church
14 District Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Riceland, Stuttgart
29 Key 3 – Noon – Riceland, Stuttgart

January
4 Commissioner Meeting – 6:00 p.m. - Riceland, Stuttgart
11 District Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Riceland, Stuttgart
13 Roundtables – 7 p.m. – Brinkley United Methodist Church
15 District Banquet – Spread the News - TBA
26 Key 3 – Noon – Riceland, Stuttgart

Roundtable Themes:

October
Cub Scouts –Scout Collectors
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Scientist

November
Cub Scouts –Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Cooking

December
Cub Scouts –Spread the News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival

Delta District School Night for Scouting

Registered volunteers in six towns signed up over 120 new Scouts on Sept. 2 at School Night for Scouting (SNFS). The Roundtable Training was improved by the displays created by Alice Smith and Vicki Marek. Rallies were conducted by David Smith, Gary Bryant, Robert Lee, Rusty Porter, and Paul Moldenhauer, Pattie Hornbeck and Christian Swaim. Fifteen Delta District schools allowed SNFS Rallies to be conducted, and because their cooperation is so important in reaching Cub Scout aged boys, the staff and faculty deserve our appreciation as well. Thank you to everyone who was involved! And a warm, Delta welcome is extended to all new leaders, leaders who are changing position, parents, and youth. Let your DE know if you need anything!

Several more SNFS events will be held after this newsletter deadline passes. Thanks to each of those volunteers as well.

Popcorn Sales

Kickoff was held at Roundtable on September 9 with an increase in attendance. Orders are due to the council office by Oct. 21. Popcorn pick up will be at the Riceland Central Store on November 6 from 9-11 a.m. Thank you to Riceland Foods for graciously picking up our order in Little Rock, saving precious Council funds, and opening their store to provide a district pick up location. Coo-Dos for all that they do for our district. Money turn in is on December 4th from 9 a.m. until noon at the Council Office in Little Rock.

Enjoy the profits of all the hard work that went into the sale. Thrifty is a term that describes a well-rounded Scout and also their Leaders!

Delta District Cub Scout Fun Day Held on Sept. 18

Cub Scouts and Webelos were treated to a Fun Day at the brand-new Delta Heritage Trail State Park (six miles west of Helena on Hwy 49). A hands-on program about historic tools was presented by a Park Ranger, the four-mile nature trail was enjoyed, games were played, and a free picnic lunch was served. Perhaps this will become an annual event!

District Commissioner Meeting

Unit Commissioners are experienced volunteers who agree to assist Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Scoutmasters. They help with re-chartering, various other unit needs, and communication between the Council and the Pack or Troop, and they are responsible for monitoring the status of the units they are assigned. Currently there are twelve unit commissioners.

District Commissioner Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Riceland in Stuttgart. For more information contact Rolfe Bryant, Delta District Commissioner, at 870-673-7581.

District Committee Meetings/District Annual Business Meeting

There are six operating committees to support Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews in the Delta District. These committees, made up of registered Committee members and Chartered Organization Representatives, and the current chairmen are:

Activities – John Warren. Advancement – Carles Morris, Camp Promotion and Outdoor Activities – David Smith, Health and Safety – Fonda Logsdon, Membership – Dr. Steven Murray (Welcome to the Delta District!), Training – vacant

The November District Committee Meeting will be the District Annual Business Meeting. It will be held on November 9 at 6 p.m. at Riceland in Stuttgart. The Delta District Nominating Committee will make its report and elections will be held for the 2005 Delta District Committee. As voting members of the district and council, all Chartered Organization Representatives are asked to attend.

District Committee Meetings are now held on the second Tuesday of each month (please take note of the scheduling change) at 6:00 p.m. at the Riceland Foods offices in Stuttgart. For more information, contact Jim Smith, Delta District Chairman, at 870-673-5500.

Roundtables

The second Thursday of every month Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables are conducted. These one-hour training sessions are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to allow drive-time, and they are held in the fellowship hall of the Brinkley First United Methodist Church. The church is easy to find:

§ From Forrest City- Exit off I 40 onto Main Ave. & downtown and at the 2nd light, turn right onto Cypress St.
Go 1 block and you'll see the church on your left.

§ From Helena- Turn right off Hwy 49 onto Hwy 70/49 and turn left at the stop-light onto Cypress St.
Go 1 block to a stop sign, and you will see the church on your left.

§ From Stuttgart or Clarendon- Follow Hwy 70 to Cypress St., and turn left.
Go 1 block to a stop sign, and you will see the church on your left.

§ From DeWitt- Take Hwy 1 to Marvell, and turn left onto Hwy 49. Turn right off Hwy 49 onto Hwy 70/49 and turn left at the stop-light onto Cypress St.
Go 1 block to a stop sign, and you will see the church on your left.

At Roundtable, volunteers get to network with each other. They also receive important district and council materials, preview next month's theme, and find out how to make leading each unit easier. The meetings are both informational and interactive. Every unit in the Delta District will reach more youth when Chartered Organization Representatives, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders and their assistants, Committee members, and other registered volunteers attend Roundtable.

For more information, contact the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Bart Hudspeth, 870-734-2770 or 734- 4423; or contact the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Mandy Rhodes, 870-946-3772 or 830-5650.

Family Friends of Scouting

Thanks again to all of the units that participated in Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign in 2004. Free rank advancement for the year will again be available for all of the units who schedule a presentation by December 12th and conduct that presentation for parents before the end of March 2005. FOS is important because the contributions make up about 30% of the Quapaw Area Council's $2 million operating budget, and that budget allows your boys to attend one of the best campgrounds in the nation. In 2005 the district will raise money within each community with a plan called I C 5: one person contacts five people for donations and they each contact five people and so on. This National plan has been proven time after time when implemented, so let's get ready to try it and to have a successful FOS campaign.

A message from your DE:

"The National Council has recently introduced a new, interactive website: . Check it out and share it with others! Boys will love the free games and their parents will learn about the life-long benefits of Scouting. If you are a "Charter Rep," there is information about why the Scout program remains your organization's best choice to make a difference in your community, or you may just want to play the Pinewood Derby Race game!" Yours in Scouting, Pattie.

Shawnee District

Serving Crittenden, Cross, Jackson, Poinsett and Craighead Counties

District Chairman .....Dawn Tucker
District Commissioner .....Lynn Alexander
District Executive .....Jacob Lynn

October
12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 pm, Jonesboro United Way
14 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Crowley's Ridge Nature Center
14 Order of the Arrow, 6:30 pm, Crowley's Ridge Nature Center

November
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Roundtable Themes:

October
Cub Scouts –Scout Collectors
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Scientist

November
Cub Scouts –Holiday Food Fare
Webelos – Craftsman/Scientist
Boy Scouts – Cookingt

December
Cub Scouts –Spread the News
Webelos – Fitness/Readyman
Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival

District Committee Meetings

The Shawnee District Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the United Way Building in Jonesboro. Those eligible to attend the meeting are District Committee members, Chartered Organization Representatives, and special guests of the committee. Refreshments are served beginning at 6:15 PM, and the meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

Roundtables/Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings

The Shawnee District conducts the Cub Scout Roundtable, Boy Scout Roundtable, and Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Crowley's Ridge Nature Center in Jonesboro. Roundtables are an excellent source of training for adult leaders, and all leaders are encouraged to attend. The members of the Order of the Arrow meet to discuss business plans, future activities, and fellowship. The training sessions begin promptly at 6:30 PM. For more information, please contact the following:

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Sandy Baskerville (mbaskerville@sbcglobal.net)
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Lynn Alexander (sc447@classicnet.net)
Order of the Arrow Advisor: Kevin Dunham (ddunham@cox-internet.com)

Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Deadline

The deadline for your unit to qualify as a 2005 Friends of Scouting Pacesetter Unit is December 12th. Units that recruit a Unit FOS Chairman, schedule a Pacesetter Friends of Scouting presentation prior to the December 12th deadline, and then conduct the presentation before the March 31, 2005 cut-off, will qualify for free rank advancement for the 365 day period beginning the day after the presentation is conducted. Rank advancement refers only to changes in rank, and does not apply to merit badges, Cub Scout Sports and Academic belt loops/pins, Webelos activity badges, and progress toward rank items. To schedule your presentation, please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive.

Welcome New Units

The Shawnee District is proud to welcome a new addition; Pack and Troop 43 are newly formed units in Swifton. We would like to thank Pastor Waggoner and The Swifton United Methodist Church for chartering these units. We would also like to welcome back Pack 2062 of Harrisburg.

Thank You

The Shawnee District says a huge thank you to Lynn Alexander for all of his hard work in helping School Night for Scouting be a great success. Another thank you goes to Denise Bounds, the District Popcorn Chairman.

2004 Meeting Attendance Report

Meeting	Mohawk	Thunderbird	Foothills	Saracen	3 Rivers	White River	Cherokee	Delta	Shawnee
Advancement Mtg. **January 20**			X		X	X			
Commissioner Mtg. **January 20**	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Activities Mtg. **January 25**	X		X	X	X	X			
Training Mtg. **January 25**		X	X	X	X				
District Chm. Mtg. **January 27**	X			X	X	X	X		
Membership Mtg. **February 19**	X	X		X	X				X
Commissioner Mtg. **March 23**	X	X			X	X		X	X
Advancement Mtg. **March 16**		X	X	X		X			
C.S. Camping Mtg. **March 18**	X		X						
Training Mtg. **March 23**	X	X	X		X	X			
Activities Mtg. **March 23**	X	X	X			X			
Membership Mtg. **March 25**	X			X					
Camp Promo Mtg. **March 25**	X		X	X					
District Chm. Mtg. **April 14**	X		X					X	
Advancement Mtg. **May 18**			X		X				
Cub Scout Camping **May 20**	X	X	X						
Activities Mtg. **May 25**	X		X	X		X			
Training Mtg. **May 25**	X	X	X		X	X			
District Chm. Mtg. **May 26**	X		X	X		X	X		
Dist. Commissioner **May 26**	X	X			X				
Advancement Mtg. **August 17**	X	X		X		X			
Training Mtg. **August 24**	X				X				
Activities Mtg. **August 24**	X	X	X		X	X			
Camp Promo Mtg. **August 26**	X	X	X		X	X			
Health & Safety Mtg. **August 31**									
Membership Mtg. **September 23**				X					
Dist. Chm. Mtg. **September 28**	X	X	X			X		X	X
Commissioner Mtg. **October 19**									

Memorials
A Lasting Way To Remember Someone You Care About.

In Memory of David Coleman…
Donations made by:
Eugene Horton
Hollis Coleman

In Memory of Bob Harris…
Donations made by:
North Hills Service Unit -
Ouachita Girl Scout Council
Morgan Robinson

In Memory of Charles Dwight Brewer…
Donations made by:
Marian Landen
Cassady Brewer
Preston and June Brown
Loreen McCarter

In Memory of Ms. Lynch…
Donations made by:
Conway Block Company

In Memory of Jim Wrothy…
Donations made by:
James and Mary Jane Madigan

In Honor of Eagle Scout Steven Menendez…
Donation made by:
The Hathaway Family

Over 2000 Families Join Scouting
Sponsored by Regions Bank

School Night for Scouting Chairman Craig O'Neill of Today's THV is proud to announce that over 2000 families have joined Scouting in the Quapaw Area Council through the School Night for Scouting program. This is the second consecutive year that O'Neill has chaired the Council's School Night efforts, and the second year of great success.

A special thank you goes out to Regions Bank for sponsoring this year's event as well as to the volunteers who distributed fliers, rallied schools, answered questions, took applications, and manned District report centers.

Just because School Night for Scouting has passed in most locations, that doesn't mean youth have missed the opportunity to join Scouting. All units are encouraged to continue recruitment efforts throughout the year, and several tools are available for unit leaders to help in such efforts. Contact your District Membership Chairman, Unit Commissioner or District Executive for more information on recruiting new youth throughout the year.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

November
1 Silver Beaver Award Nomination Due
5,6,7 Oa Ordeal
6 Popcorn Pick-Up And Distribution
6 Store Open
7 Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
10 Venturing Committee
13 Commissioner Basic Training
13 Rechartering Workshop For Unit Leaders
16 Cope Committee
17 Executive Committee
17 High Adventure Committee
19 - 21 Unit Climbing Instructor Training
19 – 21 Cope Weekend
24 Office /Scout Shop Close At 3:00 P.M.
25 Thanksgiving
25,26 Office/Scout Shop Closed

December
4 Popcorn Money Due
4 Scout Shop Open
8 Annual Business Meeting
14 Properties Committee
14 Safe Swim Defense/ Safety Afloat Training
24, 27, 31 Office/Scout Shop Closed
25 Christmas

January
8 Oa Banquet
8 Oa Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
11 Cope Committee
5-14 Scout Shop Closed For Inventory And New System Installation
17 Office/Scout Shop Closed
18 Advancement Committee
18 Commissioners
18 Properties
20 Membership Committee
20 Venturing Committee
22 Beast Feast – Summer Program Rollout
22 Cub Camping Committee
22 Day Camp Directors
25 Activities Committee
25 Training Committee
25 District Chairmen
27 Health & Safety Committee
28 Executive Committee – New Board Member Orientation
29 Trainer Development Conference

NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Daniel Lee Ashley	T 71
Christopher R. Batch	T 245
Chance Taylor Battles	T 911
Donald Andrew Bearden	T 69
Neill Fletcher Bennett	T 103
David Scott Branscum	T 320
Robert Aaron Brewer	T 69
Tice Patrick Brown	T 166
Sterling Douglas Burns	T 103
Kevin Andrew Crouch	T 96
Stephen Ross Goss	T 103
Brandon Philip Fryxell	T 7
Justin August Gehring	T 362
Gavin A. Morley	T 69
Tyler Edward Rogers	T 71
Lee Alexander Simpson III	T 4

2004 Silver Beaver Nominations Due November 1st

Each year the Quapaw Area Council honors a very select group of volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents to further the mission of the Scouting Program. These Silver Beaver Award recipients will be selected from volunteers nominated by other Scouters and recognized at the Annual Council Banquet on February 24th, 2005. Nominations for this award will be accepted until November 1, 2004. The Silver Beaver Selection Committee will meet in December to determine this year's recipients. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please return the nomination form no later than November 1st. Nominations forms are available on line at www.quapawbsa.org, at the Council Service Center, or from your District Advancement Chairperson. Return completed forms to Quapaw Area Council, BSA; 3220 Cantrell Road; Little Rock, AR 72202.

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