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New Scouter Format

The Quapaw Area Council is proud to unveil for you our new format for the Scouter. As you can tell, we have made the switch to an electronic format and will no longer be offering the printed version.

The Council's Executive Board and Professional Staff believe the new version of the Scouter will increase our ability to provide timely, accurate information to even more people. In the past, the printed version of the Scouter was mailed only to those registered in Scouting within our Council. This version can be shared with anyone with Internet access and a valid e-mail address. Simply put, more people will have access to our new format than would have been possible with the printed version.

Also, we will be publishing new editions every two months instead of the normal quarterly editions. This allows us to provide more up-to-date information should changes occur (and you know they will). The electronic format allows us almost immediate ability to edit information and republish – something simply not available in a printed version mailed to volunteers.

As for now, the new editions of the Scouter will be posted to the Council Website the first week of the month in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Professional staff members have been asked to remind volunteers via e-mail each time a new edition is posted, and it's our hope that we can develop an e-mail list so the reminders can be sent all at once. We would encourage you to share the Scouter with anyone you feel would benefit, either by sending them a link to our website, or by forwarding the file itself. If someone you know does not have access to the Internet, feel free to print out the information he/she needs.

As with any new endeavor, there will be some growing pains. Please be patient with us as we move in this new direction. As always, if you have an idea as to how we can make things better, simply let us know.

New Eagle Scouts

Thomas Hunter Brown – Troop 7
William Tyler Davis – Troop 260
Bradley Warren Garland – Troop 770
Bruce Glenn Winfrey – Troop 260
Andrew David Wright – Troop 260



COUNCIL BANQUET TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 16TH

The Quapaw Area Council's Annual Recognition Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 16th, 2006 at the Albert Pike Masonic Temple at the corner of 7th and Scott Streets in Little Rock. The cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the dinner will start at 6:30 PM. All Scouters are invited to attend and units are encouraged to pay for their Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach or Advisor and his or her spouse to attend in recognition of their work during the past year.

This year's program will be presented by the Nature Conservancy, and they will be sharing with us the efforts surrounding the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, recently "re-discovered" in Arkansas. Scouters and guests may wear either casual dress, business suits, or their Scout uniform. Please encourage unit leaders, district committee members, commissioners, and parents to attend this year's banquet.

The evening's program will culminate with the presentation of the 2005 Silver Beaver awards.

Join other Quapaw Area Scouters in fun, fellowship, and in recognizing those Scouters who have contributed to the lives of Quapaw Area Council youth.

Beast Feast 2006

The Quapaw Area Council Annual Beast Feast will be held at 5 PM on January 21st at the Reynolds Training Center on Gus Blass Scout Reservation. All Cubmasters and Scoutmasters from the Quapaw Area Council are invited to attend and bring their Committee Chairmen. The Cost is \$4.00 per person to defray some of the meal cost. The menu for the evening will vary, based on whatever wild game we can acquire between now and then. Based on past experience, there will be SOMETHING for everyone.

The Beast Feast is our annual get-together to present the camping programs for the New Year. While the council begins promoting summer camp in the fall, by January, more details have been tied down and some key players have been recruited.

For the Boy Scout Leaders we will address not only summer camp, but high adventure opportunities, Order of the Arrow plans, C.O.P.E. Weekends, and other related issues. We will try to have some of the summer camp area directors at the Beast Feast to introduce them and allow you the opportunity to ask them a few questions. Each District has received enough Camp Leader's Guidebooks, videos, and Camp promotion packets for each troop in their area. If you have not picked yours up yet, please contact your District Camp Promotions Chairman, OA Leadership, or District Executive.

For the Cub Scout Leaders, we will discuss the spring and Fall Cub Scout Weekend programs, Day Camp Programs and the 2006 Resident Camp plans. Key leadership from each of these camping opportunities will be on hand to tell you more about their programs.

If the unit leadership is not able to attend that evening, please try to have someone from your unit come in their place. The Quapaw Area Council has one of the finest camping programs in the Southern Region. It is our intent to provide a variety of camping opportunities to every scout in our council. Help us provide your scouts with a great outdoor experience, be there on January 21st.

2006 Friends of Scouting

The 2006 FOS campaign is just getting started. The Council FOS Goal for 2006 is \$565,159. It is important to note that the Council Executive staff does not determine this budget. This is the amount of money that district level volunteers and executive board members have determined is necessary to carry out the programs for the youth that we serve. By Early March of this year, the Saracen District surpassed its financial goal. It will be interesting to see if there is another District that can beat Saracen to the finish line in 2006!

I want to thank everyone for their generous donations of time and financial resources. Remember, our efforts are for the 14,000 + youth that this council serves. With so many opportunities for our youth to make the wrong choices, it is *vitaly important* that we succeed in our financial endeavors so that we can make it easy for our youth, your kids, your grandkids, and *our future*, to make the right choices in their life's journey. Thanks again!

Eagle Day 2006

For the past eight years the Quapaw Area Council, the Rotary Club of Little Rock, and selected Little Rock businesses have been honoring the Eagle Scouts from the Central Arkansas area. The Eagle Scouts of 2005 are invited to attend the 2006 Eagle Scout Day scheduled for February 21, 2006. The Scouts will have the opportunity to spend time with professionals from selected Little Rock businesses, and have lunch with some of the top leaders and businessmen in Central Arkansas. The Scouts will be recognized for their efforts by the Rotary Club of Little Rock. The Scouts will meet at the Council Service Center in Little Rock and be transported to the various locations for the day's activities. Each Eagle Scout will receive an invitation around the first of the year, and should respond as quickly as possible to secure his place for the day. There is no fee for this event, it is in their honor. If you have Eagle Scouts in your troop or community tell them to be on the lookout for this important piece of information. Most area schools will allow this as an excused absence, but they should check with their individual school to be sure.

Find Old Scouting Friends With New Web Site

Do you know anyone who was once a part of the Scouting program but now isn't? As a youth member? As an adult leader? If so, give them an opportunity to reconnect with the greatest youth serving program in the World.

The BSA has a new web site designed specifically to help former Scouters reconnect with the Scouting program. The site is located at www.scoutingfriends.org, and has many great features. A zip code search feature directs people to information about their local Council, including a link to the Council's website (if applicable). Visitors to the site can send Scouting related e-cards, as well as personalized e-mail invitations asking recipients to view the site. The site also provides the ability to make online donations to your local Council and discusses the benefits of planned giving.

Take a few minutes to review the site and invite former Scouters you know to visit as well. You'll be glad you did!

Order of the Arrow Election Procedures and Qualifications

Each troop in the Quapaw Area Council is entitled to hold one Order of the arrow election per year. The Scoutmaster and Troop Committee should review the records of each Scout in the troop to determine if he meets the following criteria:

- Be an active member and registered with the Quapaw Area Council
- The Scout must hold the rank of First Class or above.
- The Scout must have a minimum of 15 nights camping, including a long-term camping experience. (Long term camping is defined as six days & five nights or more consecutive nights camping.)
- The Scout must have the approval of his Scoutmaster

Once candidates have been identified, the Scoutmaster should contact the Chapter Chief or Election Team Chairman to schedule an election time. The Election team or other OA representative should conduct the election. Suggested procedures are as follows:

- List all of the eligible candidates on a chalkboard or large piece of paper
- Give an overview of the Order of the Arrow, explaining the levels of membership, and that it is a service organization to promote camping at the unit, district, council, and national levels.
- Discuss some of the activities and events the Order has been involved with, Beaver Day, Camporee staff, Cub Family Weekends, Banquets, Pilgrimage, Conclave, and NOAC.
- Stress that this is not a popularity contest, nor should a scout be elected because he has been in the troop for a long time. Those elected should be those who contribute the most to the patrol or troop on a campout or service project.
- Paper ballots and pencils should then be distributed for the vote.
- Each Scout may vote for any or all of the candidates on the approved list. There are no limits as to the number of approved candidates a Scout may vote for, however he can only vote for each candidate once.
- Ballots are then collected and counted. The results should be shared with the Scoutmaster. A Scout is elected if he has votes equal to 50% of the scouts voting. The election should not be held if less than 50% of the troop membership is not present. (In the event of an odd number of scouts being present to vote, round down to get the 50% number.) Announcing the results of the ballots is at the troop's option.
- When the Scoutmaster approves, fill out the unit election form immediately and forward to:
Quapaw Lodge # 160
Quapaw Area Council
3220 Cantrell Road
Little Rock, AR 72202

The unit will be informed of the next event when a call-out ceremony will be held. The unit should make every effort to have the elected Scouts at that event.

Troops are allowed to submit only one registered adult candidate per year; the requirements are the same as for a youth member, except for the rank requirement. The District Committee nominates by their Troop Committee or adult candidates. These names are forwarded to the Lodge Executive Committee for their approval. Approved leaders will be called-out at the next available event or opportunity. Adult submissions should be received in the Council Service Center no later than March 1st to be approved for the April Ordeal.

These procedures will be followed very closely and late election forms, (30 days prior to the scheduled Ordeal date) may be held until the next scheduled Ordeal.

For more details please contact your Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser.

2005 Popcorn Sale

Top Sellers in Districts

Cub Scout/Boy Scout by District

Three Rivers	Garrett	Wachtel	Pack	182
Three Rivers	Nick	Schmidt	Troop	23
Cherokee	Erik	Jordan	Pack	10
Cherokee	David	Hampton	Troop	138
Foothills	Caleb	Higden	Pack	402
Foothills	Casey	Cameron	Troop	444
White River	Matthew	Godush	Pack	200
White River	Archie	Lewallen	Troop	320
Shawnee	Will	Eaton	Pack	1836
Shawnee	Brandon	Coy	Troop	1836
Mohawk	Daniel	Perez	Pack	99
Mohawk	Drew	Bellcock	Troop	55
Delta	Jordan	Bailey	Pack	113
Delta	Jackson	Schieffer	Troop	20
Thunderbird	Charles	Hale	Pack	810
Thunderbird	Anthony	Jones	Troop	427
Saracen	Scott	Solomon	Pack	569
Saracen	Taylor	Scriber	Troop	100

Top Selling 24 Cub Scouts in Council

(Qualify for free camp certificate)

Three Rivers	Garrett	Wachtel	Pack	182
Shawnee	Will	Eaton	Pack	1836
Mohawk	Daniel	Perez	Pack	99
Shawnee	Jacob	Perkins	Pack	89
Thunderbird	Charles	Hale	Pack	810
Shawnee	Ethan	Stahl	Pack	1836
Saracen	Scott	Solomon	Pack	569
Shawnee	Jared	Carter	Pack	1
Shawnee	Nicholas	Forts	Pack	1
Shawnee	John Tyler	Schwarz	Pack	239
White River	Matthew	Godush	Pack	200
Shawnee	Bairek	Bush	Pack	239
Shawnee	Alex	Turner	Pack	126
Foothills	Caleb	Higden	Pack	402
Delta	Jordan	Bailey	Pack	113
Shawnee	Kurt	Westerman	Pack	239
Mohawk	Aaron	Bellcock	Pack	55
Mohawk	Michael	Sweeney	Pack	29
Mohawk	Tyler	Holzknect	Pack	29
Foothills	Harrison	Dawson	Pack	112
Cherokee	Erik	Jordan	Pack	10
Mohawk	Drake	Hilliard	Pack	604
Mohawk	William	McCastlain	Pack	7
Three Rivers	Cody	Pack	Pack	328

Top 10 Boy Scouts in Council

(Qualify for free summer camp certificate)

Mohawk	Drew	Bellcock	Troop	55
Mohawk	Ben	Schulze	Troop	30
Delta	Jackson	Schieffer	Troop	20
Mohawk	Scott	Tillman	Troop	55
Mohawk	Desmond	Webb	Troop	332
Three Rivers	Nick	Schmidt	Troop	23
White River	Archie	Lewallen	Troop	320
Saracen	Taylor	Scriber	Troop	100
Mohawk	John	Coleman	Troop	29
Mohawk	Whitten	Lueken	Crew	227



Memorials

In Memory of Jug and Mary Fleming

Donation made by: John & Jean Best

2006 Spring Beaver Day

The Council Properties Committee invites all units, Scouts, and Scouters to attend the Spring Beaver Work Day to be held at Gus Blass Scout Reservation on April 8th.

There are a large number of work project to be completed in order to get camp ready for the 2006 camping season. Camp Rockefeller belongs to ALL of us, and we should ALL take part in keeping it in as good a shape as possible. Let us take pride in the fact that we have one of the outstanding camping facilities in the nation, and with your help it will be even better. Plan now to bring your leaders, adults, and scouts to prepare Camp Rockefeller for the 2006 camping season.

Units may review the list of work projects from the website and contact Bill Price, Program Director or Terry Jones, Camp Ranger, concerning the skills, manpower and materials needed to complete the project selected.

Bill Price email: program@quapawbsa.org Terry Jones e-mail: ranger@quapawbsa.org

2006 Cub Scout Camping Opportunities

Sheila Brown has been very busy getting the 2006 Cub Scout camping programs lined out for you, your Scouts, and their parents. There will be an announcement and registration form mailed to each registered Cub Scout and all Cub Scout leaders in the next couple of months. When yours arrives DO NOT DELAY in getting it turned in, these sessions fill up rapidly and you do not want to be left waiting for the fall sessions.

Sheila is happy to have Ramona Sitz working on the Spring Cub Scout Family Weekends. Be on the lookout for a special Webelos Weekend in addition to the Family Weekends everyone always loves.

Sheila is also proud to have Roger Williams returning as the Program Director of the Cub Scout Resident Camping session to be held July 29 – August 1, 2006. Roger has selected a great theme the Scouts are sure to enjoy. Look for more about it in the mailing coming your way soon. Roger will be building on a very successful program from last year and 2006 will be one of the best ever. DON'T MISS IT!

Eagle Scouts Honored at Eagle Banquet 2006

The annual Eagle Scout Banquet will be held on February 24, 2006. The Quapaw Area Council, Scouters, parents, friends and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Little Rock, Arkansas will honor scouts earning their Eagle Rank during 2005. The banquet will be held at the Albert Pike Memorial Masonic Temple in Little Rock, (corner of Sixth and Scott Streets). The Masonic Lodge has been hosting and supporting the Scouting program for decades in the Central Arkansas area, and for their contributions to Scouting we are truly grateful. The 2006 Eagle Scout Banquet Chairman is Mr. Bill Jones, who is a Mason, has served in numerous Scouting positions, and is still very dedicated to the ideals of both organizations.

Eagle Scouts will be receiving a personal invitation, as will the Scoutmasters of the troops of those Eagle Scouts. Eagle Scouts attending will receive the Council Eagle Scout neckerchief, and the 2005 Class of Eagles coffee mug. Place your reservations early and plan now to be on hand for an evening to remember. Parents and additional family members may attend for \$10.00 per person.

Blass Scout Reservation 2006

It is hard to believe, but the 2006 summer camping season is just around the corner. It will not be long until the weather begins to warm up, the trees begin to turn green, and school will be out for the summer. Now is the time to make sure you have plans to have your Scouts at one of the finest Scouting facilities in the Southern Region. Troops from other councils are coming to our camp, troops from other states are coming to our camp, make sure your troop reservation is in and begin planning now for a great summer camp. Line up your adult leadership now, begin looking at the needs of your troop in the advancement area, look for those scouts who will be your troop leaders this summer and begin to prepare them for that task. Promote your troop's week at camp as a great way to earn advancement, develop youth leadership, involve additional parents, and build enthusiasm for your troop program. Check the listing below to make sure your troop is signed up to attend, and make sure your unit is represented at the Beast Feast on January 21st.

Week #	Campsite	Unit	Council	Youth/Adults
1	Buzzard Roost A	224	QAC	8/2
1	Buzzard Roost B	542	QAC	10/2
1	Deer Run A	152; 401	QAC	15/4
1	Lakeview	94	Circle Ten	18/4
1	North Point A	320	QAC	16/4
1	North Point B	569	QAC	
1	Pine Ridge B	96	QAC	10/3
1	Rabbit Run A	66	QAC	22/4
1	Rabbit Run B	725	QAC	13/3 (pd)
1	Rock Wall B	99	Ouachita	25/6
1	Turkey Flat A	467	QAC	12/2
1	Turkey Flat B	12	QAC	17/2
2	Bear Creek	115	QAC	16/4
2	Buzzard Roost A	24	QAC	12/3 (pd)
2	Deer Run A	81; 77		
2	Lakeview	30	QAC	30/10
2	Mountain View B	427	QAC	25/4
2	North Point A	20	QAC	6/10 (handi)
2	North Point B	165	Westark	18/2 (due)
2	Pine Ridge B	143	QAC	7/2
2	Rabbit Run B	604	QAC	15/3
2	Rim Rock B	224	QAC	8/2
2	Turkey Flat A	167	QAC	16/2
2	Turkey Flat B	295	QAC	20/2
3	Bear Creek	108	QAC	20/6
3	Deer Run B	55	QAC	20/6
3	Lakeview	534	QAC	
3	Mountain View A	39	QAC	
3	Mountain View B	395	QAC	22/4
3	North Point A	106	QAC	14/16
3	North Point B	227	QAC	15/3
3	Pine Ridge B	233	QAC	7/2
3	Rabbit Run B	81; 999	QAC	
3	River Bend A	335	QAC	8/3
3	River Bend B	221; 335	QAC	18/3
3	Rock Wall A	18	QAC	15/4
3	Rock Wall B	59	QAC	10/3
3	Turkey Flat A	1301	QAC	10/2
3	Turkey Flat B	6	QAC	16/4
4	Bear Creek	930	QAC	20/4
4	Mountain View B	27	QAC	16/2
4	North Point A	138	QAC	10/5
4	North Point B	28	QAC	8/3
4	Rabbit Run B	100	QAC	12/3
4	Turkey Flat A	29	QAC	15/2
4	Turkey Flat B	29	QAC	15/2
5	Bear Creek	32	QAC	6/2
5	North Point A	362	QAC	20/4
5	North Point B	371	QAC	8/3
5	Pine Ridge B	136	QAC	8/3
5	Rabbit Run A	391	QAC	27/3
5	Rabbit Run B	444	QAC	8/3
5	Rock Wall B	18	QAC	15/4

Cherokee District (Serving: Clay, Craighead, Green, Lawrence, Mississippi, and Randolph Counties)

District Chairman: Andy Fulkerson
District Commissioner: Allen Piercy
District Executive: Sara Garland

January

- 3 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bancorp South - Paragould
- 10 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Methodist Church - Paragould
- 10 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Methodist Church – Paragould
- 31 District Banquet, 7:00 PM, Four Seasons Restaurant- Paragould

February

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bancorp South - Paragould
- 14 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Methodist Church - Paragould
- 14 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Methodist Church – Paragould

March

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bancorp South - Paragould
- 14 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Methodist Church - Paragould
- 14 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Methodist Church – Paragould
- 17-19 Spring Camporee
- 25 District Pinewood Derby

Roundtable Themes

	<u>Cub Scouts</u>	<u>Webeles</u>	<u>Boy Scouts</u>
January	Cubs in the Future	Scholar/Engineer	Public Service
February	Substruction	Athlete/Engineer	Cultural Awareness
March	Our Feathered Friends	Sportsman/Family Member	Wildlife Management

Welcome

This year is starting off with some new faces coming to the Cherokee District. We welcome Scouters in Craighead County to the district and look forward to working with everyone.

We in the Cherokee District would also like to welcome new volunteers and units. Pack 83 in Osceola has resumed activities with Carl Buford as its new Cubmaster. Jeff Rounsaville has been named Scoutmaster for the newly formed Troop 95 in Gosnell. The Cherokee District has also welcomed Hal Collier as Cubmaster of Pack 728 in Ravenden this past fall.

Upcoming Events

Plans will be underway soon for a number of events in the Cherokee District. The dates for Spring Camporee have been slated for March 17-19, 2006. The date for the District Pinewood Derby has been slated for March 25, 2006. Location and other specifics are to be announced.

Please look for the Cherokee Weekly Update and the council website for more details as the time draws closer. If you do not receive the Cherokee Weekly Update and would like to receive it, please contact District Executive Sara Garland at 1-800-545-7268 x266.

Friends of Scouting

Congratulations to Troop 138 and Dr. Alan Ainley for having already conducted their 2006 Family Friends of Scouting presentation. Nearly all of the units in the Cherokee District have already set dates for their presentations and qualified as Pacesetter Units. These units will receive free badges of rank from the time of their presentation through March 31, 2007.

Units that have made commitments to qualify as Pacesetters for 2006 include:

Pack 1, Pack 4, Pack 19, Pack 32, Pack 46, Pack 66, Pack 89, Pack 95, Pack 115, Pack 134, Pack 138, Pack 276, Pack 478, Pack 500, Pack 1836, Pack 3045, Troop 3, Troop 4, Troop 6, Troop 19, Troop 31, Troop 32, Troop 39, Troop 41, Troop 45, Troop 46, Troop 66, Troop 95, Troop 115, Troop 134, Troop 138, Troop 221, Troop 890, Troop 1836, Crew 6

Again, thank you to all of these units for their commitment to Family FOS presentations. You will help provide a better program for all youth members. For more information, please contact District Executive Sara Garland at 1-800-545-7268 x266.

Volunteer Recognition

Congratulations are in order for Walter McMillan of Paragould for his organization of another successful Fall Camporee at Crowley's Ridge State Park in October. The event was very well attended and enjoyable.

Scott Wolverton once again coordinated a successful popcorn sale and distribution this year for the Cherokee District as District Popcorn Kernel. Thank you to Scott for his dedication and hard work.

New District-Level Volunteers

Allen Piercy has been named the new Cherokee District Commissioner. Allen is a very familiar face to Scouting in Northeast Arkansas and has already begun working diligently in his new position. He is a resident of Paragould. Congratulations to Allen on his selection.

Jon Fulkerson will be serving as the Cherokee District Family FOS Chairman for 2006. Jon has spent many years as an active Scouter and is a past National Venturing President. He is currently an educator in the Piggott School District. Congratulations to Jon for accepting the position.

Rechartering

The vast majority of units in the Cherokee District are scheduled to recharter in January and February. It is vital that each unit turn in their complete packets on time.

Units due in January include: Pack 478; Troop 39; Crew 2030

Units due in February include: Pack 19; Pack 39; Pack 46; Pack 79; Pack 83; Pack 95; Pack 138; Troop 31; Troop 32; Troop 41; Troop 42; Troop 45; Troop 46; Troop 79; Troop 104; Troop 138; Troop 221; Troop 222; Troop 500



Foothills District (Serving: Conway, Faulkner, Perry, and Van Buren Counties)

District Chairmen: Paul Tipton
District Commissioner: Linda Cullum
District Executive: Blake Cole

January

- 5 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway Fire Station
- 12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 14 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive

February

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway Fire Station
- 9 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive

March

- 4 Spring Cub Outing, To be determined
- 7 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway Fire Station
- 9 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church – Dave Ward Drive
- 10-12 Spring Camporee

Roundtable Themes

	<u>Cub Scouts</u>	<u>Webelos</u>	<u>Boy Scouts</u>
January	Cubs in the Future	Scholar/Engineer	Public Service
February	Substruction	Athlete/Engineer	Cultural Awareness
March	Our Feathered Friends	Sportsman/Family Member	Wildlife Management

January RecharTERS

Pack 273; Pack 458; Pack 445; Pack 444; Pack 402; Pack 401; Pack 242; Pack 152; Pack 112; Pack 78; Pack 71; Troop 2001; Troop 435; Troop 401; Troop 273; Post 911

February RecharTERS

Pack 153; Pack 400; Troop 61; Troop 534; Troop 152; Troop 71

March RecharTERS

Pack 494; Troop 78; Troop 633; Crew 1974

District Leadership

Many thanks to Paul Tipton and Linda Cullum for serving again as District Chairman and District Commissioner. Their leadership has been invaluable in making the Foothills District as success.

Family Friends of Scouting

Michael Watters will once again lead the Foothills District's Family FOS campaign. Michael has done an exceptional job in the past years, and we're looking forward to this year's campaign. Watch the Scouter closely in the coming months to see just how effective Michael and his team of dedicated volunteers are in raising money for the Foothills District and Quapaw Area Council.

Spring Camporee & Cub Outing

The Foothills Spring Camporee will take place on the weekend of March 10th. We're still in the initial planning stages for this event, but as always, it will be great. Promotional material will be available very soon at Roundtables and on the Council website: www.quapawbsa.org.

We're also planning a Cub outing on Saturday, March 4th. This event is also in the initial planning stages, and information will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

Foothills Forum

Starting in January, the Foothills District will begin a weekly e-mail newsletter called the Foothills Forum. The purpose of the Forum, which will be sent out each Monday, is to keep volunteers informed of meetings, deadlines, news, and other happenings within the District and Council. The message will be sent out in plain text format, and will not contain jokes, pictures, or other items most people consider junk or spam. We will also work to protect your e-mail address by using the 'blind carbon copy' feature on e-mail programs, and by not giving out the e-mail list to anyone. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter, please e-mail your request to: foothills@quapawbsa.org.

Blake Cole Joins Quapaw Area Council Professional Staff



John Carman, Scout Executive of the Quapaw Area Council, is proud to announce the hiring of Blake Cole as the newest member of the Council's professional staff. Cole, who lives near Romance in White County, will serve as District Executive in the Foothills District, which includes Conway, Faulkner, Perry, and Van Buren Counties.

Cole, a graduate of Rose Bud High School, holds an Associate's Degree from ASU Beebe and a Bachelor's Degree from Arkansas Tech University. He joins the Council after serving the past several years as Director of Administration for the Arkansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. His past work experience also includes serving as an Emergency Communications Officer in Magnolia and Jacksonville, as well with the Pope County Office of Emergency Management.

Blake earned his Eagle Scout Rank in 1987 while in Troop 200 in Heber Springs, and currently serves as Committee Chairman for that Troop. He is a Brotherhood Member of The Order of the Arrow, and has served on staff at Camp Nile Montgomery and the Florida Sea Base. In 2005, Cole received his Wood Badge beads, and remains an active member of the National Eagle Scout association.

Cole has been married to his wife, LaDonna, for almost 10 years. Cole can be reached by calling 501-664-4780 Extension 244, or by e-mailing foothills@quapawbsa.org.

Mohawk District (Serving: Pulaski County)

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

January

- 3 Commissioner Meeting, 5:30pm, 11 Corporate Hill Dr. , suite 102
- 5 District Committee Orientation, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center
- 12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 pm, LDS Church (Rodney Parham & 630)
- 12 Roundtable, 7:00pm, LDS Church (Rodney Parham & 630)
- 14 Recharter Workshop, 9:00am-11:00am, Scout Service Center
- 26 Key Three, 11:30 am, Milford Track

February

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center
- 3 District Recognition Banquet, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
- 7 Commissioner Meeting, 5:30pm, 11 Corporate Hill Dr., suite 102
- 9 Roundtable, 7:00 p, LDS Church (Rodney Parham & 630)
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00pm, LDS Church (Rodney Parham & 630)
- 23 Key Three, 11:30 am, Milford Track

March

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center
- 3-5 Spring Camporee
- 7 Commissioner Meeting, 5:30pm, 11 Corporate Hill Dr., suite 102
- 9 Roundtable, 7:00 p, LDS Church (Rodney Parham & 630)
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p, LDS Church (Rodney Parham & 630)
- 11 New Leader Essentials Training, 8:30am, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
- 11 Cub Leader Specific Training, 8:30am, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
- 30 Key Three, 11:30 am, Milford Track

Thank You So Much!

Congratulations and thanks go to the following District Operating Chairmen for leading the way during 2005.

District Chairman	Curtis Bailey
District Commissioner	Larry Furrer
Activities and Civic Service	Bill Byrd
Advancement and Recognition	Gary Alexander
Camping Promotions and Outdoor Activities	Brandon Birmingham
Training	Don King
Finance	Briant Noland

District Named Quality District!

The Mohawk District proudly announces that they have been recognized as a Quality District for the year 2005. Congratulations to all District and Unit volunteers for this accomplishment!

Having Trouble with that Recharter Paperwork ?

Sometimes people find the Recharter Paperwork a little confusing. Don't worry ! District Commissioner Larry Furrer and his staff will be on hand to help you in your time of trouble on Saturday, January 14, from 9:00am – 11:00am at the Scout Service Center. Bring your recharter paperwork, enjoy a cup of coffee, and let your commissioners help. Contact District Commissioner Larry Furrer at 224-8360 for details.

District Banquet

Hey it's Banquet time! Friday, February 3, 6:30 pm at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance if purchased by February 1. A very limited number of tickets will be available after February 1 for \$20.00 each. There will not be any tickets at the door. Every unit in the district should have received a registration form. If not, then contact Terry Sharp at the Scout office (664-4780 x222). This is a great opportunity to fellowship and to be recognized for all of the tremendous achievements that units have made during the year. There will be many awards given out, such as the prestigious District Award of Merit. Special unit recognition will be given, as well as the Unit of the Year. For more information contact Banquet Chairperson Kim Tribett at 24-032. We'll see you there !

Training

Members of the Training Committee will soon be contacting unit leaders to update leader training records. It is more important now than ever that we have a complete and accurate report of the leaders registered to every unit and their training status for their current registered position. This information is used in planning which training programs to offer in the upcoming months and in developing the schedule for all trainings held within the district. Please make an effort to respond with the information as soon as it is received.

Pack Committee Chairs should have received a request for the name and contact information for their Pack Trainer. The Pack Trainer serves on the Pack Committee as a registered "Pack Trainer" and is a U.S. citizen at least 21 years old. The responsibilities for the Pack Trainer include: conduct an orientation for new families and pack leaders, provide "Fast Start" training within the first week after a new leader is accepted into their position, promote attendance of all pack leaders and committee members at training sessions for their position, serve as the pack's contact for the district training committee, and maintain the record of each pack leader's attendance at training.

Roundtable Report

Cub Scouts - Commissioner Paula Wellborn –257-5249

January themes, Cub – Cubs in the Future, Webelos – Scholar & Engineer

February themes, Cub – Construction, Webelos – Athlete & Engineer

March themes, Cub – Our Feathered Friends, Webelos – Sportsman & Family Member

Boy Scouts – Commissioner Stephen Nielson – 224-0361

January theme, Public Service

February theme, Cultural Awareness

March theme, Wildlife Management



Saracen District (Serving: Arkansas, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln Counties)

District Chairman: Kirby Mouser
District Commissioner: Rolfe Bryant
District Executive: Sedrick Robinson

January

3 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, White Hall Methodist Church
5 District Committee Meeting, 5:45 PM, Reynolds Center (2nd & Pine) – Pine Bluff
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Scout House
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Scout House
24 District Banquet, 7:00 PM, Southern Cooks Kitchen – Pine Bluff

February

2 District Committee Meeting, 5:45 PM, Reynolds Center (2nd & Pine) – Pine Bluff
7 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, White Hall Methodist Church
9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Scout House
9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Scout House
25 Pinewood Derby

March

2 District Committee Meeting, 5:45 PM, Reynolds Center (2nd & Pine) – Pine Bluff
3-5 Spring Camporee, East End Monastery (Mary Lake)
7 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, White Hall Methodist Church
9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Scout House
9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church Scout House
25 New Leaders Essentials/Cub Leader Specific/Youth Protection Training

Saracen's District Committee Meeting:

DATES: February 2, March 2, and April 6
TIME: 5:45
PLACE: Reynolds Center (2ND & Pine) Pine Bluff, AR

For information about the District Committee Meetings, please contact Kirby Mouser, District Chairman, at 870-534-1216.

Saracen's District Commissioner's Meeting:

DATES: February 7, March 7, and April 4
PLACE: White Hall Methodist Church
TIME: 7:00

For more information about the District Commissioner Meetings, please contact Rolfe Bryant, District Commissioner 870 830-7009

Saracen Roundtables

DATES: February 9, March 9, and April 13
PLACE: First Baptist Church Scout House
TIME: 7:00

Roundtable Themes

	<u>Cub Scouts</u>	<u>Webelos</u>	<u>Boy Scouts</u>
January	Cubs in the Future	Scholar/Engineer	Public Service
February	Cubstruction	Athlete/Engineer	Cultural Awareness
March	Our Feathered Friends	Sportsman/Family Member	Wildlife Management

For more information about the Saracen Cub Scout Roundtable Meetings, please contact Bobbi Phillips, Saracen District Roundtable Commissioner, at 501-397-6326

For more information about the Saracen Boy Scout Roundtable Meetings, please contact Dr. Ray Jones, Saracen District Roundtable Commissioner, at 870- 247-9202.

Saracen's OA Chapter Meeting:

DATES: February 9, March 9, and April 13

Saracen District Training

The Saracen District will be conducting leader training on March 25, 2006 at the Donald W. Reynolds Center on West 3rd Avenue and Pine Street in Pine Bluff. The fee is \$5.00, which includes materials, juice, coffee, and donuts.

The training is open to all new Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders, as well as those Cub Scout Den Leaders moving up to the next age group.

New Leader Essentials – 8:00 a.m.

Designed for all volunteers and parents. Provides basic information on all phases of the Scouting program, the age appropriateness of these programs, and the values and methods of Scouting.

All leaders must attend this session before attending Cub Scout Leader, Boy Scout Leader, or Venture Leader Specific Training.

Youth Protection – 9:00 a.m.

Designed to inform and instruct adult volunteers and parents about the BSA youth protection policies and procedures. This video presentation is strongly encouraged for all adults involved in the BSA, and is required for at least one adult on every outing.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training – 10:00 a.m.

Designed for Cub Scout leaders and parents of Cub Scouts.

Presents in-depth information on Cub Scout Pack operations, administration, and program.

If you are a current Cub Scout leader, and you are moving up to the next age group with your den, you need to attend this training.

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training – 10:00 a.m.

Designed for Boy Scout leaders and parents of Boy Scouts.

Presents in-depth information on Boy Scout Troop operations, administration, and program. If you are a current Boy Scout leader, plan on putting on a good program for the boys, you need to attend this training.

Welcome Our New Units

We are delighted to have three new units in the Saracen District. We have Pack 425. The chartered partner is Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church (Yorktown AR) Brenda Hampton is the Cubmaster. We also have Pack 1800; this is chartered by Barraque Street Missionary Baptist Church. Last but not least Pack 708 has joined us. The chartering organization is Trinity Episcopal School; Steve Cash is the Cubmaster. All three of these packs

are going to do very well. They had good School Night for Scouting attendance at their schools, and they are well on their way to a successful year of Scouting. Congratulations guys.

New District Level Volunteers

The Saracen District would like to welcome our new volunteers to the District.

District Chairman: Kirby Mouser- Attorney
District Commissioner: Rolfe Bryant- Research Chemist
Bauer Duke- PhD Fisheries (advancement committee)
Carles Morris- Riceland (advancement committee)
Darrell Tharp- Retired Military (training committee)
Fonda Logston- Riceland Mailroom (health and safety chair)
Pete Pitre- LPN (health and safety committee)
Kirk Solomon- Drug and Alcohol Counselor (health and safety committee)
Joe Shackelford- retired (Unit Commissioner)

Join us in welcoming our additional District Committee members into their new positions.

Saracen District Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday February 25, 2005. The entry fee is \$5.00. In order to enter into the district Pinewood Derby, you must come in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in you pack. We will race at each Cubscout division. Prizes will be given. Lets see who takes the big trophy home!! The location will be at the Seabrook YMCA located at 6808 S Hazel St, Pine Bluff, AR. Deborah York, Derby Chair is the contact person for this event. If you have any questions call her at 501 397 2046.

Saracen Popcorn Sales

Thanks to Frank Kurthausen for being the Saracen District popcorn Kernel. Frank did a great job in coordinating the entire meeting with the Area Kernels, and he also helped sort the massive load of popcorn. Every unit that sold popcorn should also be applauded for there efforts in this great sale. Keep up the good work. Troop 391 had the biggest increase for 2005 selling nearly \$12,000 of product. They more than doubled their sales from the year before, Great Job.

Saracen District Spring Camporee March 3-5

The Spring Camporee will be held at in East End on the property of the Mary Lake Monastery. The Chair for this event is Jim Himes, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 108. Jim has a full slate of events planned, he has a great Camporee committee composed a great Scouters in our district. We would like to see every troop come and support this event. The theme, cost, and events will be discussed at roundtable, there will also be letters sent to all Scout Masters. This will be the camping experience of a lifetime. For more information contact Jim Himes 501 888-3245.

Perry Holland is to chair the Scout Expo

The 2005 Scout expo will again be held at the White Hall City Park. Perry, who chaired it last year, will again work his magic in getting participation from the local packs, troops, and media. We need all participants to tell Perry which location they would like in the Park. First come, first serve. The district will have patches; the design will be shared at roundtable. The OA will more than likely be selling drinks and snacks for their chapter. Come along, and bring everyone that you know for this great event as the Scouts of the Saracen District show off their scout Skills. For more information contact Perry Holland Expo Chair 870-267-7076.

District Banquet

The 2006 Saracen District Banquet will be held on January 24th at Southern Cooks Kitchen in Pine Bluff, AR. The keynote speaker is Pastor L.K. Solomon, Pastor of the Indiana Street Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor

Solomon has had a strong Scouting program at his church for the past 26 years. A full recap will be provided in the next edition of the Scouter.

Friends of Scouting Update

The Saracen District Friends of Scouting Campaign is well on its way. We want to recognize our Pacesetter units. These are units that have scheduled a presentation to learn how the council is funded. The following units scheduled their presentation before Dec 16, and will get free rank advancement for allowing someone to come and speak to their unit on or before the March 31st deadline:

Pack 9, Pack80, Pack 142, Pack 218, Pack 248, Pack 3224, Pack 3605, and Troop 60.

Thanks guys!

Units Due to Recharter

January: Pack 47; Pack 80; Pack 88; Pack 142; Pack 279; Pack 569; Pack 1911; Pack 2601; Troop 9; Troop 100; Troop 108; Troop 279; Troop 414; Troop 569; Troop 1911; Troop 2601; Troop 3911

February: Pack 143; Pack 212; Pack 248; Pack 801; Pack 936; Pack 3224; Troop 143; Troop 224; Troop 285; Troop 930; Team 143; Crew 143

March: Pack 9; Pack 84; Troop 60

BOYS' LIFE

Three Rivers District (Serving: Lonoke, Prairie, White, and Woodruff Counties)

District Chairman: Don Young

District Commissioner: Diane Chidister

District Executive: Brandon Simmons

January

- 3 Commissioner Meeting, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, Cabot
- 5 District Committee Meeting, 7 PM, First Security Bank, Cabot
- 12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7 PM, First United Methodist, Searcy
- 14 District Banquet, 6 PM, Cabot Church of Christ

February

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 7 PM, First Security Bank, Cabot
- 7 Commissioner Meeting, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, Cabot
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7 PM, First United Methodist, Searcy
- 14 Order of the Arrow, 7 PM, First United Methodist, Searcy

March

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 7 PM, First Baptist Church, Cabot
- 7 Commissioner Meeting, 7 PM, First Security Bank, Cabot
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7 PM, First United Methodist, Searcy
- 14 Order of the Arrow, 7 PM, First United Methodist, Searcy

Roundtable Themes

	<u>Cub Scouts</u>	<u>Webeles</u>	<u>Boy Scouts</u>
January	Cubs in the Future	Scholar/Engineer	Public Service
February	Substruction	Athlete/Engineer	Cultural Awareness
March	Our Feathered Friends	Sportsman/Family Member	Wildlife Management

Spring Camporee

Mark your calendars now: March 10- 12th. Please join your fellow troops in participating in this year's Spring Camporee. Location to be announced.

FOS Presentations

The following units have an FOS presentation scheduled for this spring:

Packs: 19, 21, 91, 98, 101, 103, 124, 136, 159, 182, 202, 205, 246, 328, 350, 362, 503, and 529.

Troops: 21, 23, 91, 96, 101, 136, 201, 246, 349, 362, and 999.

Recharterers

January Units due to Recharter:

Packs 19, 98, 124, 136, 362 Troops 91, 96, 136, 349, 362

February Units due to Recharter:

Packs 21, 103, 159, 202, 205, 246, 328, Troops 21, 23, 201, 246, 358

Crew 2358

March Units due to Recharter:

Packs 91, 182, Troop 101 and Crew 69

Popcorn

Congratulations for another successful popcorn sale! A 22% increase over last year is plenty of reason to be proud. And a big round of applause for Three River's own Garrett Wachtel (P 182) who sold more popcorn than anyone else in the Quapaw Area Council. Others deserving honorable mention include Nich Schidt (T23) and Cody Pack (P 328). Good Job guys!

A Special Thanks...

Thanks to all of our volunteers who go the extra distance for Scouting:

To all those present at the recent Commissioner's College (Three Rivers had more volunteers present than any other district!)

To Andrew Briggs (P 98) for catering our recent Nominating Committee Meeting. Your catfish is the best in the state.

To Don Young and Diane Chidister- Three River's Key 3, for helping Three rivers move forward into 2006.

And to Mary Argo- for keeping Pack 91 alive and healthy in Des Arc.

Mark Your Calendars

You are invited, Saturday, January 14, 2006 to the Three Rivers Annual Banquet. This year's recognition event will take place from 6 to 9 PM at the Cabot Church of Christ (500 North 2nd St.). The \$10 menu (\$15 for couples) includes Chicken Tortellini, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, and dessert. Sign up now, registration deadline is January 7th. Account # 1-6801-151-20

Thunderbird District (Serving Pulaski County)

District Commissioner –Mike Stephens

District Executive – Drew Ramey

January

- 3 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 5 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 14 Chess Tournament, 8:30 AM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 14 District Banquet, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

February

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 7 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

March

- 2 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 3-5 Spring Camporee, Camp Robinson
- 7 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 11 NLE/Cub Specific Training, 8:00 AM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Thunderbird Recognition

The Thunderbird 2006 Popcorn Sale is over. The Thunderbird Scouters did a great job selling to family, friends, and community members. Adult volunteers and parents also deserve congratulations for helping the boys with the sale. Our District Kernel, Clement Schofield, helped throughout the popcorn sale. Area Kernels Ralph Sims and Mark Delashaw also provided the district with assistance. Also, countless volunteers helped load the popcorn into vehicles. Thanks.

Also, the popcorn could have never reached the Thunderbird District without help from our local businesses. Conway Courier, General Properties, and ACI Plastics, Inc. helped deliver, store, and organize our popcorn by the pick-up date. Without these community partners, we could not have been successful. Thanks.

Thunderbird Activities

Do you like to compete? For all you chess players, we have the tournament for you. The Thunderbird 2006 Annual Chess Tournament will be held January 14 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. You need to be there by 8:30, but more important, be ready to play some chess. The fee is \$5 and will include a box lunch.

The Thunderbird 2006 District banquet will be held January 14 at First United Church in Jacksonville. This event is open to everyone who wants to share the spirit of scouting. The fee is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the scout office or you may make arrangements by calling 664-4780 ext.226. Come out for a night of celebration and volunteer recognition in the Thunderbird District.

District Committee Meetings

District Committee Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Gander Mountain (old Wal-Mart building off 67/167.) For more information, contact the scout office at 664-4780 ext.226.

Commissioner Meetings

The Thunderbird District Commissioner Staff meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Gander Mountain (old Wal-Mart building off 67/167.). 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.

	<u>Cub Scouts</u>	<u>Webelos</u>	<u>Boy Scouts</u>
January	Cubs in the Future	Scholar/Engineer	Public Service
February	Cubstruction	Athlete/Engineer	Cultural Awareness
March	Our Feathered Friends	Sportsman/Family Member	Wildlife Management

Order of the Arrow (OA) Chapter Meetings

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

New Leader Essentials training is for new leaders with no experience. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on March 11 and the fee is \$5. Cub Leader Specific and Scoutmaster Specific training are for the various volunteer positions within a pack or troop. Registration begins at 10:15 on March 11 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

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 April 28-29 at Burns Park in North Little Rock. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and will run through Saturday afternoon. The fee is \$20.

Cub Scout leaders are encouraged to attend Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training. This training is required for cub camping. BALOO training will be held April 29 at Burns Park in North Little Rock. Registration begins at 8:30 and the fee is \$15.

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 Burns Park in North Little Rock on April 29. Registration begins at 8:30 and the fee is \$15.

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

Friends of Scouting

We need your help with Friends of Scouting. We depend upon support from people, families, and businesses in our community. If you wish to participate in Friends of Scouting but have not been asked, please call 664-4780 ext. 226. Thunderbird District Scouters could use your help.

White River District (Serving: Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, IZard, Jackson, Lawrence, Sharp, and Stone Counties)

District Chairman: Frank Wise

District Commissioner: Larry Adams

January

- 3 District Committee Meeting, 6:45 PM, Derby Center – Lyon College, Batesville
- 12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 27-29 Klondike Derby, Camp Cedar Valley, Viola

February

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 6:45 PM, Derby Center – Lyon College, Batesville
- 9 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville

March

- 7 District Committee Meeting, 6:45 PM, Derby Center – Lyon College
- 9 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Southside Middle School, Batesville
- 17-19 Spring Camporee, Camp Tahkodah, Floral

2005 District Banquet Recap

On Thursday, December 15, 2005, the White River District held the Annual District Banquet in the Edwards Commons Dining Hall on the campus of Lyon College in Batesville. The sixty people in attendance enjoyed a great meal, lots of door prizes, and plenty of recognitions and awards. The following units and individuals received recognition:

Chocolate Sale

Top Pack: 639, Peace Lutheran Laymen – Cherokee Village; Mary Eitzenhefer, Cubmaster

Top Troop: 67, Cherokee Village Kiwanis; Bernie Brandenburg, Scoutmaster

Top Crew: 1165, 9-Mile Ridge Fire Department; Clarence Baggett, Crew Advisor

Popcorn Sale

Top Pack: 200, United Methodist Men – Heber Springs; Michelle Godush, Cubmaster

Top Troop: 320, White River Kiwanis – Batesville; Mike Collins, Scoutmaster

Top Troop: 200, United Methodist Men – Heber Springs; Jim Godush, Scoutmaster

Friends of Scouting

Top Pack: 220, Lyon College – Batesville; Stacey Gunderman, Cubmaster

Top Troop 200, United Methodist Men – Heber Springs; Jim Godush, Scoutmaster

Training Awards

Tiger Cub Den Leader: Michelle Godush; Pack 200 – Heber Springs

Cub Scout Den Leader: Helen Marlin; Pack 3146 – Cave City

Cubmaster Award: Brett Marlin; Pack 3146 – Cave City

District Committee Key: Mike Collins; Batesville

During the banquet, guests were treated to a Wood Badge beading ceremony. Ron Lewallen and Mike Collins of Troop 320 in Batesville received their beads from Tony Sitz, Allan Bounds, and Allen Piercy.

Guests also saw Michael Chadima of Troop 258 in Horseshoe Bend receive his Eagle Scout award. After the Eagle ceremony, Mike Collins presented the Collins Family Eagle Scout Scholarship to Clifton Godush of Troop 200 in Heber Springs. Collins also received the NESA Scoutmaster Award of Merit for his work with Troop 320.

The banquet concluded with the presentation of District Awards of Merit to Collins and outgoing District Chairman John Peek.

District Volunteers

The White River District would like to welcome Frank Wise as District Chairman. Frank has been a District Chairman in the Westark and Eastern Arkansas Councils, and has served the White River District and Quapaw Area Council in various capacities since 2002.

The District would like to thank outgoing District Chairman John Peek for agreeing to lead this year's Friends of Scouting Campaigns as Overall Chairman. Dr. Peek's job will be made easier with assistance from Tim Lindblom, Family FOS Chairman, a whole host of Community FOS Chairmen, and a great group of volunteers dedicated to successful fund raising.

Klondike Derby

The annual White River Klondike Derby will take place on January 27, 28, and 29th at Camp Cedar Valley in Viola. Once again, the White River Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, led by Advisor Don Jordan will organize and run this event. The event is open to all Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews in the Quapaw Area Council. There will also be a Webelos program, led by Melvin Eitzenhefer, for 1st and 2nd year Webelos. For more information, please visit the Council's website at www.quapawbsa.org.

Spring Camporee

The 2006 White River District Spring Camporee will take place on March 17, 18, and 19th at Camp Tahkodah near Floral in Independence County. The program for the Camporee will be centered around Merit Badges, and Scouts will have the opportunity to earn several different merit badges during the event. The price to attend is \$5 per youth member, and \$7 per adult. For more information, please visit the Council website.

Recharterers

January: P 167, P 200, T 146, T 167, T 200, T 320, T 371, V 146, C 146, C 167

February: P 11, T 67, T 151, T 258, T 911, C 911

March: P 173, P 220, P 320, P 639, P 911, P 3146, T 166, T 176, T 373, T 3146, V 176

Friends of Scouting

Thanks to the following units for agreeing to have a Pacesetter FOS Presentation: P 11, P 167, P 173, P 200, P 220, P 320, P 639, P 3146, T 67, T 166, T 167, T 200, T 320, T 371, T 373, T 911, T 3146, C 167, C 320, & C 911.

White River Roundup

To receive the weekly White River District e-mail newsletter, please send an e-mail to whiteriver@quapawbsa.org.

Shawnee/Delta (Serving: Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, and St. Francis Counties)

District Vice-Chairman: Jim Machen
District Commissioner: Lynn Alexander
District Executive: Jacob S. Lynn

January

3 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
5 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City

February

2 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
7 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City

March

2 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
7 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
9 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
9 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist in Forrest City
3-5 Spring Camporee, Davis Deer Camp, Roe, AR.

District Committee Meetings

The District Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist (101 S. IZARD Street) in Forrest City. Those eligible to attend the meetings 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 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 First United Methodist (101 S. IZARD St.) in Forrest City. 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 evening begins at 7:00 PM. The training sessions begin promptly at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact the following:

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Lynn Alexander (sc447@rittermail.com)
Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Bart Hudspeth (j.b.hudspeth.jfjw@statefarm.com)
Order of the Arrow Advisor: David Smith (t28_delta@centurytelnet)

Welcome

A BIG WELCOME goes out to all the Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts that make up the new district. Let us all work together to make OUR district a huge success.

Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who have agreed to help the district succeed in 2006 by serving on the district committee. Lynn Alexander has agreed to be the 2006 district commissioner. Jim Machen has committed to

serve as the vice chairman of the district for 2006. David Smith has signed on to be a part of the district committee. Bart Hudspeth will serve as the 2006 roundtable chairman. This list will continue to grow as more volunteers are recruited for the cause.

Friends of Scouting

Kudos to the units who have already scheduled their Family Friends of Scouting presentations. Upon completing their qualifications for the Pacesetter Award, these units will receive free advancement for a year in recognition of their help in supporting the scouting movement: Packs 24, 28, 85, 126, 150, 224, 239, 360, 404, 2062, Troops 18, 28, 58, 202, and 321.

2006 Family FOS Recognition Items



Gift of \$90



Gift of \$130



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2006 COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

At its annual business meeting held on December 7, 2005, the Quapaw Area Council elected officers and members-at-large for 2006.

Mr. Byron Eiseman, an Eagle Scout with 5 Palms from Troop 90 in Morristown, Tennessee, will serve again as Council President.

Dr. David L. Briscoe will serve as the new Council Commissioner for 2006. Dr. Briscoe has over 35 years of service to Scouting and has held a multitude of positions at unit, district, council, and national levels. Dr. Briscoe is a professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is a 2005 recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award.

Elected as Council Vice Presidents were: Dick Browning, Hunter Babin, Joe Hurst, James Hendren, Joyce Hall, Bill Puddephatt, Win Rockefeller, and Mike Wright. Rob Robinson was re-elected as Council Treasurer.

We all owe our gratitude to these individuals for accepting important roles in the future success of our council. Their leadership is greatly appreciated.

Wal-Mart Proudly Supports Scouting

Fourteen area Wal-Mart stores provided much help in making the 2005 Sportsman's Auction a huge success for the Council. Their gifts of money and products went a long way in helping this year's auction to be one of the most successful in the event's history. Stores that participated were: Batesville, Cabot, Conway (both stores), Forrest City, Heber Springs, Little Rock (Baseline, Bowman, and Cantrell), Lonoke, Pine Bluff, Stuttgart, Wynne, and the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Searcy.

A special thanks goes out to the management and employees of the Wal-Mart in Forrest City. Their help earned them a Life Sponsor recognition.

