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National Centennial Quality Council Award

Just as the Boy Scouts of America recognizes units meeting specific performance criteria as National Quality Units, a Council and its Districts can earn recognition as well. Thanks to the hard work of many dedicated volunteers, the Quapaw Area Council has earned the National Quality Council Award for 2007 - the fourth time in five years that the Council has earned this recognition. In earning the award, the Council met requirements related to membership, fiscal management, leader training, and several other categories. Only a small percentage of Councils across the nation earn Quality Council recognition each year, and doing it in successive years is a monumental feat. Districts within the Council that earned National Quality District status for 2007 are: Delta, Foothills, Mohawk, and Three Rivers. Congratulations to the volunteers in these Districts for a great achievement.

Council Banquet to Be Held on BSA's Birthday

This year's annual Council Recognition Banquet will be held on the anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, Friday, February 8th. The banquet will take place at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, 4823 Woodlawn Dr. in Little Rock, and the cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Doors will open at 6:30 PM and the dinner will start at 7:00 PM. All Scouters are invited to attend, and units are encouraged to pay for their Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor (and his/her spouse) to attend in recognition of their work during the past year. Please encourage unit leaders, District Committee members, Commissioners, and parents to attend this year's event.

The evening's program will include special video opening and closing presentations as well as a slide show of District and Council events to be shown during the mealtime. Among the many awards to be presented are the Whitney M. Young Award after which the evening program will culminate with the presentation of the prestigious Silver Beaver Awards.

Join other Quapaw Area Scouters in fun and fellowship as we acknowledge the significant contributions of many great people.



2007 Quapaw Area Council Eagle Scouts

Mohawl	- D:-4	

Mohawk Distri	ct
Shaun Adams	T99
Silas Altheimer Jr	T467
Michael Baird	T7
Jordan Bauer	T29
David Beheshti	C233
Charles Bourland	T99
Michael Bradford	T55
Blake Bryant	T604
Joseph Buercklin	T395
Dempsey Butler IV	T99
Jeffrey Chacko	T604
Alex Chaffin	T7
Matthew Chaffin	T7
Jonathan Chandler	T55
Geoffrey Cordell	T12
Brandon Creek	T262
Robert deBin III	C227
John DeLoach III	T7
James Dornhoffer	T29
John Edwards	T12
Christopher Elkins	T198
Robert Elledge	T227
Dustin Frazier	T30
Dylan Frost	T24
Robert Henry	T7
Kenneth Hiegel III	T29
John Hodges	T29
Thomas Jenkins	T24
Zachary Joseph	T29
Daniel Kiser	T99
Richard Knight	C233
Joseph Laakman	T604
Jackson Lovett	T604
Collier Miers	T99
William Millard	T232
Steven Morgan	T30
Matthew Pearson	T24
Christopher Riley	T395
Christopher Rookey	T395
Joshua Rowe	T335
Brennan Suen	T30
Madison Tappan	T7
Brian Thomas Jr	T198
Matthew Tures	T99
Timothy Werner	C233
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Cherokee District

Curtis Baker	T66
Cody Bounds	Crew 6
Andrew Creach	T66
Joseph Crump	T134
Jacob Daffron	T4
Douglas Holmes III	T138
William Jackson	T604
Christopher Kjorlaug	T500
Cody McGinn	T66
Robert Penix	T138
Kalin Rhodes	T500
Robert Rhodes	T500
Jamie Richards	T221
Brett Shirley	T115
Benjamin Tubbs	T138
Hunter Whitehurst	T115

Delta District

Matthew Crawford	T18
Kyle Gaines	T202
James Goetz	T18
Eric Goetz	Crew 136
Ricky Harris	C136
Asa Martin	T285
Nicholas McLendon	T20
Phillip Skipper II	T28
Blake Smith	T28
Limon Williams	T28

Foothills District

Timothy Forsyth II	T273
Jason Gangluff	T78
Tyler Gunther	T78
Michael Hinds	T71
Caleb Jennings	T71
Austin Miller	T71
Clarke Moix	T78
Cory Moix	T78
Caleb Seiter	T78
Brandon Smith	C2366
Matthew Struble	T435

White River District

Nathaniel Childers	T167
Joseph Cross	T320
Keith Godush	T200
Eric Huff	T167
Ryan Kelley	T200
Brandon Kisor	T167
Archie Lewallen	T320

Saracen District

Samuel Boren	T930
Seth Boren	T930
Welton Boyce	T285
Thurman Chappell	T391
Melvin Clayton	T569
Joseph Hayslip	T930
Christopher Jones	T825
Jonathan Jones	T391
Steven Kauffman	T391
Andrew Lewis	T391
Matthew Nanak	T391
Jesse Nelson	T825
Joshua Newton	T569
Brian Peter	T391
Joseph DeWayne Rayfus	T569
Rustin Staton	T391
Kyle Steed	T930

Three Rivers District

Timothy Ashley	T362
Blake Ford	T23
Alec Grisham	C354
Clayton Hendricks	T246
Matthew Johnson	T362
Nickolas Kimmel	T999
Robert Lalonde	T23
Matthew Lay	T362
Logan McGrath	T305
Ven Andrew Rainwater	T136
Jared Santiago	T23
Sean Williams	T23

Thunderbird District

Michael Berry	T427
Greg Buratowski	T427
Colin Cornett	T25
Matthew Covey	T295
Seth Gartland	T25
Dustin Gililland	T542
Lance Green	T427
Grant Hilton	T295
Raul Luna	T770
Joseph McElderry	T355
Ryan McSwain	T295
Brandon Mellenthin	T25
Charles Meyers	T542
Steven Morris	T170
Alec Park	C354
Cody Peavy	T18
Austin Powell	T25
Sean Rogers	T542
Eric Sullivan	T427
Jacob Wilde	T427

Council Calendar

	January 2008		February 2008
1	Office and Scout Shop Closed	3	Scout Sunday
5	OA Banquet and LECM	8	Scout Anniversary Day
12	COPE Inspection	8	Council Banquet
15	Advancement Committee	9	Scout Sabbath
15	Properties Committee	10	OA LECM
17	Key-3 Training – Council Office	18	Office and Scout Shop Closed
17	District Chairmen	19	Eagle Day
17	District Commissioners	22 - 24	Wood Badge Weekend 1
19	Beast Feast	27	Executive Board Meeting
19	Camp Promotion Committee	29	Eagle Banquet
19	Day Camp Directors Meeting		
21	Office and Scout Shop Closed		
22	Activities Committee		
28	Membership Committee		
28	Training Committee		
29	Health & Safety Committee		
30	Council Annual Business Meeting		

Personnel Changes

Sedrick Robinson became the Field Director for the North Service Area on January 1, 2008. Sedrick began his career in June of 2003 as the District Executive in the Delta District. In January of 2004 he was promoted to District Executive in the Saracen District where he served for three years prior to moving to Mohawk as the District Director. Each of these districts has had tremendous success in the areas of unit growth, membership, manpower and finance during Sedrick's term of service.

Blake Cole became the District Director for the Mohawk District on January 1, 2008. Blake has had two very successful years serving the volunteers of the Foothills District. During this time, the district has experienced significant growth in units, membership, manpower and Friends of Scouting.

Beast Feast

Come join us as we kick off the 2008 camping season! Exciting things are happening in the Quapaw Area Council, so don't miss your chance to be a part of new projects, programs, and year-round camping opportunities! There is something for everyone, whether you're a Pack, Troop or Crew Leader. By attending the Beast Feast, you will receive information on the Spring 2008 Cub Camping Weekends, Cub Scout Day Camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Resident Camp, Boy Scout Summer Camp, OA Events, Venturing opportunities, COPE, and new camping programs. All unit leaders, along with Webelos leaders and Unit Committee Chairmen are encouraged to attend this informative event.

Saturday, January 19, 2008 Reynolds Training Center – Gus Blass Scout Reservation

> Day Camp Director's Meeting – 9:30 AM Camping Committee Meeting – 11:00 AM Lunch/Camping Kick-off – 12:30 PM

2008 WOOD BADGE COURSE - SR 873

On February 22nd, over forty new beavers, bobwhites, eagles, foxes, owls, bears, buffaloes and antelopes will descend upon Gilwell (Reynolds Training Center) to begin the most advanced training program offered by the Boy Scouts of America - Wood Badge for the 21st Century. Course Director Cookey Standley has assembled an outstanding staff of dedicated and highly motivated Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, District and Council Scouters from around the Quapaw Area Council. The object of Wood Badge is to demonstrate, as practically as possible, the aims and methods of Scouting. The course is conducted using a two-weekend (3 days each) format and consisting of two parts - a practical phase and an application phase. The practical phase is conducted as a Troop February 22-24 and March 14-16. The application phase is completed at home for a period of not more than 18 months. The \$195 cost for Wood Badge includes meals, lodging, training materials and recognition. Only a few spots are still available for SR 873 - sign up today! An application form is available from the Council website.

Eagle Day 2008

All Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank during 2007 are eligible to participate in the Council's Annual Eagle Day program, designed specifically for them. The program will begin with a meeting at the Council Service Center at 3220 Cantrell Road in Little Rock.

Our morning program typically includes travelling together to local Little Rock sites such as the Capitol Building and the Clinton Presidential Library, after which they will be treated to lunch by the Little Rock Rotary Club, the 7th largest Rotary Club in the world with over 500 members. Here the Scouts will be recognized for this achievement and will have the opportunity to spend time with some of the most influential business and civic leaders in the state. Interestingly, more than 90% of the Rotary Club members were Scouts as youth and more than 50 of them are Eagle Scouts themselves. A testimony to the significance of Scouting's impact on society.

The afternoon program will include opportunities to visit individually with Arkansas' community leaders and to visit media companies, medical facilities, law firms, financial firms and other businesses and organizations of interest to the individual Scout.

Many school principals will allow this as an excused absence when asked. Letters of invitation and details of the day's schedule will be mailed during the second week of January. There is no charge for this event so please encourage every Eagle to join us on Tuesday, February 19th, 2008.

Largest Eagle Scout Class to be Honored at Eagle Banquet

As of this writing, 148 young men have attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Quapaw Area Council during calendar year 2007. This is the largest number of Eagle Awards earned in a single year in the history of the Council. Congratulations to all Scoutmasters for their outstanding leadership which led to this significant achievement.

We are thrilled to provide the opportunity to recognize these Scoutmasters and our 2007 Eagle Scouts at the Council's annual Eagle Banquet. This year's event will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008 at the beautiful, historic Albert Pike Memorial Masonic Temple in Little Rock, (at the corner of Sixth and Scott streets.)

During the second week of January, personal invitations will be mailed to each member of the class of 2007 and to their Scoutmasters. Members of the Eagle class of 2007 who attend the event will receive the prestigious Quapaw Area Council Eagle Scout Neckerchief and the 2007 Class of Eagles coffee mug. The coffee mug will also be presented to those Scoutmasters who attend the banquet. No one may pick up items for Eagles or Scoutmasters who do not attend.

Make your reservations early and plan now to be on hand for an evening of celebration as we recognize these great Scouts and their leaders. Parents and additional family members may attend the banquet at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Attend your district's Roundtable for more information.

Is Your Camp Falling Apart?

No. As a matter of fact, more than five million dollars has been spent improving the grounds and facilities at your camp over the past 10 years. The Gus Blass Scout Reservation is now one of the finest Scout camping properties in the nation. Following significant construction projects from 1997 through 2006, much attention and care has also been given to the upkeep and repair of the camp and its facilities during the past several years. Your camp now serves Scouts and other groups from the thirty-three Arkansas counties of the Quapaw Area Council as well as groups from other counties throughout Arkansas and as many as nine other states. The Donald W. Reynolds Scout Training Center hosts regional and national Scouting events annually. This is important work in support of chartered partner's efforts to provide quality Scouting programs.

We are also fortunate within this council to have two of the best and hardest working Camp Rangers in the Boy Scouts of America. They dedicate themselves to doing their jobs to the best of their ability because they believe in the importance of what our volunteers are doing to instill values in young people.

However, with these great facilities and these great staff, there is still more that can be accomplished at your camp. With your help on one given day (only one day out of 365 in the year,) we can make your camp even better and more enjoyable for you and your Scouts. Please bring your family, friends, Scouts and fellow leaders to one of the two Beaver Days to be held this spring. Two separate dates have been selected for your convenience in case you have a conflict with one of them. The first is Saturday, March 15th and the other is Saturday, April 5th.

Everyone who participates for the day will be treated to lunch free of charge and will receive two special limited edition, Beaver Day Council Strips – one for your uniform and one to keep as a treasured collector's item. These patches are available only to those who attend one of the Beaver Days. Wearing this patch will identify you as someone who believes in and supports your camp and its programs.

Our Ranger has a long list of work projects to be completed in order to improve your camp to make it ready for the 2008 camping season. Opportunities will also be provided for you to work on your troop's favorite campsite. If you or some of your leaders or parents have special talents in the areas of carpentry, electrical or plumbing or vehicle maintenance, please notify our Ranger at ranger@quapawbsa.org before arriving at camp. You may also contact him in advance if you want to select a project for your group. Come do your part and help us make the Gus Blass Scout Reservation a great place for camping.

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

District Chairman: Andy Fulkerson District Commissioner: Allen Piercy

District Director: Jim Dean

January

03	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bancorp South - Paragould
07	Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Paragould Light Water & Cable
08	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Paragould First Methodist Church
10	Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Jonesboro First Methodist Church
31	District Banquet, 6:30 PM, Atkins Celebration Hall - Paragould

February

05	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bancorp South - Paragould
11	Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Paragould Light Water & Cable
12	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Paragould First Methodist Church
14	Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Jonesboro First Methodist Church
23	Pinewood Derby/Expo
23	New Leader Essentials/Leader Specific Training

March Scouting for Food District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Bancorp South – Paragould Spring Camporee, Crowley's Ridge State Park Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Paragould Light Water & Cable Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Paragould First Methodist Church

Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Jonesboro First Methodist Church

Roundtable Themes

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	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts
Ionnory	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications
January	Cliffiese New Tear	Engineer	Communications
February	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Dionaarina
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March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment
March	Abracadabra	Family Member	Environment

Units Due To Recharter

Jan: T890; C2030

 $February:\ P32; P19; P219;\ P138: P134; P38; P95; P46;\ P39;\ P1;\ T32;\ T134;\ T115;\ T46;\ T500;\ T227;\ T222;\ T221;$

T138; T104; T45; T42; T41; T6; T4; P79; T218; T79; C1815; C455;

March: P89; C6;

New Unit Training

Cherokee District Training Chairman, Ben Denton and District Commissioner Allen Piercy went out of their way to insure the leadership of our new Cub Scout Pack in Leachville received basic training. We would like to thank Ben and Allen for giving of their time and talents to see that these leaders were trained.

More information about our training session scheduled for February 23rd will be provided soon.

New Units

The Cherokee District would like to welcome Pack 42 in Leacheville. The unit currently has 17 Cub Scouts, and is under the leadership of Cubmaster Eugenia Bishop.

We would also like to welcome Pack 570 and Troop 570 in Caraway. The Pack has 13 Cub Scouts, and is under the leadership of Cubmaster Carolyn Brooks. The Troop has 6 Boy Scouts, and is under the leadership of Scoutmaster Larry Brooks.

Last but not least is Crew 46 from Piggott. There are 5 Venturers, and the Crew is being led Advisor Dr. Angela Howell.

It should be noted that the units from Leacheville and Caraway were the direct results of the efforts of veteran volunteer, Jerry Crump. Great job Jerry!!

District Banquet

Make plans to attend our annual Cherokee District Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, January 31st. We will be presenting three District Awards of Merit, as well as recognizing a James E. West contributor. We will also be presenting our annual Floyd White Memorial Award, as well as the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the Year. We'll also take the opportunity to recognize our Order of the Arrow Chapter Officers and Arrowmen of the Year. The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Brent Davis, who is the 2nd Judicial Circuit Prosecuting Attorney. The cost to attend is \$12.00 per plate, and we ask that all those attending RSVP to District Director Jim Dean no later than January 27th.

Pinewood Derby

Our 2008 District Pinewood Derby will take place on Saturday, February 23rd. Details about the Derby will be available at the January and February Roundtables, as well as on the Council website as soon as everything is finalized.

Scouting for Food

Saturday, March 1st will be the Cherokee District Scouting for Food Good Turn Project. This is an opportunity for local units to collect food for the needy and distribute to local food banks/charities. Fliers are being printed and will be available at the February Roundtable.

Spring Camporee

The Cherokee Spring Camporee will take place on March 7, 8, and 9 at Crowley's Ridge State Park. This is a great opportunity for units to come together as a District for fellowship, camping, & the opportunity for Scouts to practice their Scouting skills. More information about the Camporee will be available at upcoming Roundtables and on the Council's website.

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

District Chairman: Rick Davis

District Commissioner: Lynn Alexander District Executive: Mark Brannan



January

3	District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM., Forrest City United Methodist Church
8	Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church
10	Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church

Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church
District Banquet, 6:00 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church

February

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

March

4	District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church
6	Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church
7-9	Spring Camporee, Lake Poinsett State Park in Harrisburg
13	Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church
13	Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, Forrest City United Methodist Church

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts
January	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications
Januar y	Chinese New Tear	Engineer	Communications
February	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Pioneering
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March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment
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District Banquet

The 2007 Delta District Banquet will be held at the Forrest City United Methodist Church on January 12th. The banquet will begin at 6:00 PM and the cost to attend is \$13 per person. Among the recognitions presented at the banquet will be the 2007 District Award of Merit. Please come to help recognize some outstanding Delta District Scouters. Please call Lynn Alexander to RSVP at 870-243-4049.

Friends of Scouting

The 2007 Delta District Friends of Scouting Campaign is well under way. You support is vital to the financial success of the council. Thank you to all of the units that have scheduled and/or conducted Family Friends of Scouting presentations.

Training

"Every boy deserves a trained leader." Trained leaders make Scouting much more enjoyable for the boys and their parents. The Delta District will offer basic leader training to all adult leaders on March 8th at the Forrest City United Methodist Church. The sessions will begin at 8:30 AM.

The day will start with New Leader Essentials. All leaders, no matter what level of Scouting, must attend this session. The session provides the basics of the Scouting programs, the age appropriateness of these programs, and our values and methods.

Cub Leader Specific Training is for all Pack Committee Members, Cubmasters, Tiger Cub Den Leaders, Cub Scout Den Leaders, and Webelos Den Leaders. This session provides more in-depth information about your specific leadership position.

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training is for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters and it provides you with specific information about how to work with the boys to create a boy-led program.

In order to keep the fee to the training as low as possible, we ask that everyone bring a sack lunch. The fee for the session will be \$2.00 and that will pay for recognition and program supplies.

For more information, please contact Bart Hudspeth at 870-734-4423.

Spring Camporee

The Delta District will have an exciting Spring Camporee on March 7-9 at Lake Poinsett State Park in Wynne. The fee is \$5.00 per person. Registration must be turned in by the February Roundtable. To get to Lake Poinsett State Park, travel 1 mile east on Arkansas 14, and then go 3 miles south on Arkansas 163 to the park.

For more information, please contact David Smith, Delta District Activities Chairman, at 870-747-5704.

Units Due to Recharter

January: None

February: Packs: 150, 224, 28; Troops: 150, 20, 321, 202, 124, 28, 18, 13

March: Packs: 2062, 239, 85, 126

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

District Chairman: Jeremy Landon District Vice-Chairman: Ken Brown District Commissioner: Jessie Hatfield

District Executive: vacant



January

- District Commissioner's Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM, Theo. Jones Elementary
- Friends of Scouting Major Campaign Kickoff, 5:15 PM, Nabholz Construction Board Room.
- O8 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway Fire Dept (Oak St.)
- Boy Scout, Cub Scout, & Venturing Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church
- Foothills Chapter Order of the Arrow Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church

February

05	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway Fire Department (Oak St.)
07	District Commissioner's Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM, Theo. Jones Elementary
14	Boy Scout, Cub Scout, & Venturing Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church
14	Foothills Chapter Order of the Arrow Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church

March

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06	District Commissioner's Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM, Theo. Jones Elementary
13	Boy Scout, Cub Scout, & Venturing Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church
13	Foothills Chapter Order of the Arrow Meeting, 7:00 PM, Conway LDS Church
14-16	Spring Boy Scout Camporee (Location TBD)

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts
Ionuory	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications
January	Chinese New Tear	Engineer	Communications
February	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Pioneering
	Litter to Gifter	Engineer	
March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment
March	Autacauauta	Family Member	Environment

Welcome New District Committee Members

The Foothills District would like to welcome Mr. Jeremy Landon as the new Chairman for the Foothills District Committee. Jeremy is an attorney in Morrilton, where he has a private practice and is also a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Jeremy most recently served as Cubmaster for Pack 93, which has tripled in size since its inception in 2005. Jeremy will leave the Pack in the capable hands of his wife, Tiffany, as he accepts this important role as the lead volunteer in the Foothills District. Jeremy replaces Mr. Matt Adlong, who served as the District Chairman in 2007.

Mr. Ken Brown of Clinton has accepted the position of Vice-Chairman for the Foothills District. Ken brings a great deal of Scouting experience to our Committee, as he was a former District Chairman in another district several years ago. Ken has an Eagle Scout son, and currently (4) grandsons in the Scouting Program in Foothills District.

In addition to these gentlemen, we have over 8 new members of the District Committee that have joined for the 2008 Program Year. We thank each of these folks, and of course our many tenured committee members who work to make Foothills a successful district.

New Units

Please welcome our newest Cub Scout Pack, Pack 612, chartered to the Mayflower Lion's Club. This pack will serve youth in the Mayflower School District with over 20 Cub Scouts registered already. Mrs. April Motley will serve as Cubmaster. April and her son are new to Scouting but are excited about the program and having a pack in their own community.

We would also like to welcome Pack 679, chartered to the Guy-Perkins Elementary S.O.S. (Parent-Teacher Organization). Mr. James Hickey will serve as Cubmaster to over 20 new Cub Scouts who have joined the pack since November.

The Conway Knight's of Columbus recently formed a new Venture Crew to serve the older youth in their Boy Scout Program in Conway. Alan Moix will serve as the Crew Advisor for Crew 78, and Alan has hopes to provide another element to the great Scouting Program that already exists with the Knight's of Columbus. This crew will offer high-adventure to older boys and Eagle Scouts that have matured in the Boy Scout Troop.

Choctaw Church of Christ recently chartered the District's newest Venture Crew. The church plans to use this Venture Crew, Crew 2017, as a ministry outreach to youth in the community. Mr. Philip Jones will serve as Crew Advisor for this new group.

2007 Foothills District Banquet

The 2007 Foothills District Awards Banquet was held at the Reynold's Training Center at the Gus Blass Scout Reservation. Mrs. Teresa Barnes was the Chairperson for the event and it was well attended.

Three volunteers were recognized with the District Awards of Merit. These very deserving volunteers were: Mr. Joe Struble, Scoutmaster with Troop 435 in Greenbrier, Mr. Richard Tyler, District Friends of Scouting Chairman, and Mr. David Calkin, Scoutmaster with Troop 152 of Clinton. Congratulations and a special thanks is in order for these three gentlemen.

2008 Friends of Scouting Campaigns Well Underway

The Foothills District has already made great progress on our Friends of Scouting Campaign Goals for 2008. Over \$4000.00 have been raised in the Major Campaign and over \$3000 has been raised in the Family Campaign.

Mr. Richard Tyler is once again serving as the FOS Chairman/Major Campaign Chairman and Mr. Michael Waters is once again serving as the Family FOS Campaign Chairman. Both of these gentlemen have done a great job in getting a jump on our \$47,000 FOS Goal for 2008.

On January 7, 2008, Nabholz Construction will host the 2008 Major Campaign Kickoff at their Corporate Offices in Conway. They will provide the Major Campaign volunteers with a BBQ Dinner before the kickoff event takes place.

Invitations have been sent out and members of the District Committee are also encouraged to attend this event. 2008 promises to be a great year for fundraising in Foothills!

Units Due to Recharter

January – **Packs:** 71, 78, 112, 152, 242, 273, 401, 402, 444, 445, 458

Troops: 252, 273, 401, 435

February – **Packs:** 61, 153, 400

Troops: 61, 71, 152, 534

March - Packs: 494 Troops: 78, 633 Crews: 1974

Mohawk District (Serving: Little Rock)

District Chairman: Bill Byrd

District Vice-Chairman: Jeffery Gardner District Commissioner: Larry Furrer

District Director: Blake Cole

DISTRICT

January

- 03 District Committee Meeting, 4:45 PM, Scout Service Center
- 08 District Commissioners Meeting, 5:30 PM, American Municipal Securities
- 10 Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Venture Leader Roundtable, 7:00 PM, LDS (Rodney Parham)
- OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM, LDS (Rodney Parham)
- 11 District Banquet- Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

February

- 05 District Commissioners Meeting, 5:30 PM, American Municipal Securities
- O7 District Committee Meeting, 4:45 PM, Scout Service Center
- 14 Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Venture Leader Roundtable, 7:00 PM, LDS (Rodney Parham)
- OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM, LDS (Rodney Parham)

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- Of District Committee Meeting, 4:45 PM, Scout Service Center
- Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Venture Leader Roundtable, 7:00 PM, LDS (Rodney Parham)
- OA Chapter Meeting, 7 PM, LDS (Rodney Parham)
- 15 New Leaders Essentials Training/Cub Scout Leader Training/Boy Scout Leader Training

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts
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March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment
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For information about the District Committee Meetings, please contact Bill Byrd, District Chairman, at 680-3409

For more information about the District Commissioner Meetings, please contact Larry Furrer, District Commissioner 224-8360.

For more information about the Cub Scout Roundtable Meetings, please contact Paula Wellborn, Mohawk District Roundtable Commissioner, at 257-5249

For more information about the Boy Scout Roundtable Meetings, please contact Stephen Nielson Mohawk District Roundtable Commissioner, at 224-0361.

For more information about the Venture Leader Roundtable Meetings, please contact Patty Lueken, Mohawk District Roundtable Commissioner at 312-0010.

For more information about the OA Meetings, please contact John Heard, Mohawk District Chapter Advisor, at 350-9350.

FOS Progress

The Mohawk District is well on its way to achieving the 2008 FOS Goal. The Overall Campaign is chaired by Jim Alguire. Jim is doing a great job, and will ensure that the District is successful in fundraising. The Family Campaign Chair is Bruce Hurlbut, and Bruce has performed this job many times. FOS presentations are a part of his life between the months of December and March. Bruce is very excited about kicking the campaign off, and conducting unit presentations. The overall campaign goal is \$74,000.00, which is then divided into Major and Family Campaigns. The Major goal is \$38000.00 and the Family goal is \$36,000.00

The following units are pacesetter units. They have designated a unit FOS Chairman, scheduled a presentation date prior to December 14, 2007, have agreed to hold a presentation before April 1, 2008. After the presentation has been conducted, the following units will receive free rank advancement for the next year.

Packs: 2, 6, 7, 12, 24, 26, 27, 30, 55, 57, 63, 70, 99, 131, 198, 227, 232, 233, 329, 332, 335, 348, 383, 395, 467, 604, 611, 725

Troops: 4, 7, 12, 22, 24, 27, 29, 30, 55, 59, 63, 70, 99, 198, 232, 233, 262, 335, 395, 467, 604, 725, 2501

Team: 233

Crews: 4, 8, 12, 30, 55, 227, 233, 395, 6005, 6018

District Banquet

The Mohawk District Banquet will be held on Thursday January 11, at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. The banquet will begin at 7:00 PM. There will be many Scouting Awards presented this night, including the District Award of Merit. The cost of the Banquet is fee is \$10.00 per person (\$15 after December 28th). The menu consists of BBQ catered by Whole Hog Café. You have your choice of Pork or Chicken, beans, potato salad, slaw and drinks.

Welcome New Units

Welcome back to the reorganized Crew 604, chartered by Second Presbyterian Church. Glenn Block is the Advisor. Welcome aboard Troop 22 chartered by The Epperson Firm. Steve Epperson is the Scoutmaster

Spring Training

Training Chairman Tom Dodson is planning and preparing for another awesome training season. Listed below are the important dates and information (you may view the full registration form on the council calendar):

COURSE: Cub Scout and Boy Scout Basic Leader Training

Description: This course is designed for all volunteers and provides the basics of the Scouting program, the age appropriateness of those programs, and the values and methods of Scouting. The second part of the basic leader training is leadership position specific training and it is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific position within the Scouting Program.

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2008 (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing Leaders)

Place: Calvary Baptist Church (Heights), 1901 N. Pierce (@ Cantrell)

Time: Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Training begins at 8:45 AM. to late afternoon.

Cost: \$10.00 for Cub Scout and Venturing Leaders (includes lunch)

\$10.00 for Boy Scout Leaders (Includes lunch)

COURSE: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Description: This outdoor program is designed to provide basic outdoor skills essential to the Boy Scout program. This course is required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who wish to be considered a trained leader. It is recommended for Webelos leaders, Varsity coaches and Venturing leaders, and other adults who will be camping with youth. You will be camping and need to bring necessary gear. Come prepared for any kind of weather.

Date: Friday, April 25 - Saturday, April 26, 2008 Place: Reservoir Park off Cantrell at Little Rock, AR

Time: Registration begins at 5:30 PM. Training begins at 6:00 PM on Friday and ends

Saturday late afternoon.

Cost: \$20.00 (Includes all materials and meals.)

COURSE: BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

Description: This basic outdoor skills program is designed for Cub Scout Leaders who want to plan and carry out an entry-level outdoor experience for the Cub Scout Pack. This is required for adults giving leadership on a Pack overnighter. This is an outdoor course. Come prepared for any kind of weather.

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008

Place: Reservoir Park off Cantrell at Little Rock, AR

Time: Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Training begins at 9:00 AM and ends late afternoon.

Cost: \$15.00 (Includes all materials and meals.)

Registration deadlines:

[Deadlines are given below. Your support by registering early is

very much appreciated so that the proper planning and preparation

can be done. Make this your priority and register early.]

Monday, March 11, for the March 15 sessions

Monday, April 22, for the April 25-26 sessions

For more information contact Tom Dodson, Mohawk District Training Chair, at 663-5813 (home) or 517-5079 (cell) or by e-mail at tdodson@aristotle.net.

Spring Camporee

Stephen Blair is the chairman for the Spring Camporee and he has done a lot of hard work preparing for the event. Details are listed below (you may view the full registration form on the Council website):

Your Troop is invited to the Mohawk District's 2008 Spring Camporee "Wilderness Survival" Gus Blass Scout Reservation March 7th, 8th, and 9th

Please make sure that you register as early as possible with the name of all attending (boys, and leaders)
This Spring Camporee will be exciting and challenging for all who attend. There will be varying degrees of difficulty so that Scouts at all levels will be challenged. The Order of the Arrow will have a call out at the campfire as well.

Fire Starting Competitions

Troop/Patrol with best time, clock adjustment for unused matches, bonuses for creativity.

Shelter Construction

Given a limited amount of resources, build a shelter to survive the cold, damp night.

Animal Tracking

Can you correctly identify animal tracks?

Plant identification

You know what plants to avoid, but do you know what plants are safe to eat?

Fishing

Learn to catch fish with minimal supplies in a survival situation and prepare to eat them.

Wilderness First Aid

Miles away from the nearest sign of civilization, can you treat and survive these scenarios?

Welcome New District Level Volunteers

Dee Elkins- Activities Chair
James Lyle- Member at Large
Steve Blair- Member at Large
Helena Schulze- Member at Large
Sam Byrd- Member at Large
Laura Marratt- Health and Safety Chair

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Bruce Bauer- Member at Large

Units Due to Recharter

January

Packs 5, 7, 24, 27, 30, 55, 63, 99, 131, 198, 232, 233, 335, 395, 467, 604, 725, 1009 Troops 4, 5, 12, 27, 30, 55, 63, 99, 232, 233, 262, 335, 395, 604, 725Team 233 Crews 12, 30, 55, 233, 395, 6005, 6018

February
Packs 29, 70, 332, 348, 383, 4601
Troops 29, 70
Crews 4, 227

March Packs 329, 932 Troops 7, 24, 198, 467 Crews

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

District Chairman: Kirby Mouser

District Vice-Chairman: Chancellor Lawrence Davis

District Commissioner: Rolfe Bryant District Executive: Morio Snelling

January

- 03 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Reynolds Center, Pine Bluff
- 10 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
- Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
- 17 District Banquet, Pine Bluff Country Club
- 29 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, White Hall Methodist Church

February

- 07 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Reynolds Center, Pine Bluff
- Roundtable, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
- Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
- 23 District Pinewood Derby Race 9:00 AM, Pine Bluff Convention Center
- 26 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, White Hall Methodist Church

March

06	District Committee Meeting.	6:00 PM, Reynolds Center, Pine Bluff
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- 07-09 Spring Camporee, Cane Creek State Park Star City
- Roundtable, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
- Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
- 25 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, White Hall Methodist Church

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	Webelos	Boy Scouts
Ionuory	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications
January	Cliffiese New Teal	Engineer	Communications
February	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Pioneering
rebluary	Litter to diffice	Engineer	Proffeering
March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment
Maich	Autacadauta	Family Member	Environment

Units Due to Recharter

January: Troop 100, 108, 569, 1103, 3911; Pack 80, 88, 142, 569, 1103 Post 249

February: Troop 81, 143, 224, 260, 285, 391, 930; Pack 62, 111, 143, 212, 248, 521, 801, 3224

March: Troop 60, 825; Pack 09, 84, 606; Crew 569

Saracen District Banquet

It's that time again for all Scouters to gather together for a night of fellowship, fun, good food, and honoring Scouters and their units recognized for their outstanding achievements in the Saracen District. Among the many awards presented at the banquet will be the prestigious District Award of Merit - the highest honor that a volunteer can receive from his/her District. The banquet will be Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the Pine Bluff Country Club, located on 1100 Country Club Lane in Pine Bluff. The event will begin promptly at 6:30 PM, and the cost of this event is \$13.00 per person by January 03, and \$15.00 per person after January 03, 2008. For additional information contact: Saracen District Activities Chairman Danny White @ (501) 888-4544(Home).

District Pinewood Derby Race

Cub Scouts - get on your mark, get set, and go... to the Saracen District Pinewood Derby Race on February 23, 2008 at The Pine Bluff Convention Center located on 500 East 8th Ave in Pine Bluff. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM and end at 8:30 AM, with racing beginning at 9:00 A.M. The cost of the event will be \$5.00 per Scout if received by 02/14/08, and \$10.00 per scout if received after 02/14/08. For more information contact: Darren Permenter @ (501) 612-6220 (Home). Good Luck, and have fun!!!

District Spring Camporee

Your Troop is invited to the Saracen District Spring Camporee. The event will be at Cane Creek State Park in Star City, Arkansas, on March 7-9, 2008. The cost of the event will be \$5.00 per scout if received by 02/29/08, and \$10.00 per scout if received after 02/29/08. For additional information contact: (501) 664-4780 ext 255.

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

District Chairman: Don Young

District Commissioner: Diane Chidister District Executive: Kathy Thompson



January

District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Sc	Scout Hut - Cabot
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- 08 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, First Security Bank Cabot
- 10 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Methodist Church Beebe
- Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First Methodist Church Beebe
- District Banquet, 6:30 PM, Church of Christ Cabot

February

05	District Committee	Meeting, 7:0	p.m., First B	aptist Scout Hut -	Cabot

- O7 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, First Security Bank Cabot
- 09 Scouting for Food, TBA
- 16 Scout Leader Specific Training, TBA
- Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Methodist Church Beebe
- Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First Methodist Church Beebe
- 26 District Webelos Crossover, TBA

March

0	4	District (Committee Meeting,	7:00	PM, First	Baptist S	Scout Hut -	Cabot

- Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 PM, First Security Bank Cabot
- 7-9 Spring Camporee
- 13 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, First Methodist Church Beebe
- Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, First Methodist Church Beebe
- 29 Outdoor Leader Skills Training, TBA

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	<u>Webelos</u>	Boy Scouts	
Ianuary	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications	
January	Cliffiese New Teal	Engineer	Communications	
Echmony	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Dionaarina	
February	Litter to Gritter	Engineer	Pioneering	
March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment	
March	Abracadabra	Family Member	Environment	

Units Due to Recharter

January - Pack and Troop 362, Pack and Troop 136, Pack 98, Pack 124, Troop 91, Troop 96, Troop 349

February – Pack and Troop 246, Pack and Troop 21, Pack 159, Pack 202, Pack 205, Pack 999, Troop 23, Troop 201, Troop 358, Crew 2358

March – Pack 91, Pack and Troop 101, Pack 108, Crew 69

District Banquet

The Three Rivers District Banquet will be Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the Church of Christ in Cabot. The event will begin at 6:30 PM, and the cost of this event is \$10.00 per person. The theme is Chinese New Year and the menu will be Asian food. In addition to great food and fellowship, we will be recognizing Three Rivers District Scouters for their accomplishments in 2007. The event will culminate with the presentation of the prestigious District Awards of Merit. For additional information contact Jeniffer Hurt at 726-0124.

Spring Camporee

Our Spring Camporee is scheduled for March 7-9, 2008. Plans are being finalized and details will be available at Roundtable so please save the date and plan to participate.

Fall Fun Day

The Three Rivers Fall Fun Day was again an excellent opening adventure to the Scouting year in our District. With over 350 people attending the drop in event, the day was full of new Cub Scouts meeting experienced Cub Scouts and their families and everyone having fun. Events ranging from games, wrist rockets, BB guns, archery, and patch trading held youth interest while both fire and police departments provided added value to parents and Cub Scouts alike. Special thanks to Troop 201 who set up a model campsite and had a fine display of Dutch oven cooking - hats off to them for sharing their skills and their time to help. The event was free to all registered Scouts and their families. Thanks to Yarnell's for ice cream bars, Grander Mountain for archery targets, Mt Carmel Baptist Church for use of the grounds, Cabot Fire & Police Departments and all of the volunteers who make it all come together for the sake of the boys! Many thanks to Ed Williams and his staff for organizing this event.

Family Friends of Scouting

The Family FOS Campaign continues to be an important component to the overall success of the Three Rivers District. Twenty three units have set their 2008 presentation dates, and as in years past, the Quapaw Area Council will offer free rank advancement for any Scouting unit that qualifies as a Pacesetter Unit. To qualify as a Pacesetter Unit, units have to meet the following criteria: (1) designate your Unit FOS Chairman, (2) set the date for your 2008 presentation date by December 15, 2007, and (3) conduct your presentation before April 1, 2008.

Even if your unit missed the Pacesetter Unit deadline, it's not too late to conduct a Family FOS presentation. Every dollar raised in FOS helps the Three Rivers District and the Quapaw Area Council provide better program for the young men and women in our charge. Please call 501-664-4780 Extension 242 to speak with District Executive Kathy Thompson about the importance of Friends of Scouting.

Three Rivers District Welcomes New District Executive

Kathy Thompson may come to Three Rivers District as a new Professional Scouter, but she is not new to Scouting, having over nine years of service as a volunteer. Most recently, she served as an Assistant District Commissioner and was honored as the 2004 Commissioner of the Year by Spanish Trails District of the Pine Burr Area Council, headquartered in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

After losing her home in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi in Hurricane Katrina, Kathy came to Arkansas to be near her parents. She fell in love with the natural beauty of Arkansas and decided not to return to the coast. She recently moved to the Conway area along with her two daughters, Kimberly and Lynsey, and their families, which include a total of eight grandchildren. Kathy also has two sons, Richard and his wife Kristy, who live in Fort Collins, Colorado and Chad who recently relocated to Pensacola, Florida from Gulfport, Mississippi.

Kathy, who holds both a B.A. and a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Southern Mississippi, said she is excited about working in the Quapaw Area Council. "I'm looking forward to getting to know all of the volunteers within the Three Rivers District, and I am excited to serve them as a professional," said Thompson. "I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work," she said.

Thunderbird District (Serving North Little Rock, Jacksonville, and Maumelle)

District Chairman: Jonathon Rogers District Commissioner: Bruce Jones District Executive: Justin Clark

January

- O3 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church
- O8 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 10 Cub Leader/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- District Banquet, 6:30 PM, Jacksonville First United Methodist Church

February

- 05 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- 07 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church
- 21 Cub Leader/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

March

- 01 New Leader Training, 8:00 AM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- O4 Commissioners Meeting, 7:00 PM, Gander Mountain
- Of District Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church
- 07-09 Spring Camporee, TBA
- 13 Cub Leader/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 20 Session I New Leader Training, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- 27 Session II New Leader Training, 7:00 p.m. St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	<u>Webelos</u>	Boy Scouts	
Ionuory	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications	
January	Chinese New Tear	Engineer	Communications	
February	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Pioneering	
rebruary	Litter to Officer	Engineer	Fionecing	
March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment	
Maich	Abracadabra	Family Member	Environment	

Units Due to Recharter

January: Crew 2724; Post 953

February: P83, P87, P118, P170, P235, P255 , P259, P295, P354, P355, P427, P431, P542 , P810, P812, T18, T25, T83, T128, T170, T295, T321, T354, T355, T356, T427, T431, T542, T770, Team 354, Crew 354, Crew 2044

March: P222, P1224

District Banquet

The Thunderbird 2007 District Banquet will be held January 12, 2008 at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. This event is open to everyone who wants to share the spirit of Scouting. The fee is \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Scout Office, or you may make arrangements by calling Mike Stephens (753-7486) or Rebecca Adams (753-4583). Come out for a night of celebration and volunteer recognition in the Thunderbird District.

Spring Camporee

This year's Spring Camporee will be March 7-9, 2008. Please note that this has been moved forward one weekend from the original date so as to not conflict with the second Wood Badge Weekend. The Camporee location is yet to be determined. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Mark Norris (835-4282).

Popcorn

The Thunderbird 2007 Popcorn Sale is over, and 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. Countless volunteers helped load the popcorn into vehicles during the distribution. Thanks to everyone that made this process run smoothly. Together, the Thunderbird District was able to sell over \$120,000 worth of popcorn which was a \$30,000 increase over 2006. Great job everybody!

Special thanks go to Fred Long, who provided a warehouse at Little Rock Port Authority. This provided space and accessibility that greatly facilitated the popcorn sorting and pick-up process.

Training

The spring training season is upon us. The following courses have been schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Training Chairperson Bill Byrd at 833-2973.

COURSE: New Leader Essentials

Description: The New Leader Essentials course is designed for all volunteers and provides the basics of the Scouting program, the age appropriateness of those programs, and the values and methods of Scouting. All new Scout Leaders need to attend this session.

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008, Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM, Place: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 4106 JFK, North Little Rock. Course registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Cost: \$5.00

COURSE: Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

Description: The second part of the basic leader training program is called Cub Scout Leader Specific Training. It is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific position within the Cub Scouting Program. New Cub Scout Leaders need to attend both the New Leader Essentials and this session.

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008, Time: 10:30 AM Place: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 4106 JFK, North Little Rock. Course registration begins at 10:15 AM, cost: \$5.00

COURSE: Boy Scout Leader Specific Training

Description: The second part of the basic leader training program is called Boy Scout Leader Specific Training. This training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific position within the Scouting Program. New Boy Scout Leaders need to attend both the New Leader Essentials and this session

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2008, Time: 10:30 AM., Place: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 4106 JFK, North Little Rock. Course registration begins at 10:15 AM, cost: \$5.00

The above courses will also be offered on consecutive Thursdays, March 20 and March 27, 2008 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Registration is \$5 per session and will begin at 6 PM. The course will begin at 6:15 PM.

COURSE: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Description: This outdoor program is designed to provide basic outdoor skills essential to the Boy Scout program. This course is required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who wish to be considered a trained leader. It is recommended for Webelos leaders, Varsity coaches and Venturing leaders, and other adults who will be camping with youth. You will be camping. Come prepared for any kind of weather.

Date: Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, 2008, Place: Camp Robinson, Time: Registration begins at 5:30 PM. Training begins promptly at 6:00 PM on Friday and ends late Saturday afternoon before dinner. Cost: \$25.00

COURSE: BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

Description: This basic outdoor skills program is designed for Cub Scout Leaders who want to plan and carry out an entry-level outdoor experience for the Cub Scout Pack. This is required for adults giving leadership on a Pack overnighter. This is an outdoor course. Come prepared for any kind of weather. Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Camp Robinson. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Training begins promptly at 9:00 AM. Course ends late afternoon. Cost: \$15.00

Friends of Scouting

The 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign is under way. Scouting depends 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 youth could use your help.

Thanks!

Remember, your time and efforts are invaluable. Thanks for making Scouting a successful program. What's the word? THUNDERBIRD!

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

District Chairman: Frank Wise

District Commissioner: Melvin Eitzenhefer Special Projects Executive: Ronald Richardson

January

08	District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, White River Scout Hut - Batesville
10	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ
10	Order of the Arrow, 6:30 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ
12	District Banquet, 6:00 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ
15	Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, Clyde's Chuckwagon – Highland
25-27	Klondike Derby, Camp Cedar Valley – Viola

February

05	District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, White River Scout Hut - Batesville
12	Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, Clyde's Chuckwagon - Highland
14	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ
14	Order of the Arrow, 6:30 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ

March

04	District Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, White River Scout Hut – Batesville
08	Pinewood Derby, TBA
11	Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM, Clyde's Chuckwagon - Highland
13	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ
13	Order of the Arrow, 6:30 PM, Harrison St. Church of Christ

Roundtable Themes

	<u>Cub Scouts</u>	<u>Webelos</u>	Boy Scouts	
January	Chinese New Year	Scholar	Communications	
Januar y	Chinese New Tear	Engineer	Communications	
February	Litter to Glitter	Athlete	Pioneering	
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March	Abracadabra	Sportsman	Environment	
Maich	Abracadabra	Family Member	Environment	

Welcome New Units

The White River District would like to welcome two new units into the District. Troop 639 is chartered to the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church and is led by Scoutmaster Bill LaCount. Crew 316 is chartered to the Izard County Community Theater Group, and is led by Crew Advisor Tommy Hancock.

Friends of Scouting

The White River District has hit the ground running for the 2008 FOS campaigns. At press time, the District has raised almost 10% of the \$26,500 goal, and is projected to be at approximately 40% by the end of January. The District has scheduled 3 more Family FOS presentations for 2008 compared to 2007, so hopes are high that the Family Campaign will exceed last year's campaign total, which will be a tremendous boost to the District's FOS success.

Units Due to Recharter

January
Pack 167 Pack 200 Pack 320
Troop 67 (Newport) Troop 167
Troop 200 Troop 320 Troop 371
Crew 403

February
Pack 11 Pack 43 Pack 65
Troop 65 Troop 258
Troop 67 (Cherokee Village)

March
Pack 173 Pack 220 Pack 258
Pack 373 Pack 639 Pack 3146
Troop 166 Troop 176
Troop 373 Troop 3146

District Banquet

The White River District Banquet will take place on Saturday, January 12th at 6:00 PM at the Harrison Street Church of Christ in Batesville. The District Banquet is the opportunity to recognize the District's outstanding volunteers and their achievements for calendar year 2007. We will recognize leaders who have earned various training awards, as well as our top Chocolate Sale, Popcorn, and FOS units. New this year will be the announcement of the District's Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of the Year. The evening will culminate with the presentation of 2 District Award's of Merit, the highest honor bestowed upon a volunteer on the District level. District volunteers will be cooking ham and roast beef, and all attendees are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Cost to attend the banquet is \$7 per person, and will be collected at the door.

Klondike Derby

The White River District will conduct its annual Klondike Derby on January 25th, 26th, and 27th at Camp Cedar Valley in Viola. Cost to attend is \$5 per person. More information can be found on the Council website.

District Pinewood Derby

The 2008 White River District Pinewood Derby is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 8th. More information about the derby will be available at the January and February Roundtables, as well as the Council website.

Spring Camporee

The 2008 White River District Spring Camporee will be held on April 4th, 5th, and 6th. The Camporee is tentatively scheduled to be held in Black Rock. The theme will be Problem Solving/Team Building/Scavenger Hunt. Cost to attend will be \$5 per person, and will include a patch. More information will be provided at the January, February, and March Roundtables.

White River Roundup

If you're not receiving the White River Roundup, the District's weekly e-mail newsletter, you're missing out on an opportunity to stay informed of the latest information. The White River Roundup is distributed on Mondays, and all e-mail addresses are protected. To have your e-mail address added to the distribution list, send an e-mail to Special Projects Executive Ronald Richardson (whiteriver@quapawbsa.org) and request to be added to the list. It's really that simple and will help you stay up to date on all the happenings within the White River District.

