Quapaw Area Council Scouter
January – February, 2009

Roundtable Themes

	Cub Scouts	**Webelos**	**Boy Scouts**
January	A-MAZE-ing Games	Heritage	Public Service
February	American ABC's	Citizenship, Geography	Cultural Diversity and Disability Awareness
March	When I Grow Up	Academics, Sports	Wildlife Management

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Food, Fun, Celebration

Quapaw Area Council
Annual Awards Banquet
Scouting Anniversary Day
Friday, February 13th, 2009
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
4823 Woodlawn Drive, Little Rock
Doors open 6:30 P.M. – Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

For all Scouters and Friends of Scouting

Come help us celebrate the BSA's 99th Anniversary as we recognize many of the Scout leaders who in the last year have had such a tremendous impact on the lives of Arkansas youth. The Council Activities Committee has asked Richard Davies, Director of Arkansas Department of Tourism to be our guest speaker. Mr. Davies is both informative and humorous in his presentation and is always entertaining. Don't miss out on this evening of fellowship and fun.

Doors open and registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The meal will begin at 7:00 p.m. with dinner, followed by a special recognition program. The banquet will conclude with the presentation of the 2008 Class of Silver Beaver recipients.

Seating is limited to 150 people so register early!

Banquet reservations are $15.00 each and can be made by returning the reservation form found

below. Reservation forms may be found on the council website at the address listed below. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, February 2nd so that we may have an accurate count for the caterer. Units should pay for their Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach or Advisor and his/her spouse to attend the banquet. Dress for the evening is everything from coat and tie to casual to field uniform.

www.quapawbsa.org -- (501) 664-4780

ATTENTION: CUB SCOUTS, FAMILIES AND LEADERS - CUB WEEKENDS

Ramona Sitz and her enthusiastic staff already have the final details in place, patches ordered, and menus planned for another year of fabulously fun Cub weekend camping opportunities. A personal invitation will be mailed to each registered Cub Scout family in the council. Weekend registration forms will also be posted on the council website.
The Cub Dad Weekend theme is "Call of the Wild" and it promises a safari oriented program.
The Cub Family Weekend will take a look at "Scouting Around the World".
In a continued effort to keep from raising fees, the council camping committee has made adjustments to assist in their planning for the right number of participants. There is now a registration deadline and fee for these events. After the deadline listed on the form, the fees will increase as shown. Ordering patches, food, program supplies, and recruiting sufficient staff the requires information well in advance of the event date. Additional fees charged to late registrants are necessary to pay for extra costs associated with last minute purchases. Please help us help you by registering prior to the deadline. We look forward to seeing you at camp.

Eagle Scouts To Be Honored at Eagle Banquet

The annual Eagle Scout Banquet will be held on February 27, 2009. Scouts earning their Eagle Rank during 2008 will be honored by the Quapaw Area Council, Scouters, parents, friends and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Little Rock, Arkansas. The banquet will be held at the Albert Pike Memorial Masonic Temple in Little Rock, (Sixth and Scott). The Masonic Lodge has been hosting and supporting the Scouting program for decades in the Central Arkansas area, and for their continued contribution and support to Scouting we are truly grateful. Long time Scouter and thirty second degree Mason Bill Jones is once again serving as Chairman of the Eagle Banquet.

After dinner has been served, everyone is invited to attend a special awards ceremony upstairs in the theater of the Masonic Temple. The pageantry and setting of this event is truly befitting the rank of Eagle Scout. Photographs will be taken by a professional photographer. In addition to 5" X 7" individual and 8" X 10" Class of Eagles pictures, an 11" X 13" Class of Eagles picture will also be available for ordering.

Members of the Eagle Scout class of 2008 and their Scoutmasters will receive a personal invitation to the banquet. Eagle Scouts attending will receive the Council Eagle Scout

neckerchief, and the 2008 Class of Eagles coffee mug. Place your reservations early and plan now to be on hand for an evening to remember.

Eagle Day Packed With Fun and Education for 2008 Class of Eagle Scouts

Dr. Chuck Hiller, Council Advancement Chairman, and Dr. Bobby McGehee, Eagle Day Chairman are busy making arrangements for the 2009 Eagle Day Program. All Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout rank during 2008 are invited to be a part of this superb event. The Eagle Scouts will begin their day at the Council Service Center in Little Rock and spend the day visiting local businesses, and having lunch with the prestigious Little Rock Rotary Club. The Scouts will be individually recognized at the Rotary Club lunch and will spend time with Central Arkansas community leaders and visit media companies, medical facilities, law firms and other selected companies in the Little Rock area. The Eagle Scouts will return to the Council Service Center between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. to return home. Many school principals will allow this as an excused absence in recognition of attaining the Eagle Scout Award. Encourage your Eagle Scouts to attend this great event organized for their benefit. Letters of invitation and program details were mailed in early January. The event is scheduled for February 17th and there is no cost to the Eagle Scout.

Camp Rockefeller Summer Camp 2009

It's hard to believe, but the 2009 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 youth 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.

Camp improvements continue to make Blass Scout Reservation the very best place to have a summer camping experience. This year the William Nash Dining Hall kitchen is being totally remodeled, complete with a dishwashing system and the entire dining hall will be air-conditioned. The troop campsites are also being upgraded with concrete platforms, tent frames and tarps that will keep our tents cooler than in the past. There will also be two larger tents (10 foot by 12 foot) in each campsite for adult leaders.

Allen Bounds will be serving as Camp Director for a second year and many of the 2008 camp staff will be returning to provide your scouts with a quality outdoor experience they will long remember. Mr. Bounds still has some camp staff positions open. If your troop has some older, highly motivated scouts who can contribute to and become a part of a super team, encourage them to apply for a camp staff position. Camp staff applications are available on-line, at Roundtable, at the Council Service Center, at the Beast Feast, or you can find a copy in the 2009 Camp Leader's Guide.

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 31st.

Are Your Troop Youth Leaders Trained?

The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course assists Scoutmasters in their efforts to develop leadership skills in their troop's youth members. NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to serve as capable leaders. Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the best of the Scouting program. This year's NYLT course will take place on July 19th-24th at the beautiful, comfortable, air-conditioned Reynolds Training Center on the Gus Blass Scout Reservation. Boy Scouts ages 13-17 (must have completed 7th grade) who have achieved at least the rank of 1st class and who are recommended by their Scoutmaster may attend.
Cost for the course is $195 per participant, and includes all meals, lodging, and materials. For more information, contact Course Director Michelle Godush at: 501-362-4081 or 501-206-2643 (cell).

Beast Feast 2009 - One More Time

The Quapaw Area Council Annual Beast Feast will be held January 31st at the Donald W. Reynolds Scout Training Center at the Gus Blass Scout Reservation. All unit leaders

from the Quapaw Area Council are invited to attend and bring their Committee Chairperson. This year's meal will be a full-blown fish fry, complete with trimmings. The cost is $6.00 per person.

The Beast Feast is our annual get-together to present detailed information on the camping programs for the coming year. In addition to the program items to be discussed, there will be opportunities to learn about the recent campsite improvements and kitchen and dining hall renovation.

For troop and team leaders we will address summer camp, high adventure opportunities, Order of the Arrow plans, C.O.P.E. Weekends, and other related issues. Some summer camp staff will be introduced and you will have the opportunity to ask them questions. Every district has received 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 Cub Scout Leaders, we will discuss the Spring and Fall Cub Scout Weekend programs, Day Camp Programs and the 2009 Resident Camp plans. Key leadership from each of these events will be on hand to tell you more about their programs.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00	Registration Begins
9:30	Day Camp Director's Meeting
11:00	Council Camping Committee
12:00	Beast Feast / Fish Fry
12:20	Camping Information Meeting

Please be certain that someone from your unit attends this important, informative meeting. We are pleased to be able to provide some of the finest camping opportunities available. Help your scouts take full advantage of these great outdoor experiences and join us on January 31st.

Quapaw Lodge 2009

In addition to serving as a special recognition for his efforts, the Order of the Arrow provides a Scout with additional opportunities to develop his leadership skills and continue serving the troop and Scouting. Members are encouraged to remain active in their troops and to serve as mentors to younger Scouts. Please note the election qualifications and procedures below.

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 forwarded to : Quapaw Lodge # 160
  Quapaw Area Council, BSA, 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. Adult candidates are nominated by their Troop Committee or by the District Committee. 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.

Quapaw Lodge Will Host The 2009 Section Conclave

After many years of traveling to other council's camps, this year's Section Conclave will be held at Camp Rockefeller. The Quapaw Lodge will serve as the host lodge for the event on April 24, 25 and 26, 2009. Scouts and Scouters from all across Arkansas and Oklahoma will be visiting our fine camp. All OA members are asked to attend and help our lodge make this conclave the best one ever. There are many places for both youth and adult Scouters to get involved and help, from the kitchen to campfires, from transportation to religious services and much more. If you've never attended a section conclave, this is your chance to see what it is all about. The conclave will consist of training events, ceremonial competition, dance competition, patch trading, and lots of fun and fellowship. You can be sure there will be something there of interest to you. Contact your chapter or lodge officers/advisors for more information about this event. Registration materials will be available soon so be on the lookout for them.

2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference

National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen from across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our lodge who has been to one, and they will tell you it is among the greatest of their scouting experiences. Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on a major college campus for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about.

From July 31st through August 7th 2009, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friends, great food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, among many other great and amazing things.

In 2006, our lodge sent 40 participants to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase that and it all starts with your help! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Lodge needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to our Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser or our Contingent Leader, Chris Phillips at Chris.Phillips@alumni.unc.edu or 336-508-7167 for more information and information on how to sign up. Stay tuned to www.quapawlodge.org/NOAC.html for updates! Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"

Wood Badge Reunion

Each year, for the past five years, the "critters" from previous Wood Badge courses gather to rededicate themselves to the advanced training efforts of the council. Scouters enjoy a meal, fun, fellowship and discuss the promotion of training quality leaders for all units across the council. Of course there are tall tales, war stories, and reminiscing of days gone by, but a good time is had by all. This year's Reunion is scheduled for noon, March 14th and will be held at the Reynold's Training Center on the Gus Blass Scout Reservation. The cost will be $ 10.00 per person. There will also be an opportunity to visit with members of the Quapaw Area Council Wood Badge Association. Make your plans now to attend and brush up on your yarn spinning so you can boast with the best.

Camp Looks "Better Than Ever"

But Don't Take Our Word…..Come See For Yourself!

We are all very fortunate to reside within the Quapaw Area Council. One of our council's greatest assets, the Gus Blass Scout Reservation and Camp Rockefeller has just gotten much better. Permanent concrete tent pads have been poured in every campsite including two 10 foot by 12 foot pads that will have extra large tents for adult leaders' comfort. Each tent will also have a metal outrigger which eliminates the center support pole that blocks the entrance to the tent and will allow for a tarp to be suspended above the tent making it cooler and dryer within.

Additionally, the kitchen in the main dining hall has been expanded and will have all new equipment including air conditioning. Thanks to a donation secured by long-time volunteer David Smith, the dining hall will also be air conditioned to provide a respite from the heat of Arkansas summers during mealtime.

With these significant improvements there is much more to be accomplished before summer camp begins. With your help, we can make our 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. The first is **Saturday, April 4th** (this is dedicated to campsite cleanup following construction of the tent pads) and the other is **Saturday, April 18th.**

Everyone who participates either of these days will be treated to lunch and will receive a special limited edition (new for 2009) "Beaver Day" Council Strip. 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 staff has a long list of work projects to be completed in order to improve your camp to make it ready for the 2009 camping season. 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 them 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 the best place for camping.

DELTA DISTRICT

District Chairman: Rick Davis
District Commissioner: Lynn Alexander
District Executive: Vacant

February

3 Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
5 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
21 New Leader Essentials Training, 8:30 a.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
21 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, 8:30 a.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
26 Key-3, 6:30p.m., Betty's in Harrisburg

March

3 Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
5 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
6-8 Spring Camporee, Davis Deer Camp, Roe
6-8 Baloo Training/Outdoor Leader Training, Davis Deer Camp, Roe
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
26 Key-3, 6:30p.m., Colby's In Harrisburg

April

6	District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
9	Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
9	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist
9	Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., Forrest City United Methodist Church
30	Key-3, 6:30p.m., Betty's in Harrisburg

Friends of Scouting

The 2009 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 New Leader Essentials Training and Cub Scout/Boy Scout Leader Specific Training to all adult leaders on February 21st 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, Cub Masters, 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 for 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 Ray Sharp at (870) 578-2811.

Spring Camporee

The Delta District Spring Camporee will be at the Davis Deer Camp near Roe, AR this year. The camp is located approximately 6 miles south of Clarendon just off Hwy 79. Camporee packets and will be available at the February Roundtable meeting. The theme for this year's camporee is "Scouting Skills - Getting Back to Basics". The events during the camporee will

revolve around the basic scouting skills, such as first aid, cooking, orienteering, hiking, and pioneering. A special shotgun shoot will also be held.

A Webelos crossover ceremony will be conducted Saturday afternoon. Contact David E. Smith of Troop 28 in Clarendon, or Kenneth Goucher of Troop 18 in Wynne for more information. The fee is $5.00. We encourage all Boy Scout Troops to spend the night and all Cub Scout to out spend the day with us. Last year we had over 130 people show up to this event. It was the largest and most fun event that Delta had last year.

Boy Scouts need to brush up on their First Aid skills. Cub Scouts can learn an enormous amount of skills by helping and participating in these events as they will be age appropriate. Registration needs be turned in by the February Roundtable.

For more information, please contact David Smith, Delta District Activities Chairman, at 870-747-5704 or Ken Goucher at (870) 238-3774.

We will also offer BALOO Training at the Spring Camporee. The cost is $10.00 per person. For more information, please contact Ray Sharp at (870) 578-2811.

Units Due to Recharter
February: Pack 224, 150 & 2316 Troops 202, 18, 28, & 150 Crew 2316
March: Packs 85, 126, 239, & 2062
April – NONE

New Units
We would like to recognize Packs 20 from De Soto School in Helena, 303 from Lexa Baptist Church and 519 from the Church of Christ in Palestine.

Three Rivers District

District Chairman: Dewey Shanks
District Commissioner: Diane Chidister or bchidister@centurytel.net
District Executive**:** Kathy Thompson 800-545-7268, Ext. 242 or threerivers@quapawbsa.org.

Units Due to Recharter
January
Pack 98 – Searcy
Pack 124 – England
Pack 362 – Beebe
Troop 91 – Des Arc
Troop 96 – Searcy
Troop 136 - Searcy
Troop 362 – Beebe
Troop 349 – England

February
Pack 3 and Troop 3 – Pangburn
Pack 159 – Judsonia

Pack 202 – Cabot
Pack 205 – Cabot
Pack and Troop 246 – Devalls Bluff
Troop 23 – Cabot
Troop 201 – Cabot
Troop 358 – Lonoke LDS

March
Pack 91 – Des Arc Pack 182 - Searcy
Pack and Troop 101 – Carlisle Crew 69

UPCOMING EVENTS - CALENDAR REVIEW

January 24 District Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ, Cabot.

February 2009
Various Dates – Family FOS Presentations
3 District Commissioners' Meeting – 7:00 – First Secruity Bank, Cabot
5 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – First Baptist Scout Bldg., Cabot
8 Scout Sunday
12 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable - Beebe First United Methodist Church
12 OA Chapter Meeting – Beebe First UMC

March 2009
3 District Commissioners' Meeting – 7:00 – First Secruity Bank, Cabot
5 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – First Baptist Scout Bldg., Cabot
12 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable - Beebe First United Methodist Church
12 OA Chapter Meeting – Beebe First UMC
27-29 Spring Camporee Albion (Between Searcy and Pangburn)

April 2009
2 District Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – First Baptist Scout Bldg., Cabot
4 District Pinewood Derby – Location TBD
4 Beaver Day at Camp
7 District Commissioners' Meeting – 7:00 – First Secruity Bank, Cabot
9 Cub/Boy Scout Leader Roundtable - Beebe First United Methodist Church
9 OA Chapter Meeting – Beebe First UMC
25 B.A.L.O.O. Training

District Banquet: The Three Rivers District Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2008 at the Church of Christ in Cabot starting at 6:30 p.m. Please come and help celebrate three years as Quality District and join us as we recognize and honor outstanding adult leaders and units throughout our district. Special awards will be presented for Cub Scout & Boy Scout leader of the year, District Volunteer of the Year, Troop and Pack of the Year and the District Awards of Merit. 2008 Quality Unit ribbons will also be presented. All registered adult volunteers and their spouses are invited to attend.

Friends of Scouting: We have kicked off our 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Our goal for 2009 is $28,000 and we are currently at $1550 or 5.5% of goal.

Family Friends of Scouting: We have 38 units who have qualified as pacesetter units and will be having FOS presentations in the next three months. C.W. Gardenhire, District Finance Committee Chairman will serve as our Family FOS Chairman for 2009. Our Trailblazers who will be giving the unit presentations this year are: C.W. Gardenhire, Frank Santiago, Troop 23, Tom Truett, Troop 201, Josh Reed, Troop 349 and Pack 124, Bill Ridgeway, District Committee and Unit Commissioner, Paul Harrison, District Training Chairman, and Don Young, Troop and Pack 101, Drew Briggs, Troop 96 and Mary Argo, Unit Commissioner. One of these individuals will be contacting your unit FOS chairman to confirm the date, time and place of your presentation. If you need to change the date of your presentation, please contact Kathy

Thompson, District Executive. We will be asking each unit to set a unit goal this year and there will be an incentive to reach goal. Please consider making a donation and helping your unit reach its goal.

Community Friends of Scouting: The Community Friends of Scouting campaign has also begun. If you know of any businesses or individuals in your community that might wish to make a donation, please contact Kathy Thompson. We have at least twenty individuals in various communities helping with our Community Campaign and we greatly appreciate their help.

Quality District: Our District has attained Quality District again this year and will be recognized at the Council Banquet on February 13 in Little Rock. All registered leaders are invited to attend the banquet. A district attains Quality District based on a number of factors including membership and retention, and quality units. It is due to the success of our units that we are able to attain this recognition. Thanks to every leader for their dedication and hard work.

Roundtable: We have some excellent roundtables coming up. Roundtables are a great time to get ideas to help with your den and pack meetings as well as to visit with other leaders in the district who can often help you find excellent resources for your unit. It has been proven that units with leaders who consistently attend roundtable consistently have a high quality program and excellent retention. If you would help with Roundtable, please contact Diane Chidister.

2009 Quality Unit Commitments: Unit leaders are asked to attend the January roundtable to complete their 2009 Quality Unit Commitment form. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact Kathy Thompson to make arrangements to complete the commitment form. These must be completed no later than February 2009 or you will be unable to qualify as a quality unit for this year.

Popcorn: Thanks to the great effort expended by our scout, our Popcorn Sales were a rousing success in 2008. We increased our sales by 44% to over $150,000. This means that the units who sold popcorn will have more money in their accounts to help with unit activities. Thank you to all those scouts and leaders who put their time and effort into making the popcorn sales so successful. Also thanks to Greg Cornett, our most excellent Popcorn Kernal for the third year, who helps our popcorn distribution efforts go so smoothly.

2009 District Committee: Welcome to our new District Committee members for 2009. Dewey Shanks with Community Bank in Searcy is our new District Chairman. Dewey is an Eagle Scout.

Dr. C.W. Gardenhire is our new Finance Chairman. C.W. works with the Arkansas State Alternative Education Program. He has a son in Troop 201.

Josh Reed is the new Activities and Civil Service Chairman. Josh is an Eagle Scout and currently serves as a leader with Troop 349 and Pack 124 in England. Josh will also be the 2009 Day Camp Director.

Frank Santiago is Camping Chairman. Frank is a Silver Beaver Award winner, District Award of Merit Winner, Scoutmaster of Troop 23, and has one son who is an Eagle and two others working on Eagle. He will also serve as a Scoutmaster for one of the Council Troops who will be attending the 2010 National Jamboree.

Paul Harrison is excited about serving as the Training Chairman. Paul is Committee Chairman for Pack 1503 in Rosebud where his son is a Bear. He has not been involved in scouting long but has quickly become a strong supporter of scouting.

Dr. James Hertzog is the new Membership Chairman. James is an Optometrist in Searcy but lives in Ward. He is an Eagle from Troop 23. Although his son is still an infant, he wanted to get involved to help insure that Three Rivers remains a quality district for his son when the time comes.

Bill Ridgeway will remain as Advancement Chairman. Bill was a 2007 District Award of Merit Winner and serves as a Unit Commissioner for several units in the District. Bill also helps with many Council level activities.

Leslie Knowles will also remain as Health and Safety Chairman after serving for part of the 2008 year. Leslie has a son in Pack 502 in Cabot and an older son in a troop on the Air Force base. Leslie has been a strong promoter of the Youth Protection program.

Lucas Minton will be serving as a new Committee Member at Large. Lucas does not have a scouting background but believes in scouting and wants to help where needed. Lucas is from Cabot.

Spring Camporee: Plans are underway for the Spring Camporee to be held March 27-29th. This year's theme is Scout Olympics. The Camporee will take place on Dan McKee's farm in Albion between Searcy and Pangburn. Chuck Fails, Camporee Coordinator says the site is excellent. Cost will be approximately $7.00 per Scout and second year Webelos can attend with a troop so everyone should put the Camporee on their schedule and make plans to attend. The theme will be Scout Olympics. More information will be available at Roundtable so Scoutmasters and Webelo leaders should make plans to attend the upcoming Roundtables.

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

District Chairman: Jeremy Landon
District Commissioner: Ken Brown
District Executive**:** Mark Brannon

January

6 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1610 Prince Street, Conway, AR
8 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
8 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
8 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR

February

3 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1610 Prince Street, Conway, AR
12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:15 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
21 Scouting For Food Turn In Day

March

3 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1610 Prince Street, Conway, AR
7 New Leader Essentials
7 C.S./B.S. Leader Specific Training
12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:15 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, Dave Ward Drive, Conway, AR
13-15 Spring Camporee
28 Pinewood Derby

Previous Training

B.A.L.O.O. Training: November 8, 2008

Again Foothills District hosted another successful training, thanks to Johnny Davidson and training committee. This training was held at Gus Blass Scout Reservation and was designed to provide information on ceremonies, site selection, parent involvement, health and safety, equipment, meal preparation and planning, campfire program, and introduction to outdoor skills. A host of new leaders were trained.

District Banquet: December 6, 2008

The District Banquet was held on December 6 at the Reynolds Center. Thanks Jeannie Owens and her staff of the activities committee the event was a blast. Event chairpersons Ramona Sitz and Pam McFadden it was an awesome evening. Many district volunteers to came to enjoy the food, fun, and the fellowship. The Foothills volunteers chipped in to bring the food, in which it received many complements. There were a host of unit awards given out on that night including three district awards of merits. The recipients were District Chairman Jeremy Landon (Morrilton), District Activities Chair, Jeannie Owens (Greenbrier, and Scoutmaster of Troop 401 Craig Fisher (Shirley). There was also a silent auction held, many great item went for low prices, thanks to Melinda Adams and Pack 71 for organizing the auction.

WELCOME NEW DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Please congratulate Mr. Jeremy Landon as the returning 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 still serves on the committee of the pack. Jeremy displayed great leadership in as chairman inn 2008, and will continue to excel in 2009.

Mr. Richard Tyler of Conway has accepted the position of Vice-Chairman for the Foothills District. Richard brings a great deal of Scouting experience to our Committee as he was a formerly the District Friends of Scouting Chair for the past two years, in which the district reached it's goal under his leadership both years. Richard is an Eagle Scout, and works closely with Troop 78.

Mr. Ken Brown of Clinton has accepted the position of District Commissioner for the Foothills District. He is returning from last year. 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 also had a great year in 2008 as Commissioner; he will do well in 2009. Ken has an Eagle Scout Son, and currently (4) grandsons in the Scouting Program in Foothills District.

The district has a host of new and returning committee members for 2009 and the district would like to thank them for their past, present, and future work to make the district a success.

District Events

Pinewood Derby
Get your engines ready for the Pinewood Derby Race hosted for the Scouts of Foothills District. Trophies will be awarded to 1st place finishers.
When: March 28, 2009
Time: Check In 8:30 to 10:00
Race Starts 10:30 until we get a winner

Expo

Let's show the community what Scouting is all about! Show your skills at the Expo. Craig Fisher, Chair of the expo, and the Foothills District want to see what type of Scout skills your units have. Patches will be available. Date: April 25, 2009

Camporee

The Foothills Camporee will take place at Gus Blass Scout Reservation. Woods Wisdom is the theme, and Tony Sitz is the chair to this event. Tony and the Foothills Activities Committee have designed a camporee that will challenge the most skilled Scout (or leader) as well as offer opportunities for the 'just bridged' Tenderfoot! This is a 'low tech' program that requires a good bit of Scout

skills, as well as brains and brawn! Start refreshing your logging, lashing, first aid, cooking, camping and fire building skills! Check out the activities on the Council Website.
Date: March 13, 14, 15, 2009
Location: Blass Scout Reservation – Short Term Area
Cost: $6.00 per participant
Deadline to register: March 6th

Scouting For Food
Start collecting food now, and on February 21, 2009 you may bring the food item your unit has collected to the First United Methodist Church on Conway on Prince Street. However, your unit may select a food bank of your choosing to whom to donate the food.
Date: February 21, 2009
Location: First United Methodist, or Food bank of your choice

Training

COURSE: **New Leader Essentials**
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.

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009 (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing Leaders)
Time: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Training begins at 8:45 a.m. to late afternoon.

COURSE: **Cub Scout/Boy Scout/Venture Leader Specific 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.
This training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific position within the Scouting Program.
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009 (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing Leaders)Time: Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Training begins at 8:45 a.m. to late afternoon.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The Foothills District has already made great progress on our Friends of Scouting Campaign / Goals for 2009. Over $8000.00 have been raised in the Major Campaign and over $2000 has been raised in the Family Campaign.

Woody Cummins is 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 $50,000 FOS Goal for 2009.

On January 7, 2009, Nabholz Construction will host the 2009 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. 2009 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

Saracen District

District Chairman: Kirby Mouser
District Commissioner: Rolfe Bryant
District Executive: Morio Snelling

January 2009

08 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Seabrook YMCA
08 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
08 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
22 Saracen District Banquet 6:30, White Hall Baptist Church, 8708 Dollarway Rd
27 Commissioner Meeting, 6:30 PM., White Hall Methodist Church
30 Key 3 Meeting 11:45AM

Re-charters: Packs 80, 88, 142, 569, 1103; Troops 100, 108, 569, 1103, 3911; Post 249

February 2009

05 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM., Reynolds Center, Pine Bluff
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM., 1st Baptist Scout Building
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM., 1st Baptist Scout Building
12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, White Hall Methodist Church

21 District Pinewood Derby Race, 8:30 AM Seabrook YMCA 6808 S. Hazel Pine Bluff
26 Key 3 Meeting

Re- charters: Packs 111, 143, 212, 248, 801, 3224; Troops 81, 143, 224, 260, 391, 930

March 2009
05 District Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM., Reynolds Center, Pine Bluff
12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 PM, 1st Baptist Scout Building
12 Commissioner Meeting, 6:00 PM, White Hall Methodist Church
26 Key 3 Meeting
27-29 Spring Camporee, Regional Park in Pine Bluff

Re-charters: Packs 09, 84; Troops 60, 84; Crew 569

Saracen District Banquet

It's that time again for all Scouters to gather together for another night of fellowship, fun, good food, and to honor Scouters, and their units who will receive awards for the work that they have done, and are doing in Scouting for the Saracen District. Also on this night the District Award of Merit will be awarded to a possibility of three candidates in the district. This is the highest honor that a District can award for service to Scouting. Don't miss the event of a life time. The banquet will be Thursday January 22, 2009 at The First Baptist Church in White Hall. The event will take place at 6:30pm and it will be $10 per person before January 14, 2009. For more information you can contact Danny White @ (501) 888-4544.

District Pinewood Derby Race

Get on your mark, get set, and go!!!! Yes it's that time again for packs to race to the District Pinewood Derby. The derby will be Saturday February 21, 2009. Registration will start at 8:30 at Seabrook YMCA located at 6808 S. Hazel in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Come out to enjoy the fun, and fellowship that only a derby race can bring. For more information you can contact Darren Permenter @ (501) 351-5996

2009 Spring Camporee

Your Troop is invited to the
Saracen District's 2009 Spring Camporee
"Regional Park Nature Center"
Pine Bluff, AR

March 27th, 28th, and 29th

This Spring Camporee will be exciting and challenging for all who attend. We will also have lots of fun for the cub scouts to participate in on Saturday March 28th so come and enjoy a weekend of fun that will be like no other**.** For more information you can contact James Harmon @ (870) 723-7205.

WHITE RIVER DISTRICT

District Chairman: Frank Wise
District Commissioner: Melvin Eitzenhefer
District Executive**:** Dana Wagoner

January

6 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., George Rider Community Room, First Community Bank, Batesville, AR

8 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

8 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

8 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

17 White River District Banquet, 5:00 p.m., North Heights Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

February

3 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., George Rider Community Room, First Community Bank, Batesville, AR

12 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

March

3 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., George Rider Community Room, First Community Bank, Batesville, AR

12 Commissioner Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR

12 Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ,

Batesville, AR
12 Order of the Arrow, 7:00 p.m., Harrison Street Church of Christ, Batesville, AR
27-29 Spring Camporee, Kia Kima, Cherokee Village, AR

Previous Training

Cub Scout Leaders Owl and Baloo (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) Training
Nov. 14, 15 and 16
Old Kia Kima in Cherokee Village

New Units and District Volunteers

At this time we do not have any new units in the District but we are very fortunate to have many new members for our District Committee. Donnie Fulbright is Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Joe Brown is Activities/Civic Service Chair, Randy Hunt is Training Chair, Chris Zirkle is Health and Safety Chair, and Darrell King is OA Advisor. We also have a lot of new Members-At-Large: Jonah Shumate, President of Batesville Chamber of Commerce; Pat Rutherford, Principal at Eagle Mountain Elementary in Batesville; James Spurlock, Director of Operations at Ozarka College in Ash Flat; Larry Brown, New Business Development at FutureFuel Chemical Company; Ron Helm, Vice President of Student Services at Ozarka College in Melbourne; Ron Lewallen, Vice President at Citizens Bank of Batesville; Hayes Olson, Director of Development; Chance Battles, Eagle Scout. Thank you to these new volunteers and their commitment to assisting Scouting in the White River District for 2009.

I also want to thank Stacey Gunderman, Human Resources Director at FutureFuel Chemical Company and Committee Chairman for Troop 220; Ron Helm; and Gayle Cooper, Vice Chancellor for Finance/Administration at UACCB.

Units Due to Re-Charter

January:
- Pack 167
- Pack 200
- Pack 320
- Troop 167
- Troop 200
- Troop 320
- Troop 371
- Crew 403
- Crew 2167

February:
- Pack 43

Pack 65
Troop 65
Troop 67
Troop 258

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

Family Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting is important to the success of the White River District. So far we have had two units that have had their presentation: Pack 258 and Pack 264. Pack 258 had their presentation on 12/14/08 and Mary Eitzenhefer was the presenter. Pack 258 raised $150. Pack 264 had their presentation on 12/18/08 and Chris Keton was the presenter. Pack 264 raised $610. Thank you to both of these units and the presenters.

Upcoming presentations are:
1/19/09: Troop 166, Pack 43, Troop 320
1/22/09: Pack 65
1/26/09: Troop 65, Pack 320
1/31/09: Pack 639
2/9/09: Troop 67
2/16/09: Pack 167, Troop 167, Crew 2167, Crew 2008
2/21/09: Pack 200
2/24/09: Troop 220
3/9/09: Troop 639
3/14/09: Pack 220
3/16/09: Troop 200

Thank you to all of these units for signing up for their presentation.

District Banquet

The District Banquet for White River District is scheduled for January 17 and is at North Heights Church of Christ, 200 Warrior Road, Batesville, AR. It will be at 5:00 p.m. The

District Banquet is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Scouts and Scouters in our local district. The District Award of Merit and other awards will be awarded on this night. During the meal the Izard County Community Theatre who will be presenting their touring show, "Acting Out", will entertain us. This show will take us back in time to a 1940s radio station, complete with an irritated manager, bickering starlets, and kids ready to be the next Mickey Rooney or Judy Garland. Age appropriate members of this Theatre also make up Venture Crew 316!

Spring Camporee

"Pioneer Days"
White River District Spring Camporee
March 27, 28, 29, 2009
Kia Kima Scout Reservation
Cost: $6.00 per participant
Deadline to register: February 12th
Late Registration: $8.00

Check in begins at camp at 5:00 p.m. on March 27th. Friday night will be the Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting and a Leader Cracker Barrel. Saturday, March 28th will be a day of competitions between the units. Units will be judged on: most original campsite, Dutch oven cooking (dinner or dessert), most original camp tool, and a teamwork award. There will also be Indian demonstrations all day Saturday. Saturday night there will be a campfire ceremony. Sunday morning will start off with a morning flag ceremony and chapel service. Afterward the camp wide competition winners and trophies will be announced. This will be a weekend of activities to challenge all Scouts so please make plans to attend. There will be a section set aside for Webelos so feel free to sign up your Webelos Scouts!

New Eagles for Oct-Dec

Benjamin Ross	Troop 99
Krystofer Turner	Troop 467
Matthew Eckess	Troop 29
James Henry	Troop 604
Jesse Himes	Crew 1108
Dalton Hills	Troop 200
Charles Partin II	Troop 201
Joshua Jones	Troop 55
Arnold Willis	Troop 71
Dillon Gilbow	Troop 104
Tyler Magie	Troop 273
Hunter Sadler	Troop 30
Justin West	Troop 66

James Scoggins	Troop 391
Tyler Adcock	Troop 12
Jonathan Williams	Troop 431
Kenneth Hayden	Troop 770
Colton King	Troop 224
Roderick Barnes	Troop 30
Hugh Schieffler	Troop 20

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Roy Murphy

J.P. and Katy Walt
Entergy Arkansas Inc. Employees
Lyn Whaley and the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home Staff
Brenda Long

In Memory of Fred Terry Johnson

Elizabeth D. Stone

In Memory of George D. Hull, Sr.

Marilyn Hagberg

In Memory of Ray Biondo

Julius and Elizabeth Koehler
John A. Thompson
Rose Hogan
Bob and Jo Ellen Galbraith
John David and Gail Gannaway
Dr. and Mrs. David W. Bevans, Jr.
Isadora W. Gelb
Judy Wright

In Memory of Dick Krevor

Dr. and Mrs. George K. Mitchell

In Memory of Don Nilles

B.R. Stuckey

In Memory of Dennis Hartwick

Regions Bank

Council Calendar

January

19	Office and Scout Shop Closed
20	Activities Committee
20	Membership Committee
20	Properties Committee
20	District Key-3 Training – Council Office
20	Advancement Committee
21	Council Annual Business Meeting
27	Training Committee
27	Health & Safety Committee
31	Beast Feast
31	Camp Promotion Committee
31	Day Camp Directors Meeting

February

6 – 8	Wilderness First-Aid Training
6 – 8	OA Elangomat Training
8	Scout Sunday
8	Scout Anniversary Day
13	Council Banquet
14	Scout Sabbath

16	Office and Scout Shop Closed
17	Eagle Day
25	Executive Board Meeting
27	Eagle Banquet
27 – 3/1	Wood Badge Weekend 1

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For Food, Fun & Celebration

Quapaw Area Council
Annual Awards Banquet
Scouting Anniversary Day
Friday, February 13th, 2009
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
4823 Woodlawn Drive, Little Rock
Doors open 6:30 P.M. – Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Attend Roundtable for further details.