

OKAW VALLEY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S COMMENTS

Great news for all Scouts and Scouters in the Okaw Valley Council! After one year of research and investigation, the Executive Board has accepted an offer from the Boy Scouts of America National Supply Division to take over management of our Scout Shop. National Supply will be leasing space from the Okaw Valley Council and adding new fixtures in order to continue improving service. There are many advantages to this move all of which lead to better service to our units. They include: longer hours of operation, a large increase in inventory, better support to outlying areas, support for Council programs and quicker turn around for special orders.

We are expecting the transition to be complete by mid September with very little interruption of service. Any expected down time during this period will be communicated as soon as possible.

I want to congratulate the Executive Board and especially Larry Strube for their vision, hard work and diligence in determining the best direction to provide service to all of the Scout Units in our nine counties. Each of you should take comfort in the knowledge that your Executive Board cares so deeply about the success of our program.

1st Annual Vintage Fashion Show Success !!!

The First Annual Vintage Fashion Show and Auction was a huge success thanks to the following companies and people for their time and talents in the event:

West Pointe Bank and Trust
Fern Hettenhausen
Okaw Valley Council, Scout Shop Staff

Harry's East
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Fletcher's Restaurant & Tap
Saint Louis Bread Company, Shiloh
NONNA's
Geo's Wings and More
Rose Marie Fitzgerald
Rustic Originals
Illinois Distributing Company
Simply Stated
Harold Smith Pharmacy
Ravissant Winery
Maxwell's
I.B. Nuts & Fruit TOO
Beauty Brands
Eckert Florist
Running Start
Silver Dollar City
Don Rodgers, Ltd.
CREHAN's Irish PUB
Shenanigan's Restaurant & Bar
Santo Bento Fresh
Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant
Munie Leisure Center
Keith Nordmann
John Marsh
Alternative T's
Centreads Auto-Truck Service
Cold Stone Creamery
Fisher's Restaurant
Amarillo Tex's
And everyone else that helped on the committee.
Thank you!

Wood Badge C-39-06

Are you ready for Wood Badge Course C-39-06? The staff of this course is getting ready for you! And who should take Wood Badge? The new leader, the veteran leader, the leader with a little experience den leaders, troop leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Leaders, Venture Crew Advisors, committee members, District leaders, Council leaders, Scout Professionals in short – anyone and everyone involved in Scouting who would like to increase their leadership and management abilities. You will have fun, learn skills, have more fun, make lifelong friends, have even more fun, and experience first hand how all of this applies to every level of Scouting. This training course will be held over two weekends in the fall: September 15, 16, and

17, 2006 and October 7, 8, and 9, 2006, at Camp Joy. A registration deposit of \$25 will hold a spot for you, with the remainder of the \$190 registration fee due by June. Come join us for the training of a lifetime! For more information contact Denny Wright at wright11@globaleyes.com

Okaw Valley Council Sporting Clay Shoot Invitational

This will be an event to remember!!!! The Okaw Valley Council is honored to invite you to the *NEW* World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois on Saturday, August 26, 2006. This year's event will be co-chaired by Dave Butz and Frank Seppi.

SHOOTERS PACKAGE INCLUDES: \$100 each or \$400 a team of four

- Competition: 100 Targets
- Team will consist of 4 shooters
- A chance at 1st through 5th Place awards— based on individual scores.
- Unique to this Sporting Clay shoot, you can purchase mulligan(s) to better your chances for prizes
- “TOP GUN” : The one shooting the highest raw score excluding your mulligan(s).
- Exciting door prizes throughout the evening
- Snacks & refreshments on the course
- Event Luncheon (Burgers and dogs with fixings)
- A ticket to the Dinner Auction

Registration starts at 10:00am. For more information and registration form please check our website at <http://okawbsa.org/~councilactivities/>

POPCORN NEWS

As you well know, the time to sell Popcorn is just around the corner. The Okaw Valley Council is looking forward to another record-breaking sale in 2006 !!!

The Fall Sale was Kicked Off in on August 1st @ Centerfield Park in Fairview Heights, IL. Over 350 people joined us for an evening of food, prizes, miniature golf, and just a little talk about Popcorn. All the new 2006 prizes were on display, and Nancy Anderson worked her magic to get everyone excited about the sale. A BIG THANK YOU to Bruce and his staff at Centerfield Park for their generous accommodations for this event.

Popcorn trainings are scheduled in all our districts in the next few weeks. Be sure to check your district pages to learn the details – you'll want to attend one of these to maximize your commission from the sale. In addition, the website will be updated shortly to reflect what is new for POPCORN in 2006.



Tiger Cub Zoo Day

September 16th 2006

9am-12pm

At the St. Louis Zoo

1 Government Drive, St. Louis, MO

A great event for all new Tiger Cubs and Adult Partners!

(The entire family is welcome)

Have fun while learning about wild animals!

Zoo personnel will conduct a special presentation and a scavenger hunt.

Cost: \$6per Tiger Cub (includes a T-Shirt)

Adults may also purchase a T-Shirt for \$6

Check-in at the Living Worlds area (lower-level) on the North side of the Zoo

SIGN-UP NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!

Brownsea

A huge thank you goes out to our Scoutmaster Dan Dixon and Assistant Scoutmaster Nancy Anderson who helped make the 2006 Brownsea a success!!!! Also, a big thanks to Eric Ramey and Paul Rhalfs for their expertise and to the rest of the staff for their hard work! Congratulations to the following Brownsea participants!!!!

Erik Ballard

Josh Buechler

Joshua Dietz

Brad Eggemyer

Josh Farmer

Drew Feig

Michael Gordon

Shawn Graham

Tanner Martin

Blaine Milton

Trevor Mosby

Nolan Mueth

DJ Rockwell

David Rutledge

Benjamin Schmidt

Zachary Schmittz

Lucas Graham
Jordan Haar
David Hermerding
David Hughs
Klye Jones
Charlie Katzer
Brett Lampe
Trey McLaughlin

Ryan Shoemaker
John See
Tony Sudholt
Robert Voelker
Josh Walker
Tanner White
Kyle Wilson

Remember the leadership skills you learned in one week will help you throughout your life.

Also, if any participant is missing items from Brownsea, please contact Beth Eckert at beckert@bsamail.org.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Gene Sherland:

Mike and Judy Quirk
Pearl Spier
Glenn & Therese Wright & Girls
Fishing Buddies
Vernon & Marian Hoffmann
Mark & Suzan Carpenter
Bob & Marilyn Vielweber

In memory of Elenora Hermes

Mary Ellen Huetsch

In memory of Richard Dunck

Aaron & Dorothy Vogler

OKAW VALLEY COUNCIL'S NEWEST EAGLES

Thomas J Sherer, Troop 35, O'Fallon United Church of Christ, Scoutmaster Joseph Kaylor

Matthew J Glosecki, Troop 35, O'Fallon United Church of Christ, Scoutmaster Joseph Kaylor

Ian Fields VanSant, Troop 40, Shiloh Village Improvement Association, Scoutmaster William Tasso

Daniel Jared Glauber, Troop 19, St Teresa Catholic Church, Scoutmaster Robert Hermann

Roger Joseph Mottin, Troop 48, St Steven's Men's club, Scoutmaster Ken Kronemeyer

Nicholas Shane Dyer, Troop 323, Metzger-Crook VFW Post, Scoutmaster William Rebholz

Andrew William Schefelker, Troop 256, Trinity Lutheran Church, Scoutmaster Lyle Auld

Michael Scott Wilson, Troop 323, Metzger-Crook VFW Post, Scoutmaster William Rebholz

Corey-Michael Lawrence Kelly, Troop 372, Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, Scoutmaster Kevin Collier

James Thaddeus Philpot, Troop 35, O'Fallon United Church of Christ, Scoutmaster Joe Kaylor

John Marshal Wetzig, Troop 11, Cathedral Holy Name Society, Scoutmaster Gerald Porter

Benjamin George Kracht, Troop 256, Trinity Lutheran Church, Scoutmaster Lyle Auld

Paul Joseph Caisse, Troop 94, St Clare Parish, Scoutmaster David Loyet

Neal Adam Bevirt, Troop 94, St Clare Parish, Scoutmaster David Loyet

Kyle Thomas Feder, Troop 53, Union United Methodist Men's Club, Scoutmaster Kevin Mahoney

Matthew Lewis Hermerding, Troop 12, Emge-Ellis PTO, Scoutmaster John Schweiss

William Allen Lovell, Troop 44, Rotary Club of Mascoutah, Scoutmaster Randy Lovell

Ryan Lee Williams, Crew 211, LDS Centralia, Crew Advisor Curtis Kretschmer

GREAT ST. CLAIR DISTRICT



District Chairman: Darrell Eickhoff, 332-5400
District Commissioner: Carm Walgamott, 628-3085
District Director: Everette Sherrod, 234-9111
District Executive: Beth Eckert, 234-9111
District Executive: Dave Garris, 234-9111

August Calendar of Events

- 1st Popcorn Kickoff '06, Centerfield, Fairview Heights
- 3rd Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 10th Commissioner Meeting, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 21st District Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center, Belleville
- 23rd Join Scouting Night and Popcorn University Training I, 7pm,
1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 24th Join Scouting Night and Popcorn University Training II, 7pm,
1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 26th Council Clay Shoot, World Shooting and Recreational Complex, Sparta
- 31st JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT

September Calendar of Events

- 7th Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 14th Commissioner Meeting, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 16th Tiger Cub Zoo Day, 9am, St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis
- 18th District Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center, Belleville
- 23rd Indoor Training, TBA
- 30th POPCORN BLITZ DAY

2006 Popcorn University & Join Scouting Night Training

What: A night of combined training for fall recruitment and popcorn sales.

When: August 23rd or 24th @ 7pm.
Pick the night that works best for you!

Where: 1st United Presbyterian Church
3103 Royal Heights Road, Belleville

2006 St. Clair District Fall Camporee

“Pirates of the Carlyle Main”

Ahoy there! If'n ye lookin fer a good ol' time, be sure n sign up early fer this year's Fall Camporee.

This year's Fall Camporee will be at Camp Joy on October 20th-21st. Registration will be online only. Cost is \$8 per Scout. Be sure to sign up soon!

Indoor Training

Attention leaders.....Indoor Training sessions including, Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Den Leader, Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, and New Leader Essentials will be offered September 23rd. Location TBA, look for information at Roundtable.

KASKASKIA DISTRICT



District Chariman, Harold Hughes, 476-3838
District Commissioner, Jeannie Scott, 476-3737
Senior District Executive, Matt Wagner, 234-9111

UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR SCOUTERS – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Popcorn & School Night for Scouting Kick-off: August 16th & 17th, 7pm, Camp Van

School Night for Scouting: August 31st, Time and Location Determined Locally

Roundtable Meeting: September 7th, 7pm, First Baptist Church of Red Bud

Commissioner Meeting: September 14th, 7pm, Red Bud Regional Hospital

District Committee Meeting: September 21st, 7pm, Red Bud Regional Hospital

Popcorn Blitz Day: September 30th, Time and Location Determined Locally

DISTRICT POPCORN & SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING KICK-OFF

The Kaskaskia District will be holding our annual 2006 Popcorn Sale & Scouting for Food Kick-off on August 16th and August 17th, 7:00pm, at Camp Vandeventer. Our District Leadership has scheduled TWO nights to make sure that all units can participate. The format and information will be the same at both meetings, so pick the night that works best for your unit. All Packs, Troops, and Crews should attend one of these meetings, and bring all your leaders!

The purpose of these meetings are simple:

POPCORN

1. To inform and educate units about the exciting opportunities that comes from making the Popcorn Sale your #1 Fundraiser.
2. To give each unit the needed logistic information for the sale, and to help you organize your unit-level marketing programs.
3. To show each unit how to reach their Popcorn Goal, and to show each unit some of the powerful ways those funds can help your unit to grow!
4. To unveil a new way to sell popcorn, the goal of which is to help each unit sell to their maximum on Blitz Day!

SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING

1. To inform and educate units about the best methods to recruit new Scouts into your local program!

2. To give each unit the needed logistic information to make your School Night for Scouting a success!
3. To show each unit how to reach your membership potential, and reach your membership goal for 2006!

Remember, August 16th or August 17th will be your units opportunity to get “ahead of the curve” for this Fall, and will help you reach your Scouting potential for fundraising and recruitment!

DAY CAMPS A HUGE SUCCESS FOR THE KASKASKIA DISTRICT!

Welcome to the Jungle!!!! Thanks to Day Camp Director Jennifer Latinette, who also serves as the Cubmaster for Pack 319 in Columbia, over 200 Cub Scouts and 100 Adult volunteers were welcomed to a Jungle Adventure for the 2006 Kaskaskia District Day Camps, held at Camp Vandeventer and Randolph County Lake this summer. Our Scouts were treated to awesome programs such as crafts, nature hikes, games, swimming, fishing, “Jungle Combat”, Shooting Sports, and much, much more! In addition to the great weather for both camps, many memories and friendships were made, and every Cub Scout Pack that participated enjoyed a great time bonding in the Scouting program.

The Kaskaskia District Leadership joins all the leaders from the 15 Cub Scout Packs who participated in thanking Jennifer Latinette and her staff for their hard work, tireless efforts, and enthusiasm in serving your Scouts with a great summer program! Way to go, Jennifer!!!

SUMMER CAMPING REPORT – WE PUT THE “OUTING’ IN SCOUTING!!!

The Kaskaskia District had many units attend a Council-sponsored Summer Camping opportunity in 2006. As we all know, attending resident camps and day camps are essential to growing Scouting programs. Listed below are the units who attended a Summer Camping opportunity in 2006.

Boy Scout Summer Camp	Cub Resident & Day Camps (* = Day Camp Only)
Troop 30, Freeburg	Pack 30, Freeburg*
Troop 54, Smithton	Pack 54, Smithton*
Troop 305, Chester	Pack 301, Waterloo
Troop 327, Marissa	Pack 316, Chester
Troop 328, New Athens	Pack 318, Waterloo
Troop 332, Sparta	Pack 319, Columbia
Troop 334, Red Bud	Pack 323, Waterloo*

Troop 338, Prairie Du Rocher
Troop 343, Red Bud
Troop 345, Valmeyer
Troop 348, Steeleville
Troop 622, Millstadt
Troop 323, Waterloo (TW Council)

Pack 325, Columbia*
Pack 327, Marissa
Pack 329, New Athens*
Pack 342, Red Bud
Pack 345, Valmeyer
Pack 348, Steeleville*
Pack 338, Prairie Du Rocher
Pack 622, Millstadt

Thank You to all the adult volunteers who took time from their busy schedules to ensure a positive and educational camp experience for our Scouts! You are the backbone of the Scouting program, and your leadership today is helping to build the leaders of tomorrow.

2006/2007 KASKASKIA DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

The Kaskaskia District Roundtable will change locations! Starting in September 2006, our monthly Roundtable Meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church of Red Bud. The First Baptist Church is located at 1010 Locust Street, which is one block west of Rte. 159/Rte 3 South, across from the Red Bud High School. Our meeting will still be held on the 1st Thursday of the month, from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Each Scouting unit should plan to have leaders in attendance at each Roundtable.

Also changing will be the format of the monthly Roundtable program. The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has a booklet designed to help districts provide program-based Roundtables, which follow the Cub Scout Program Helps booklet, and the year-round Boy Scout Program plan. The Kaskaskia District will begin following this booklet in September 2006.

Lastly, the Kaskaskia District Leadership believes that the dissemination of information can be done in a more effective manner. Therefore, via email and the Okaw Valley Council Website, the monthly Roundtable Notes will be available for all leaders, with the Program Helps topics for the month.

In summary, the Kaskaskia District Roundtable will become an opportunity to share resources, invite guests, and enjoy Scouting fellowship in a more educational/training module, rather than the current format, which focuses on “getting the word out” about upcoming activities.

BLACK GOLD DISTRICT



District Chairman, Joe Gliosci, 246-7351
District Commissioner, Ron Wood, 806-5478
District Executive, Dennis Bathon, 242-8505

August Calendar of Events

Aug. 3rd – 5th Cub Scout Camp @ Camp Van
Aug. 8th Fall Preview & Popcorn University
Aug. 17th Fall Kick Off & Popcorn University 6:30PM @ Dix
Aug. 18th -20th OA Ordeal @ Camp Van
Aug. 31st - Join Scouting Night at a School near you

September Calendar of Events

Sept. 4th Labor Day
Sept. 7th Roundtable 7PM @ Dix Community Center
Sept. 7th OA Chapter Meeting 7PM @ Dix Community Center
Sept. 9th Leader Training at 9AM @ Woodlawn Christian Church
Sept. 14th Commissioner Meeting 7PM @ Dix Community Center
Sept. 15th – 17th Woodbadge Week 1 @ Camp Joy
Sept. 21st Committee Meeting 7PM @ Dix Community Center

FALL KICK OFF

The Black Gold District will hold its Fall Kick off on Thursday, August 17,2006 at 6:30PM at the Dix Community Center. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service.

We will also talk about Popcorn and events that will happen during the up coming Scouting year.

POPCORN INFORMATION

For anyone who hasn't received anything on your Super Experience Prizes please contact your District Popcorn Kernel Deanna Lynch by e mail deanna_lynch2000@yahoo.com, or by phone at 735-2072 home or 727-2072 cell. So that I can let someone know what we need. This is for the Scouts that sold \$750.00 + dollars worth of popcorn.

CROOKED CREEK DISTRICT



District Chairman, Bruce Merrell, 436-6205
District Commissioner, Lee Gross, 533-1782
District Executive, Justin Isbell, 234-9111

Cubs in the Jungle Day Camp Survives the Weather

Over 100 Cub Scouts and their parents attended the "Cubs in the Jungle" day camp at Camp Joy from July 19-21. Cub Scouts enjoyed camp favorites BBs, archery and fishing along with games, skits and songs, crafts, nature hikes, cooking and leatherwork despite some some tornadic activity on Friday afternoon.

Packets including health forms, certificates of attendance and patches will be distributed at August's Roundtable.

A big thank you goes out to Day Camp Director Tina Day from Pack 280 in Centralia for organizing the entire event and the many Pack leaders who volunteered their time to run program areas. Also a big thank you to the Scouts from Troop 268 in Aviston, Troop 281 in Carlyle Troop 225 in Breese and Troop 211 in Centralia for their help in running program areas and helping set up and close down camp.

Join Scouting Night Set For August 31st

Crooked Creek's Join Scouting Night is set for Thursday, August 31st. All Packs should plan to host registrations for new Scouts on or near that night. Please e-mail District Executive Justin Isbell at jisbell@bsamail.org with the date, time and location of your fall recruitment. Justin will promote your Join Scouting Night in the schools before your event. Fall recruitment is essential to ensuring the continued health of your pack. Remember, all boys deserve the opportunity to join Scouting.

Don't Miss Rally Day.

Crooked Creek will hold its 4th annual Rally Day on Saturday, September 9th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Joy in Carlyle, IL. This years event will include archery, slingshots, crafts, fishing, games and science. Rally Day is the perfect event to show new Scouts the fun of Scouting as well as kick off another successful year of Pack activities.

The cost of the event is \$2 per Scout. Special this year: Scouts are asked to invite a non-Scout friend to experience the joy of Scouting. Non-scouts attending as a guest of a registered Scout may attend for free.

Participants should bring a sack lunch as well as a health history form. Individual Scouts should notify their Cubmaster they will attend. Cubmasters, please register attendees as a unit.

[Click here for a printable flyer.](http://216.114.121.202/~crookedcreek/archives/2006 Rally Day flyer.doc)

[Registration document for Scouts to give to Cubmaster.](http://216.114.121.202/~crookedcreek/archives/4th Annual Rally Day Individual Reg.doc)

[Unit registration form.](http://216.114.121.202/~crookedcreek/archives/Rally Day 06 Registration form.doc)

Prepare for Popcorn

Are you ready to sell popcorn? All units should plan to attend one of Crooked Creek's two Popcorn Kickoffs on Wednesday, July 23 or Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m. At Camp Joy. Units will receive all popcorn materials at this event as well as receive training on "How to Sell \$10,000 in One Weekend." Blitz Day is scheduled for September 30th. Popcorn sales are a great way to raise money for your pack or troop's planned activities. If you have any questions, please contact District Popcorn Kernel, Evelyn Hankins at 327-4140.