

OKAW VALLEY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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ECHO



Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

As Scout leaders, the welfare and safety of our youth members is a primary concern. The Boy Scouts of America will not tolerate any form of child abuse in our programs and will take all necessary steps to remove any offenders from membership in the BSA.

Education is the first line of defense in dealing with protecting our youth from child abuse. The Boy Scouts of America is a leader in the education of child abuse prevention. Training is available for all Adult Leaders and award winning videos are available at all levels of our program for the youth members and their families to view.

The BSA has also established policies and procedures, such as two deep leadership requirements, as the next barrier to child abuse. By following these procedures your unit will minimize the chances for child abuse at scouting functions.

However, as an adult working with youth in the Scouting program you may at some time become aware that some form of child abuse may have occurred with a youth member. There are four broad categories of child abuse; neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse. Any one of these can have a permanent impact of the life of a young person.

So what do you do if you suspect that some form of abuse has taken place? First realize that as a volunteer in the Scouting program, that you are not an investigator, and that the investigation of allegations of child abuse is best left to the trained investigators. You do not need proof that the abuse has taken place in order to make a report, only that it is suspected. Next, inform the Scout Executive or other professional staff member (who will report it to the Scout Executive). (If the child's personal safety is in immediate danger, contact the local authorities, their safety is our primary concern.) Provide The Scout Executive or professional staff member with as much information as you may have. The Scout Executive will be responsible to see that the proper procedures are followed in dealing with the report. Finally, outside of reporting your suspicions, keep the matter confidential, unless told otherwise by Scouting officials or the authorities. Spreading the word may often hamper the efforts of those investigating the matter and could damage a person's reputation, if the suspicions turn out to be incorrect.

Once you have reported the matter to the council, your role is done, unless you are contacted to provide additional information. The Scout Executive will follow BSA procedures and determine the best course of action. You should not normally expect to receive any follow up on how the matter was resolved.

As we said at the beginning, the safety of our youth should be the primary concern of all adults involved in Scouting. By working together and following BSA guidelines we can provide our scouts with an exciting but safe adventure in the Scouting program.

2006 Distinguished Citizens' Dinner Huge Success!

On Thursday February 23, 2006, Okaw Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America will hold its Twelfth Annual Distinguished Citizens Dinner at the St. Clair Country Club. Our Distinguished Citizen Recipients have been chosen as outstanding citizens of our community based on professional excellence and service to the community. This year's nominees are **Harry Cruncleton** and **Lary Eckert**.

Harry Cruncleton

Mr. Cruncleton is Chairman of the Board of West Pointe Bank, which includes 55 years of banking experience. He is married to J.E. Toddy Cruncleton and they have two children: Vicky Lynn Cruncleton Schaefer (Terry Schaefer) of Belleville and Kimberly Anne Cruncleton Alberg (Reed Alberg) of Blue Springs, Missouri and five grand children. Mr. Cruncleton is a community minded person and he along with West Pointe Bank are strong supporters of Okaw Valley Council.

Lary Eckert

Mr. Eckert is Chairman of the Board of Eckert Companies and operator of Eckert's Country Store, Restaurant, Garden Center, and Farms. He is married to Judith Gayle Eckert and they have three children: Sarah, Jill, and Chris, who are all graduates of the University of Illinois. Eckert's Farms is family-owned and operated since 1973 by seven generations of Eckert's. It is the largest pick-your own orchard operation in the United States. Lary's professional and civic affiliations are numerous and include being a member of the Okaw Valley Council Advisory Council.

They both join an extensive list of outstanding recipients who have also received this award. They are as follows:

Both the Okaw Valley Council and the Distinguished Citizen Dinner Committee are proud to honor two outstanding individuals as recipients of the 12th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award

Okaw Valley Council Annual Recognition Dinner

The Okaw Valley Council Annual Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2006 beginning at 6:30 P.M. This year's dinner will be held at Alberts', 1200 Centreville Avenue in Belleville and will be preceded by the Annual Meeting and the James E West Fellowship Reception. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Silver Beaver Recognition. This prestigious award will be given to the following:

Jeannie Scott, Kaskakia District Commissioner
Carm Walgamott, St. Clair District Commissioner
Cindy Phelps, Vice-President, Learning for Life
Paul Rahlfs, Scoutmaster Troop 305, Chester
Steve Holmes, Council COPE Committee
Tom Barbre, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 282, Flora
Make plans to attend and recognize these well deserving volunteers

Okaw Valley Council Golf Tournament in "Full Swing"

The Okaw Valley Council will be hosting our annual Golf Tournament, May 8th, 12:30pm shotgun start, at The Orchards Golf Club in Belleville. All proceeds for this event go to supporting the Scout and Scouters in the Okaw Valley Council. After the golf tournament, all players are invited to join us for dinner and awards. During the golf tournament, prizes will be given out for longest drive, closest to the pin, and of course, low scores in 3 flights. In addition, there will be a skins game!

We invite all Scouters to come out, bring 3 friends, and enter a team in our fun tournament. Team fees start at \$600/team, and hole sponsorships start at \$150. You can pick up a flyer in the Scout Shop, or by accessing www.okawbsa.org. We'll see you on the links!

Cub Scout Day of Recollection

Cub Scout Day of Recollection is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. The theme this year is "Day with Jesus" and will be filled with songs, crafts, fun and worship for Cub Scouts. Registration will begin at 8:15, program begins at 9:00 and concludes at 3:00. Cost is \$8 per person which includes a patch and lunch. This event will be held at three sites: Camp Joy, Camp Vandeventer, and The Haven in Carbondale.

Commissioner College

The Okaw Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America will be having a Commissioners College on May 13, 2006 at Lindenwood University, 2600 West Main st, Belleville. This will be for new commissioners and those commissioners that have started on their college degrees. We will be offering Bachelors, Masters, and PHD.

More information will be available at your April Roundtables and a sign-up brochure will be coming out on the web at the end of March.

Place this date on your calendar!

Reservations Accepted for Trip to Brownsea Island

National Youth Leadership Training is scheduled for June 4-10 at Camp Vandeventer.

What is the purpose?

- To Give youth leaders the confidence and knowledge to run troop programs
- To give youth leaders knowledge of the eleven basic skills of leadership
- To provide the opportunity for sharing ideas and experiences with other youth leaders
- To provide the model scout experience as a reference to improve and grow in Scouting
- To enhance the relationship between the junior leader and his Scoutmaster
- To have the participant learn and experience the patrol method
- To have a whole lot of fun!!!!

Want further info? Visit www.okawbsa.org and go to Brownsea.

Cub Scout Resident Camp – Get Ready to “Cowboy Up!”

Camp Vandeventer will be full of Bucking Broncos and Crazy Cowboys as we head off to “Wild West Adventure” Cub Scout Resident Camp in 2006. We’ve got lots of fun activities planned, including swimming, crafts, shooting sports (bb guns and archery), as well as some fun nature hikes and great games!

Cub Scout Resident Camp fees are \$70 per Scout (\$60 if paid by May 1st with your unit) and \$30 per adult. Those fees include everything you’ll need at camp, and also will include your very own “Wild West Adventure” T-Shirt!!!

The following camp dates are still open, but hurry, they fill up fast!

- July 13 – 15, Webelos Camp Session 1
- July 21 – 23, Webelos Camp Session 2
- July 28 – 30, Webelos Camp Session 3
- Aug 3 – 5, Wolf & Bear Scout Camp, Session 1

All units can register for Cub Scout Resident Camp by calling the Scout Service Center, 234-9111, and making a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. Payment in full is required by May 1st to qualify for the discounted fees. We’ll see you, Buckaroos!!!

Fun with Son

Get ready Moms and Dads! This year's Fun with Son is right around the corner! The first session is at Camp Joy on June 9th and 10th. Session two is scheduled for July 7th and 8th at Camp Vandeventer. Space is limited, so sign up early. For more information visit okawbsa.org/~funwithson/.

Corporate Clay Challenge

If you like supporting Scouting, Shooting Clay Birds or just buying items at auction than you will want to put August 26, 2006 on your calendar.

This will be the Biggest Event that Okaw Valley Council has every offered to participants in a wide variety of opportunities.

Woodbadge

Wood Badge Course C-39-06 is fast approaching. The staff is preparing for a course full of action, fun, and learning. It will be held over two weekends at Camp Joy: September 15, 16, and 17, 2006, and October 7, 8, and 9, 2006. The cost is \$190 if paid in full by June 15, 2006. A \$25 deposit will hold a spot for you at this time. Talk to anyone wearing Wood Badge Beads or give Scoutmaster Denny Wright a call at 295-3447 if you have any questions. Registration is available on line or in person at the Service Center. Come be a part of this training!! You will be glad that you did.

POPCORN !!!! POPCORN !!! POPCORN !!!!!!!

It's never to early to start thinking about POPCORN. If you are looking for a way to fund all your unit activities for 2006-2007, WE HAVE GOT A PLAN. The 2006 plan will be unveiled at a KICK OFF for all District Kernels on March 21st. Start planning now to get involved in the Fall 2006 Popcorn Sale. More and more information will be forthcoming through the ECHO, the WEBSITE, and the POPCORN TRAININGS scheduled for early August. For right now, make your mind up to sell and mark your calendar for sale dates September 30- October 17 !!!

Congratulations

To Pack 94 on receiving the **National Gold Medallion Award** at the Catholic Religious Awards Ceremony. Pack 94 was chosen as the Outstanding Catholic Pack in the Episcopal Region. They were chosen by the Diocese and then it was passed on to the Regional selection committee. The pack must excel at providing youth with quality programs including religious activities, religious emblems participation, outdoor activities and special events that encompass the religious, vocational, and educational aspects of Scouting under Catholic auspices.

CAMP JOY 2006



Camp Director-Dennis Bathon, 242-8505

Camp Attendance Set To Top 700 Campers For 2006

While we are still four months away from the start of summer camp, attendance continues to climb for Camp Joy.

“We are starting to get inquiries from troops across the Midwest about coming to Camp Joy this summer,” said Camp Director Dennis Bathon. “We are looking at more than 700 scouts being in camp this summer. Which will mean all four sessions will be full”.

All the chart below shows, we still have open slots in all sessions, but reservations need to be turned in rather quickly so that they may get their camp sites of their choice.

If your unit has Scouts that would like to attend summer camp, but your troop is not planning to attend, contact your District Camping Chairman to see if there are alternatives available to help as many boys come to camp as possible. District Executives can help put you in contact with your camping Chairman.

Camp Staff Interviews

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2006 Summer Camp Staff, please contact the Scout Shop or download an application and return it to the Scout Service Center.

Interviews will be conducted on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 9:00AM for 2005 Staff and 11:00AM for new applicants. Please get your application turned in as soon as possible to be on the interview list.

All applicants will either be at the Scout Service Center at 9:00AM-if you worked at camp previously or 11:00AM if this is your first time working at camp.

We need people of all ages, from age 14 (Counselor in Training or C.I.T) through adult. If you've got the skills and character it takes to work on a camp staff, we've got a place for you.

Remember, even if you cannot work straight through the entire summer, contact us for an interview; we'll work with you. Many of our camp staff members will be attending high adventure camp we'll work around that. Others will need to take off for a few days or a week here or there for church camp or other obligations; we'll deal with it. Some may not be able to even start until after ball season is over; we can accommodate those needs as well.

For more information, contact Dennis Bathon or Matt Wagner at 234-9111 or 242-8505.

2006 Camp Leaders Guide

The Camp Leaders Guides were distributed at the December and January Roundtables. The guide has the latest and greatest information about Camp Joy for the summer of 2006.

If you were unable to attend the Roundtables, you can download a copy off the website or contact your District Executive or Camp Director Dennis Bathon for a copy and to answer any questions troops may have about Camp Joy in 2006. If your Troop would like a camp promotion program for your troop's families, please contact Dennis Bathon at 618-242-85085 or bathon12@sbcglobal.net.

SCOUT SHOP NEWS



Hey everybody, we have the new 2006 items in. Check out the new 2006 Collectors Cap at only \$22. There is also a new BSA Breathable Cap for \$13. There is a new Wood Badge cap for \$15.75.

We have the new picture frame scrapbooks with scrap kits with over 85 pcs. At \$39.95 we have scrapbooks for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Eagle Scouts.

It is Crossover time, so please don't wait until your crossover to purchase your advancements. If we are out of something, it takes about 10 days to get it in. So come get yours two weeks before you need them.

Tour Permits

There has been some confusion on when a tour permit is needed. You need a tour permit only if you are going somewhere outside the council area. If you are traveling anywhere in the Okaw Valley Council area you do not need a permit. If you are going more than 500 miles, you need a National Tour Permit. Hope this clears it up for you.

Camps Registration

Calling to reserve a camp is ok, but you still need to fill out a camp registration form and get it in ASAP to reserve your spot. You can do this online or we have them here. Your site is not assured until we get registration and payment. Price list is online also. Go to: www.okawbsa.org click on camps and follow to which camp you need.

ORDER OF THE ARROW



**Lodge Chief-
Chris Simms- Carlye**

**Lodge Advisor-
Cory Reeves- Belleville**

**Lodge Staff Advisor-
Dennis Bathon- Mt. Vernon**

Order of the Arrow- Spring Fellowship April 21,22, and 23,2006 Camp Joy

The Black Gold Chapter is hosting the Spring Fellowship for the Order of the Arrow on April 21 ,22, and 23,2006 at Camp Joy. All OA members are encouraged to sign up and attend this great weekend of fellowship, training, and cheerful service to help get Camp Joy ready for summer camp.

Black Gold has a lot of activities planned for the weekend and it will be a great event.

Also, Scouts (Oldeal Candidates) that were called out last summer will be able to complete their ordeal at the Spring Fellowship and become members of Taleka Lodge.

This is also when our Vigil Honor Candidates will complete their ceremony to receive their vigil honor status.

Sign up forms are in the Scout Shop, and online at the OA site in the Egret Section.

We hope to see you at the Spring Fellowship.

BLACK GOLD DISTRICT



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

Calendar of Events

March 2- BS,CS,Rt 7P at Dix
OA Chapter Meeting 7P Dix

March 15- Council Day Camp Meeting 7P at Council Service Center

March 16-Commissioner and Committee Meeting 7P at Dix

March 25- Council Recognition Dinner at Flora

March 31, April 1,2- Black Gold District and Crooked Creek District Spring Camporee at Bell Smith Springs

April 1- Day with Jesus at Camp Joy, Camp Van, and Carbondale

April 6- CS, BS, Rt 7P at Dix
OA Chapter Meeting 7P at Dix

April 11- Join Scouting Night- Local Schools

April 13- BG Commissioner Mtg. 7P at Dix

April 20- BG Committee Mtg. 7P at Dix

April 21,22,23- OA Spring Fellowship-Lodge Meeting Ordeal- More information on website

Family Friends Of Scouting

With more than half of our units still waiting for their Family Friends of Scouting presentations, and a couple of other presentations that were rescheduled due to weather, the Black Gold District is well on its way to another record year in Friends of Scouting. During the days from February 15 – February 28, 2006, we raised almost \$3,000.00 almost half of our goal in less than two weeks. Along with rest of the Family Friends of Scouting presenters, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this very important Okaw Valley Council Program. Because of your generosity, the council can continue to provide our Scouts with the wonderful programs that they can enjoy. We have several presentation's left to go, and I am confident that we will reach our \$6,525.00 goal. Congratulations to all Goalbusters who helped with this year's campaign. Thanks again to all who participated and helped push the Black Gold District toward success!!

School Night For Scouting Plans Underway

Everyone should be making the plans for the spring join scouting night, because April 11, 2006 will be here before we know it! Last fall, the Black Gold District brought in more than 100 new scouts in the fall recruitment, and we would like to see more this spring. All it takes for a successful Join Scouting Night is manpower and a little planning. Make sure to get your location, times, and dates set up in March, so that we can use the first two weeks in April to set up times to visit the schools and do Boy Talks. Every unit should plan to send some help to do Boy Talks, a very easy and fun way to reach out to the boys and show them how much fun scouting can be. Also remember, the earlier you get your information to Dennis, the earlier your flyers will be printed and ready to pass out to your schools. Take note that we will be one of five districts trying to plan for this event, so if we do a little advance planning, we can get everything done without unnecessarily overburdening the office. Having everything set up in advance helps you as well, because "being prepared" will ensure the success of your Join Scouting Night, increasing the size of your unit, and contributing to its overall health and longevity. If you have any questions or need any help, please contact Dennis Bathon at 242-8505 (bathon12@sbcglobal.net). Let's work hard this spring to meet our membership goals so that we can spend our summer at Day Camp, Summer Camp and fall providing a wonderful program to all of our Scouts!

Day Camp Means Summertime For Fun For Everyone

It is not too early to start thinking about Day Camp! This year, the Black Gold District will again host two Day Camps, giving our Cub Scouts a choice on dates, locations, and even time (day time as well as evening times). The first camp will be held at Salem City Park, Salem, Illinois on June 20-22. The second camp will be held at the Mt. Vernon Saddle Club on Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening, July 27-29, 2006. At Day Camp, we do all kinds of fun things like, shoot bows and arrows, shoot BB guns, play games, hike on nature trails, make crafts, learn scout skills...just to give a quick overview! This is something that your Cub Scouts will love doing and will always remember, so don't miss your chance to be part of it. Along with having a good time, we also use this time to help Cub Scouts earn their various awards, so get your scouts and leaders registered for a few days of fun and learning! We are setting our goals for attendance, but the most important goal is to see every pack represented at Day Camp. Let's spread the word about how much fun we have and get everyone there in 2006! Anyone needing more information or wanting to help out, please contact Dennis Bathon at 242-8508 (bathon12@sbcglobal.net). Sign up forms will be at the Scout Shop or on the Council Web site.

Klondike Derby 2006-Crooked Creek and Black Gold

The Crooked Creek District and Black Gold District joined forces and held their Klondike Derby- February 3, 4, and 5 at Camp Joy. It was a great success with over 17 units participating in the events. A BIG thank you for the staff that put this great event together. Participation at the events numbered 194. A great cold day for scouting with even a hint of snow in the air.

The troops that attended had a great time going to each event with the final sled race in the afternoon. All had fun in this day of scouting.

Thank you one and all for help and making this a great scouting event.

Crooked Creek and Black Gold Spring Camporee

The Crooked Creek District and Black Gold District Spring Camporee will be held March 31, April 1, 2, 2006 at Bell Smith Springs-Red Bud Camping Area.

Activities will include Rapelling at Jackson Hollow, First Aid, String Burn, Flint and Steel, Bear Bag, Back Camping Stove Cooking, Fire

By Friction and other activities.

This will be a fun camp out for all units in Crooked Creek and Black Gold. So plan on attending and keep the outing in scouting. Sign ups are on the web site or contact Dennis Bathon 242-8505

(bathon12@sbcglobal.net).

CROOKED CREEK DISTRICT



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

Crooked Creek Indoor Leader Training

March 11 at Central High School in Breese

8 – 11:30 for Cub Scout leaders and Troop Committee members

8 – 4 for SM and ASM.

New Leader Essentials At 12:45 PM.

Registration begins at 7:30. Fast foods in the area for lunch.

Black Gold's Spring Camporee

March 31 – April 2 at Bell Smith Springs with Crooked Creek. \$5 per night camping fee to be paid directly to the park. Patch \$5 per person. Main activity: Rappelling. Other activities: First Aid, String burning, Flint & Steel, Bear bag, Backpack stove cooking, & fire by friction. Supper is a pot luck. Each troop to bring a hot dish to share with the rest of the camp. Also each unit to bring item for cracker barrel. **Due to the nature of the activities no Webelos for the weekend.**

Spring Join Scouting Night

will be April 11th.

Mannaseh and OA Costume Trng Workday

Camp Joy April 29th 9 – 4. No cost. Clean up ceremonial grounds for the OA and Tribe of Mannaseh in A.M. and make costumes, fire building and training tom-tom beaters and runners in the afternoon. Register on-line in advance.

Outdoor Training

Scoutmasters at Camp Van May 19 – 20.

BALOO & Webelos May 20th only.

CC Day Camps

Moose Park in Centralia June 20 – 22nd

Camp Joy July 19 – 21st.

THE GREAT ST. CLAIR DISTRICT

District Chariman : 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

March Calendar of Events

- 2 Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 4 District Pinewood Derby, 9am, O'Fallon Public Safety, O'Fallon
- 9 Commissioner Meeting, 7pm 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 20 District Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center, Belleville

April Calendar of Events

- 6 Roundtable, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 13 Commissioner Meeting, 7pm, 1st Presbyterian Church, Belleville
- 17 District Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center, Belleville

St. Clair District Dinner

Congratulations to everyone! What a great evening! We had good food, good program, and even more importantly we recognized many wonderful Scouters! A special thanks to the Dinner Chairmen Iralonna and Buzz Shaver, thanks for all of your help in making the dinner a success. Also, a big thank you to Steve and Sandy Holmes, we would all be lost without your technological skills! Thanks again for everyone who came out to support your fellow Scouters.

St. Clair District Award of Merit Winners

Darrell Eickhoff
Dave Glosecki
Christie Kwock
Jim Maule
Steve Turner

Congratulations!

St. Clair Klondike Success!

This year's St. Clair District Klondike was a huge success. We had over 200 participants and 24 sleds. We even had snow! Thanks to all that participated. A special thanks to Jim Maule, Cary Purcell, David Devine, Gene Chambers, Dennis Branson, Kevin Arentsen, Bill Tasso, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Francis Soltys, Chris Gum, Doug Rist, Raymond Thillet, Robbie Maule, Tom Sadiq, Craig Brethauer, Robert Kasper, and Shane Sellers. **Thanks to your help, this years Klondike was an Arctic Blast!**

St. Clair Teachers Institute Day Camp

Kids are out of school...why not join us for some fun!

Friday, April 7th at the Moose Lodge in Swansea, we will have a day filled with Indian crafts, BB shooting, archery, Indian dancing and more!

Please visit our website at www.okawbsa.org and go to St. Clair District for more information.

2006 Cub Scout Day Camp

Come join the Cubs in the Jungle!!!!

June 15-17

Quail Club - Millstadt

8:15am – 3:30pm

July 12-14

Horner Park - Lebanon

8:15am – 3:30pm

What is Cub Scout Day Camp?

It is a great opportunity for your son to enjoy 3 fun-filled days with his fellow Scouts at one of our nearby camps!

What will my son do at Day Camp?

Our Scouts will enjoy some of their favorite outdoor activities such as; B-B gun shooting, archery shooting, fishing, learn about nature, play games, sing songs, perform skits, and more!

Do parents need to attend?

We have a wonderful Day Camp staff that works great with kids, but it is important to your son that we have adequate adult leadership with each Pack/Den. Make sure and discuss the leadership details with your Cubmaster when you sign up your son. Each Pack or Den should provide one "walking-leader" for every five youth that are attending, with a minimum of two adults. The "walking-leader" is a volunteer who spends his/her day with the group. We encourage each parent to spend a day or more with your son to share the lifelong memories that will be made!

Cub Scout Activity Award

Attending Cub Scout Day Camp is one of the requirements to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. It should be the goal of each Pack to achieve this award together and have some fun earning it!

How do I get more information?

Check out our website at www.okawbsa.org for the Council Day Camp page and for specific camps check the District pages.

2006 Pinewood Derby

When: Saturday March 4th from
9A.M. to Noon

Where: O'Fallon Public Safety

Facility in O'Fallon

The O'Fallon Public Safety Facility is located on Seven Hills road just North of State Street in O'Fallon across from the O'Fallon YMCA.

SEE YOU THERE!

KASKASKIA DISTRICT

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

Kaskaskia District Event Schedule – March & April

March Meetings & Events:

ROUNDTABLE:

March 2nd, 2006 7:00pm St. John's Lutheran School, Red Bud

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MTG:

March 9th, 2006 7:00pm Red Bud Regional Hospital

BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING:

March 11th, 8:00am – 4:00pm Central High School, Breese

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING:

March 16th, 2006 7:00pm Red Bud Regional Hospital

CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

March 18th, 8:00am – 12:00pm St. John's Lutheran School, Red Bud

April Meetings & Events:

ROUNDTABLE:

April 6th, 2006 7:00pm St. John's Lutheran School, Red Bud

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MEETING:

April 13th, 2006 7:00pm Red Bud Regional Hospital

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

April 20th, 2006 7:00pm Red Bud Regional Hospital

Program Preview Date Set!

The Kaskaskia District will be holding our annual "Program Preview" for the program year 2006/2007 on May 4th, 2006, 7:00pm, at Camp Vandeventer in Waterloo. All units should plan to attend; this meeting will include information and discussion about all the important events during the next 18 months in the Okaw Valley Council! In addition, we will be giving away door prizes, and having lots of fun!

Make sure to put this date on your calendar, and invite all the key leaders in your unit. We plan to have over 100 adult Scouters at this event to learn about all the great Scouting events coming up, and, unless you want to be the unit chairperson for all those events, this is a great time to get your leaders excited about the upcoming Scouting year.

ILLINI DISTRICT

District Chairman: Stan Franklin, 482-5627
District Commissioner: Kenneth Berry, 779-5499
District Executive: Ray Coleman, 234-9111

Welcome

My name is Ray Coleman, I am the new District Executive of the Illini District, I would like to take a brief moment to introduce myself. I started in this position on January 19, 2006. Prior to the Boy Scouts, I worked for over 20 years with the state of Illinois. For ten years I worked with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as a Site Superintendent at Horseshoe Lake State Park in Granite City. I also have a long history of working as a coach, and volunteer mentor for at risk youths throughout the greater East St. Louis area. Working with youth is a passion of mine and I could not think of a better way to serve youth than with the Boy Scouts of America.

I plan to focus on a campaign declaring "Scouting is Cool," and reach back to the future where there were more traditional scouts in the Illini District. I plan to call on some of the former scouts trained by experienced scout leaders who have spent many years promoting traditional scouting.

So stay tune and see what new adventures are in store for the Illini District.

March Meetings & Events

Key 3: March 2, 2006, 5:00 p.m., 4700 State Street, East St. Louis

Swimming and cleanup: March 4, 2006, YMCA – Lebanon Rd. and Casino Queen

District Committee Meeting: March 16, 2006, 4700 State Street, East St. Louis

Swimming and cleanup: March 18, 2006, YMCA – Lebanon Rd. and Casino Queen

April Meetings & Events

Swimming and cleanup: April 1, 2006

Key 3: April 6, 2006

Commissioner Staff Meeting: April 13, 2006

District Committee Meeting: April 20, 2006

Swimming and cleanup: April 22, 2006

EAGLE SCOUTS



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Justin William Hecht, Troop 305, Chester Knights of Columbus #3790, SM Paul Rahlfs

David Joseph Konradt, Troop 11, Cathedral Holy Name Society, SM Gerald Porter

Michael Anthony Baumer, Troop 11, Cathedral Holy Name Society, SM Gerald Porter

Kasey Richard Wilson, Troop 40, Shiloh Village Improvement Assoc, SM William Tasso

Darrell Orrin Berridge, Troop 40, Shiloh Village Improvement Assoc, SM William Tasso

Stephen Albert Eros, Troop 3, St. Mary's Parish, SM Dale Sondag

Dustin Louis Hoernig, Troop 3, St. Mary's Parish, SM Dale Sondag

Christopher Wade Cleveland, Troop 510, Fairview Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. SM J. Tim Hemmel

Charles R. Hatch, Troop 127, Knights of Columbus #4384, SM Robert Schaltenbrand

Adam Ray Jolly, Troop 103, St. Mary's Catholic Church, SM Russell Dalby

Scott Alvin Melton, Troop 262, Grace United Methodist Church, SM Allen Biggs

William J. Morris, Troop 207, Kinmundy Christian Church, SM T. Tedd Engel

Michael Doug Gordon, Troop 332, American Legion, SM Kenneth Hall

Russell Matthew Dalby, Troop 103, St. Mary's Catholic Church, SM Russell Dalby

Benjamin Kurt Owen Hodgson, Troop 35, O'Fallon United Church of Christ, SM Joseph Kaylor

Christopher John Hewitt, Troop 40, Shiloh Village Improvement Assoc, SM William Tasso

Shane Micheal Osborne, Troop 103, St. Mary's Catholic Church, SM Russell Dalby

Cody James Richardson, Troop 103, St. Mary's Catholic Church, SM Russell Dalby

Frank Joseph Soltys, Troop 11, Cathedral Holy Name Society, SM Gerald Porter

Joshua William Wetzig, Troop 11, Cathedral Holy Name Society, SM Gerald Porter

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