

ECHO

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Special points of interest:

- Be sure to get your unit signed up for Scouting for Food— be a part of this year's success!
- Schedule your Family Friends of Scouting presentation early this year.
- Look for final results on the Okaw Valley Council Fall Popcorn Sale in next month's Echo— who will be the big winner!
- Remember that Council and District Adult Recognition Nominations are due to the Council Office by December 31st. Make sure to nominate some worthy volunteer from your area!

Come Join the University of Scouting: Mardi Gras 2005!

Hey, Mister! Throw me some training! The Okaw Valley Council's 2005 University of Scouting is coming your way on Saturday, January 29, 2005. Once again this year, it will be held at Central Junior High School, 1801 Central School Road, in Belleville. With a Mardi Gras theme, you know there will be lots of fun along with the super training available. You will be able to go back to your units excited about how you can contribute to a stronger program that delivers a solid "Promise of Scouting" to every unit member.

We have a wonderful staff, working hard to make this a great training opportunity for all leaders in our Scouting Program. Opportunities are available for leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting Venturing, and Committee Members in all areas. Subjects range from Basic Training to Scouting ideas to Scouting administration. All day Den Chief and Chaplain Aide Training are offered for Boy Scout youth members. Through the Mystic Midway, we will offer a series of booths designed to introduce you to the resources available in activities, materials, places to go and things to do. The school's booster club will once again offer light breakfast and lunch items at reasonable costs. A satellite Scout Shop will be open to provide quick access to materials used in your classes. Childcare is also available for youth ages 2 to 10 years of age. We ask that the youngest children be

potty trained and that you make alternate arrangements if your child is ill that day.

A most exciting opportunity this year is the introduction of on-line registration. This year's University of Scouting is serving as the initial program to offer this. At www.okawbsa.org you will find the link to University of Scouting. This page will have basic information on the day, the course listing, the course schedules, and a link to register. Once your registration is submitted, you will need to print the information page and mail it or take it to the Scout Shop to pay the fee. Please know that you will not be considered registered until your fee is paid. Of course, we will also offer registration forms at the Scout Shop for those who prefer that. Registration for all courses (youth and adult) is \$8.00 per person if you register by January 8, 2005. After that date, registration will be \$10 per person. You will find the course listing and course schedule included with this issue of the Echo. Contact Evelyn Duncan through email at duncan@apci.net or eduncan@stclair.k12.il.us with questions you may have.

The only item missing from the equation now is YOU! Register today, bring your fellow Scouters, and join this tremendous training experience. See you at the University of Scouting Mardi Gras 2005.

GREAT NEWS IN NEW MEMBERSHIP!

Congratulations to all units that held Join Scouting Nights across the Okaw Valley Council this fall. During the month of September, we recruited over 750 new Scouts and started 5 new Scout Units. Recruitment of additional youth continues even as we speak with more and more youth becoming involved in our programs for the first time. A special

thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this possible. Without your efforts, this would not have been possible and hundreds of new Scouts would not be enjoying the wonderful adventure of Scouting that they are today. Thanks to each of you for what you do for the youth of your community, and keep on recruiting!

SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE...

Soon your Pack, Troop, or Crew will begin the annual Charter Renewal process. To some, this process seems to be cumbersome and labor intensive, similar to filing a tax return. Both the tax return and recharter are required and both are easier to complete when you start on time. Please get the help you need from your Unit Commissioner, that is why they are there... to help you complete the charter renewal process.

Please make sure you do everything you can

to contact all Scouts on your roster to renew their membership. Even though a Scout may not attend all of the meetings, he is still benefiting from our program. Do not simply cross that Scout's name off the charter... call him and his parents and give them the boost they need to make the right decision. Twenty years from now, I guarantee he will remember and appreciate your efforts.

*December recharterers are available now—Unit Commissioners should be contacting units soon, and give you the opportunity to get a head start!

National Good Turn— Scouting for Food

The 2004 Scouting for Food event has officially begun! Thanks to Hart Food & Drug we had a wonderful kickoff for the Boy Scouts of America's National Good Turn on the evening of October 13th. Great food and fellowship was shared by all. Many volunteers from area food pantries and other agencies were on hand to remind us how important Scouting for Food is to them and how this is a great opportunity to share this message with our youth. It's amazing to think that two days of effort can help so many needy families.



Last year, the Okaw Valley Council volunteers and youth members collected over 317,000 food items throughout the nine-county region. This year, we have set our sights a little higher, hoping to collect 340,000 items.

The Okaw Valley Council would like to thank all the Scouting for Food Chairmen and volunteers. Without YOU this event could not happen! Please spread the word to other Units to take part in the biggest "Good Turn" event in this council.

News on Youth Diversion

The St. Clair County Youth Diversion Program is going great! Unlike traditional Units, the Youth Diversion Program has a constant flow of new participants. Currently there are 63 youth enrolled in the program. Recently, John Betten, the Chief of Police in O'Fallon, ran the recidivism rates and found that we are down to 8%! This means that out of over 300 graduates since 2000, only 8% of them have re-offended!!!

If you are not familiar with the program and would like to learn more I encourage you to read the Youth Diversion page on the Council website or call Beth Eckert at the Service Center. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out as a speaker, Project COPE, or anything please call or e-mail Beth.

Eagle's Nest

Troop 35

Eagle: Scott VanderVen
SM: Joseph Kaylor
IH: O'Fallon United Church of Christ

Troop 12

Eagle: Joseph Hermann
SM: John Schweiss
IH: Emge-Ellis PTO

Troop 320

Eagle: Andrew Kremmel
Eagle: Zachary Streif
SM: Ruth Andrews
IH: Knights of Columbus #6165

Troop 327

Eagle: Lance Spinnie
SM: Dennis Wright
IH: Marissa Recreation Area Association

Crew 932

Eagle: Samuel Woodbury
NL: Jeff Taylor
IH: 932nd Airlift Wing

Crew 554

Eagle: Jacob Welker
NL: Dwight Wiest
IH: Church of Jesus Christ LDS Belleville

Keep the “Outing” in Your Unit’s 2005 Summer Scouting Plans

Summer Camp Programs begin in mid-June for the Okaw Valley Council, but it is not too early to get your unit signed up and ready to take part in all the fun summer activities at Camp Joy in 2005. Some Boy Scout Troops have already pre-registered for 2005 Summer Camp, so do not delay—register today!

Scouts that attend summer camp have a higher advancement rate than those Scouts who do not according to a recent survey conducted by the BSA. At Summer Camp, Boy Scouts get the opportunity to participate in a number of different activities while working toward the various merit badges. In one short week, a scout can be introduced to several new skills, and perhaps find a new field of interest. The same survey also found that Scouts stay in the program longer after attending camp versus those who do not attend summer camp. Boys join our Scouting program because of the promise of outdoor adventure, so they enjoy themselves much more

when they are immersed in the numerous activities that Camp Joy has to offer.

If your unit is not planning to attend camp as a group, but you wish to attend individually, please contact your district executive and inquire about joining with another unit for summer camp. Arrangements can be made to combine your Scout with another unit. You and your Scout can attend summer camp as part of another troop so that he does not miss this opportunity to enjoy the week at Camp Joy.

It may seem like a long way off, but summertime will be here before you know it. Make sure to grab the interest of all of your scouts by giving them the information about Camp Joy today. For a more detailed listing of Camp Joy Summer Camp activities, schedules, and fees offered for the approaching summer of 2005, please visit our web site at www.okawbsa.org.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE SOON!

Want to spend the summer helping others learn lots of new and fun activities and have a great time as well? If you are age 15 or older, then we have a great opportunity for you to have fun, help others and earn some money as well.

Okaw Valley Council Summer Camp Staff Applications have been mailed out to last year’s staff members within the last two weeks, and any one who requested an application last summer while attending camp. If you are not on that list and still think that Summer Camp is the perfect job for you, then stop by the Scout Shop and pick up your application.

Because new merit badges will be offered at camp this summer, we will have a few different things for our applicants to teach. We are currently working on finalizing the details for the out post programs; more information will follow in the next month’s ECHO publication.

Interviews for Summer Camp Staff will be conducted in December, January, and February, and contracts will be sent to the Scouts in late February/early March.

Scouts who are 14 years of age are eligible to

become Counselors in Training, or CIT’s. CIT’s are not paid, but working as a CIT is a great opportunity to learn about camp staff duties and see if you would like to work full time in 2006.

Also keep in mind that Cub Scout Resident Camp leaders will be taking a good look at Boy Scout Camp applicants to see if you fit in with their program as well! Be sure to apply, even if only Cub Scout Camp fits your schedule—just be sure to note that on your application.

Cub Resident Camp kicks off with a fun three days of Staff Week, July 11-13! During Staff Week, we have lots of fun while preparing for camp operations. Work opportunities are available in all program areas, so be sure to apply. To receive an application, contact the Okaw Valley Council Service Center at 234-9111, Boy Scout Camp Director Dennis Bathon at 242-8505 or email bathon12@midwest.net or Cub Scout Resident Camp Director Matt Wagner at mawagner@bsaemail.org. The Okaw Valley Council looks forward to providing you the opportunity to have fun while you work!

Scout Shop Boasts New Faces, New Merchandise

You may have seen a new face in the scout shop lately. That face belongs to our new Shop Manager Jeff Hartsoe. Jeff is an Eagle Scout and comes to us from the Trails West Council. If you have any questions about the shop, please stop by and see him or another friendly staff member. You can contact the shop at (618)234-9111 ext. 13.

Also, keep in mind that the holidays are just around the corner, and we want you to think of us when you may be looking for that perfect gift. The scout shop can acquire any merchandise out of the BSA catalog and we can get it to you without the hassle or cost of shipping prices. Starting in November, the Scout Shop will include holiday gifts that are not usually carried throughout the year. Some of these items will include things like ornaments, clothing, and small to large gift type items.

Thank you for letting the Charles T. Meyer Family Scout Shop serve you, the Okaw Valley Council volunteers.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Yep-it is time to begin thinking about the 2005 Family Friends of Scouting campaign. If your unit has a date scheduled for your Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor, you can call your District Executive today to schedule your presentation. If we do not hear from you, a District Family Friends of Scouting volunteer will be calling to ask for your presentation date in the very near future.

This year we have a special recognition package for Family Friends of Scouting. Everyone who turns in a pledge card at the presentation will receive an Okaw Valley Council Bumper Sticker, for a gift of \$75.00 you receive a FOS Shoulder Patch, and for \$150.00 a set of three Shoulder Patches (2003, 2004, and 2005), and Art Prints are available at the \$350.00 and \$700.00 giving levels. These new and exciting recognition items are sure to aid in the quest of family support of the Council Friends of Scouting program.

.Past support of Scouting families has allowed the Okaw Valley Council to keep camp fees lower than any other council in the central part of the United States while continuing to improve facilities throughout the council. Thanks to all Family Friends of Scouting participants for their past support of the Okaw Valley Council.

NESA Committee Looking for Members, New and Old!

The Okaw Valley Council National Eagle Scout Association is looking for new members! Once an Eagle, always an Eagle...becoming an active member of our NESA chapter is a great way to give back and renew your lifelong commitment to the Scout Oath and Law. Our NESA Committee holds two events annual, our Eagle Banquet in March and NESA Advancement Day in September. Our organization is always looking for new people and ideas to help us serve future Eagle Scouts in the Okaw Valley Council.

If you are an Eagle Scout and would like have a membership in our NESA chapter, you can contact NESA Committee Staff Advisor Matt Wagner, 234-9111 or mawagner@bsaemail.org.

Memorials

**In Memory of:
Leighton Mims**

**From:
Jim Gilbert**

Chaplain Aide Training Offered at University of Scouting

The Council Relationships Committee announces the 4th Annual Chaplain Aide Training to be offered in conjunction with the University of Scouting on Saturday, January 29, 2004 at Belleville's Central Junior High.

This course is designed to help the Boy Scouts in your troop that are serving or will be serving as Chaplain Aides to better understand their role. They will learn how to plan appropriate Scout worship experiences, how to help interpret the Duty to God concept and how to involve more Scouts and leaders along the way. Moreover, they will be given the opportunity to meet with Scouts of a variety of faiths and to learn from representatives of a number of the world's religions about their unique traditions

as well as the beliefs shared with other bodies. Activity breaks will be scheduled throughout the day and they will have the opportunity to enjoy the interactive "Midway" at the University of Scouting.

Scouts should sign up for this course by returning the University of Scouting registration form and selecting Course #300. The fee is \$8.00, just as for all other U of S participants.

Register as early as possible because we must have a cap on the total number of participants. When you register, it will be helpful if you can indicate the religion of the Scout or Scouts you're recommending (Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, etc.) so we can be sure to have a representative of their faith there.

Blitz Day was a BLAST!

Our council-wide popcorn sale started off with a BANG on Blitz Day (October 2). We had 85 units and over 1,200 Scouts actively participating in Blitz Day this year which was four times the level of participation in 2003. And the results showed it! As a council, we sold just under \$160,000.00 worth of popcorn in just a couple of hours—an average of \$140.00 per Scout! Our units managed to sell an average of 60% of their 2003 total popcorn sale in those same two hours! What an accomplishment.

There's much more to tell about Blitz Day and it can be found on the Council-Wide Popcorn Sale page of the Okaw Valley Council Website (www.okawbsa.org then "Council-Wide Popcorn Sales"). If your unit did not take advantage of this major boost and momentum builder, plan now to participate fully in Blitz Day in 2005!

Now That you Have Sold Popcorn...How Do You Pick It Up??

Popcorn orders will be ready to distribute to units on Friday, November 5 at your pre-assigned distribution point (see your District page of the Okaw Valley Council website for more details). You should bring your copy of your popcorn order form for verification purposes.

When you arrive at your distribution point, check in and identify which unit you are representing. The popcorn crew will probably have your unit order pre-counted and stacked for you. Simply count the cases and containers in your stack, verify that everything you ordered is there, sign the form that indicates you're receiving your full order, then load it all into your vehicles. The popcorn cases vary in size and dimensions but most average about 30" x 15" x 15" so don't skimp on carrying space. A full-size van, 1/2 or 3/4 ton truck (with cover) or low-boy

trailer will generally be enough for most unit orders. Some may get by with a station wagon or mini van but others will need multiple vehicles to carry their product away. Check the popcorn page on the council website for more details about the products and case sizes.

Each unit should schedule their distribution to Scouts on Saturday. It's best to pre-count and stack family orders and utilize the "Family Receipt" form when the families receive the product. That way, they acknowledge that they received everything they pre-sold and know when the money is due back to your unit. These Family Receipts were made available when you turned in your unit order on October 20. If you still need some, contact the Council Service Center.

Course Number	Course Name	9:00	9:55	10:50	11:45	12:40	1:35	2:30
101	Mystic Midway (all day)	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*
102	Dealing w/Difficult People	X				X		
103	Religious Awards Program		X					
104	Unit Budget			X				
105	Health Form				X		X	
106	Basic First Aid (2 session block)						X	X
107	CPR Certification (3 session block)	X	X	X				
108	Safety Afloat/Safe Swim Defense				X			X
109	Climb On Safely/Trek Safely					X		
110	Totin' Chip/Whittlin' Chip			X			X	
111	New Leader Essentials (2 session block)	X	X					
112	Patriotic Scouting		X				X	
113	Scout Conservation Awards				X			X
114	The WWW			X				
115	The Commissioner's Role with Your Unit			X				
200	Tiger Cub Den Leader Training (3 session block)			X	X	X		
201	Cub Scout Den Leader Training(3 session block)			X	X	X		
202	Webelos Den Leader Training(4 session block)			X	X	X	X	
203	Cubmaster Training (3 session block)			X	X	X		
204	Pack Committee Training (3 session block)					X	X	X
205	How to Use Your Den Chief	X	X					
206	March/April/May Themes			X			X	
207	The Blue and Gold		X					
208	Tiger Mania	X						X
209	Fun, Games, and Dazzle		X					
210	Cubs in the Kitchen						X	X
211	Webelos Transition							X
212	Packmaster and You (2 session block)	X	X					
300	Chaplain's Aide Training (all day)	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*
301	Den Chief Training (all day)	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*
302	Troop Committee Challenge (4 session block)			X	X	X	X	
303	The Scoutmaster and Training Youth Leaders	X						
304	Camping Light		X					
305	Using Mannaseh and OA			X				
306	Merit Badge Counselors				X			
307	Building Confidence (2 session blocks)	X	X		X	X		
308	The Board of Review					X		
309	Troop Ceremonies						X	
310	Eagle Preview							X
311	The Care and Feeding of a Patrol Box			X				
312	Troopmaster and You (2 session block)					X	X	
313	Native American Costuming (2 session blocks)	X	X			X	X	
400	Loon and Moose: High Adventure Canoeing		X					
401	Philmont.....Backpacking			X				
402	Have Passport, Will Travel				X			
403	Wanna Get Away?					X		
404	Venture Patrols and the Scoutmaster						X	
405	Where No Human Has Been Before							X
406	Starting a Venturing Crew	X						
407	Issues in Venturing					X		
500	District Committee Training	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*	X*

- 101 Mystic Midway Great ideas for Scouters at every level. Crafts, demonstrations, things to do, places to go, organizations, and activities.
- 101 Dealing with Difficult People Whether adult or youth, brats can present a challenge. How to bring out the best!
- 101 Religious Award Program Learn how and why Scouts and Adult Leaders earn religious award recognition.
- 101 The Unit Budget Don't scrape! Plan your income, expenditures, record-keeping and reports. A must for committee members.
- 101 The Health Form What does it mean? How to use the information on the health form to ensure the safety of everyone.
- 101 Basic First Aid This is really the BASIC stuff leaders need to know in order to run safe meetings as well as to teach Webelos and Scout requirements. (2 block session)
- 101 CPR Certification Meets high adventure and tour permit requirements. (3 session block)
- 101 Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat Certification meets tour permit requirements. For those of you who missed this during Summer Camp.
- 101 Climb on Safely/Trek Safely Components of the requirements for safely conducting these activities with your unit.
- 101 Totin' Chip/Whittlin' Chip How to teach and earn it yourself.
- 101 New Leader Essentials The new course designed to orient ANY Scout leader to their role and their place in the big picture of Scouting. (2 session block) *NLE is a prerequisite for all basic training courses, certificate good for 2 years.
- 101 Patriotic Scouting "Duty to Country" is a BSA tradition – a discussion of the how and why, as well as flag etiquette and ceremonies.
- 101 Scout Conservation Awards A great introduction to all conservation awards. Requirements, how-to's, project ideas and more.
- 101 The WWW Website use "do's and don'ts"; useful sites; and accessing the Okaw Valley website.
- 101 The Commissioner's Role With Your Unit How the Unit Commissioner can help your unit be successful and what you can expect from the Commissioner.
- 200 Tiger Cub Den Leader Training What you need to know to succeed as a Tiger Cub Den Leader. (3 session block) Prerequisite: Course #111 – New Leader Essentials
- 200 Cub Scout Den Leader Training Basic training for Den Leaders. (3 session block) Prerequisite: Course #111 – New Leader Essentials.
- 200 Webelos Den Leader Training Basic training for Webelos Den Leaders. (4 session block) Prerequisite: Course #111 – New Leader Essentials.
- 200 Cubmaster Training Basic training for Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters. (3 session block) Prerequisite: Course #111 – New Leader Essentials.
- 200 Pack Committee Training Basic training for Pack Committee members. (3 session block) Prerequisite: Course #111 –New Leader Essentials.
- 200 How to Use Your Den Chief Learn creative ways to use the Cub Scout Leaders' best friend! Learn how he can help you run an exciting den program and encourage other Scout to behave!
- 200 March/April/May Monthly Themes Learn the what's and why's of these three themes! Leave with the skits, songs, crafts you need to utilize them successfully.
- 200 The Blue and Gold Planning, budgeting, program ideas, fun and originality. Often the biggest event of a pack's year. What does it take to make it a sure success?
- 200 Tiger Mania Search, Discover and Share the themes, games and where to go!
- 200 Fun, Games and Dazzle Add games, zest and pizzazz to your den or pack meetings. Great ideas and try-outs.
- 200 Cubs in the Kitchen Cub Scouts can cook and have a ball with it!
- 211 Webelos Transition Is it possible to get 100% of your Webelos to bridge into a troop? Yes! But it takes a plan and careful attention through the year.
- 212 Packmaster How to use Packmaster to its fullest – even recharter with it! (2 session block)
- 300 Chaplain's Aide Training "A Scout is Reverent." This all-day course prepares youth for the Chaplain's Aide position in the troop. This inter-faith training is highly recommended.
- 300 Den Chief Training This all-day course prepares youth for the Den Chief position in a Pack. How-to's, activity ideas and more. Required training to qualify for the Den Chief Award.
- 300 Troop Committee Challenge The best training course for Troop Committee members. Well worth it! (4 session block)
- 300 The Scoutmaster and Training Youth Leaders How and why to train the SPL, PL's and other youth leaders. A vital program to make your troop really work smoothly.
- 300 Camping Light Stoves? Tents? Patrol Box? What do you REALLY need on a camp out? Learn how and why to leave the trailer at home.
- 300 Using Mannaseh and the OA How can these organizations help you retain older Scouts, recognize leadership, and motivate your youth.
- 300 Merit Badge Counselor Training Training for the counselor. What to be; what to know; how to do; and where to find current requirements.
- 300 Building Confidence C.O.P.E. is more than just a tower. Learn team-building games and skills that will boost self-confidence and cooperation in your troop. (2 session block)
- 300 The Board of Review Who conducts this? What is the purpose? Discover how to make the components of a Troop Board of Review strengthen your Troop.
- 300 Troop Ceremonies Your Court of Honors should be special. Great ideas to make the presentations memorable and fun.
- 300 Eagle Preview The do's, don'ts, timelines, and requirements for Eagle Rank. How to implement the "Mentor Method" to help boys achieve this rank.
- 300 The Care and Feeding of a Patrol Box How to build it, stock it, move it, clean it, pack it, and stack it!
- 300 Troopmaster and You How to use Troopmaster to its fullest – even recharter with it! (2 session block)
- 300 Native American Costuming Preparing feathers, handling headdresses, making fans, beading basics, using leather. (2 session block)
- 400 Loon and Moose: How to Prepare for High Adventure Canoeing Does the loon's call beckon you? Here's how to get ready for your unit's trip to any canoeing wilderness.
- 400 Philmont and Other Backpacking Stories Learn about needed gear and physical abilities needed to enjoy this strenuous experience in Scouting's Paradise.
- 400 Have Passport, Will Travel ...to High Adventure. Learn about the BSA publication that will help you plan and prepare your unit for successful high adventures!
- 400 Wanna Get Away? There are many High Adventure experiences within a day's drive of the Metro East as well as those far away.
- 400 Venture Patrols and the Scoutmaster Ever wonder what a Venture Patrol is, how to start one, and how it should fit in the troop? Hear the solution from a success story right in our own Council!
- 400 Where No Human Has Been Before....or leave the land looking that way. Leave No Trace is now the Boy Scout way!
- 400 Starting a Venturing Crew How to begin; where to begin. Sage advice comes from those who have successfully started a Crew.
- 400 Issues in Venturing Safety while Venturing and the co-ed challenge are just some of the discussions with a panel of folks who have "been there, done that".
- 500 District Committee Training This meets the basic training need of District Committee Members and results in a well-coordinated and dedicated group of Scouters committed to achieving the mission of the council and its districts. Limited to presently appointed Dist. Cmte. Members.

The Chaplain Aide Training

You are invited to participate in the Okaw Valley Council's Chaplain Aide Training, a course offered as part of the University of Scouting on Saturday, January 29, 2005, at Belleville's Central Junior High School, 1801 Central School Road. This is an energetic, interactive and hands-on training event developed just for you. Here are the who, what, how and why's you can expect to answer that day:

Learn more about how your **FAITH** tradition can blend with those of your fellow Scouts. (*The "WHO"*)

Gain a better **UNDERSTANDING** of your role as a Chaplain Aide for your troop. (*The "WHAT"*)

Pick up some **TOOLS** and other resources to help you fulfill your role. (*The "HOW"*)

Find out how "**DUTY TO GOD**" has remained a core value of Scouting since 1910. (*The "WHY"*)

In addition, you'll have a number of scheduled breaks so that you can enjoy the many booth displays and other exciting elements of the University of Scouting.

The Chaplain Aide Training has been enthusiastically enjoyed by those who have attended in the past. The only difference in 2005 is that YOU should be there. Talk with your Scoutmaster and ask him to sign you up for Chaplain Aide Training: Course #300 at the University of Scouting.

PURPOSE

The Chaplain Aide is a troop leadership position. Its purpose is to encourage troop members in their growth in their relationship with God, in keeping with the religious principals of the Boy Scouts of America.

This position DOES meet the advancement requirement to serve in a troop office.

WHO IS A CHAPLAIN AIDE?

A Chaplain Aide is a Scout who is responsible for encouraging spiritual awareness and growth in the lives of troop members.

He also will assist the Troop Chaplain (usually a clergyman) who is an adult responsible for the emphasis on spiritual awareness and growth in the lives of the troop leaders and members, and in the troop program.

Scout's Name: _____ **Troop #** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Registration Fee of \$8.00: **Enclosed** **OR** **Take from Troop Account**

Account approval by Unit Leader

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

You are invited to participate in the Okaw Valley Council's Den Chief Training, a course offered as part of the University of Scouting on Saturday, January 29, 2005, at Belleville's Central Junior high School, 1801 Central School Road. This hands-on training event will give you the training you need to be a great Den Chief with a Cub Scout Pack. Here are some of the topics to be covered that day:

- ✍ Learn more about how your knowledge and skill can help the development of Cub Scouts.
- ✍ Gain a better understanding of your role as a Den Chief, both in the Den and in your Troop.
- ✍ Find ideas, resources and learn new skills to help you fulfill your role.
- ✍ Learn how the points of the Scout Law and Scout Oath can help the Cub Scouts become prepared to enter the Troop.

In addition, you will have a number of scheduled breaks so that you can enjoy the many booth displays and other exciting elements of the University of Scouting.

The Den Chief Training has been found to be a valuable tool by those who have attended in the past. The only difference in 2005 is that YOU should be there. Talk with your Scoutmaster and ask him to sign you up for Den Chief Training: Course #301 at the University of Scouting.

PURPOSE

The Den Chief is a troop leadership and a den leadership position. Its purpose is to encourage Cub Scouts to grow as Scouts and bridge into Boy Scouting at the proper time. This position DOES meet the advancement requirement to serve in a troop office.

WHO IS A DEN CHIEF?

The Den Chief is a Boy Scout who works with a Den of Cub Scouts and with their adult leader. He takes part in den meetings, encourages Cub Scout advancement and is a role model for younger boys. Serving as a Den Chief can be a great first leadership experience for a Scout.

Scout's Name: _____ Troop # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registration Fee of \$8.00: Enclosed OR Take from Troop Account

Account approval by Unit Leader