



From the Scout Executive

The Lincoln Trails Council has a lot to be thankful for this year. 2006 has definitely left an impact as the year draws to a close. We have experienced success with our fundraising efforts, our membership is on track, our ScoutReach program is moving to a new level with the coming addition of an Executive to serve the program, United Way support is up in all counties with the exception of Macon County in which we were defunded, our popcorn sale experienced a slight increase, and we have been the recipient of some foundation gifts.

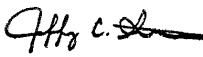
The Lincoln Trails Council has been fortunate to have the 1,400 plus volunteers that work tirelessly on the Unit, District, or Council level in order to insure that our youth are receiving a quality program. Ladies and gentleman, you do make a difference in the lives of the young people in Central Illinois and I am very proud to serve as your Scout Executive.

We have a new challenge in 2007, the Centennial Quality Award program. This program is really designed to place all of our focus on each unit and to enhance each program. We are going to be focusing on training, all leaders need to be trained. The outdoor program opportunities are being evaluated to make certain that we are providing the best outdoor experience that we can for our youth. Fundraising must continue to move forward and we are going to

need your help to make that happen. The Family FOS campaigns must be conducted by April and we need everyone's support to make it a success. Marketing will become one of our priorities to get the word out about Scouting and the benefits that come from your efforts. Membership at all levels must receive special attention and new ideas must be developed to recruit new youth. We can no longer sit idle, we must extend an offer to every young person in our territory. New approaches must be found for the Mattoon, Charleston, and Effingham areas since the school districts will not allow boy talks. Our youth must become actively involved in the recruitment process.

Ladies and gentleman, I challenge you to step forward and to make every effort to move the Lincoln Trails Council, your District, and your Unit towards the Centennial Award. Establish such a strong, quality program that it sets us apart from the rest of the Councils in the Central Region. I know we can do it!!!!

Yours In Scouting,


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