

Redhawk District

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Leader Training Council Fall Cuboree/Camporee

There will be a New Leaders Essentials training course conducted in Charleston at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00pm. Assistant District Commissioner Todd Cassell will be the trainer for the event. If you have any questions please contact Todd Cassell at 217-348-7517.

The fourth annual Cuboree was held on October 19-21 at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. 282 Cub Scouts and 195 adults attended the event. The Cuboree was a fun-filled activity packed with adventure centered around a "rocket" theme. Cub Scouts had the opportunity to earn belt loops at the bb gun and archery range under the direction of Shad Edwards, Allison Mammen, and Durrell Mammen. Slingshots, first aid, shelter building, rocket building, nature hikes, and more rounded out the activities. The infamous pumpkin' chunkin' event showed off each packs originality. A campfire program closed out the day on Saturday with the Cub Scouts performing songs, skits, and telling jokes. On Sunday morning rockets were launched leaving trails of smoke for all to see. Troop 156, under the direction of Ellen Watkins, provided the meals for the event. John Ingram and Melanie Byers, both of Sullivan, were co-chairmen for the Cuboree. The weather cooperated and all Cub Scouts in attendance had a wonderful weekend at Rhodes France Scout Reservation.

Roundtable

Redhawk District Roundtables are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the First Christian Church in Casey. Roundtable is a great way to find out what is going on in the district, talk with other leaders, and take new ideas back to your unit.

If you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming Roundtable activities, please contact Dave Murphy at alikatt@yahoo.com.

A successful Camporee was also held during the Cuboree. 49 Boy Scouts worked on either Space Exploration or Plumbing merit badges. Mike Hammond, Scoutmaster of Troop 5 in Decatur, was the counselor for the Space Exploration badge and John Nail was the Plumbing counselor. To end the merit badge session, the space exploration Scouts launched their rockets twice. The Scouts in the Plumbing merit badge made their own marshmallow guns. The Boy Scouts also participated in the closing campfire with the Cub Scouts.

District Meeting District Award of Merit Nominations

Redhawk District meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Joe's Pizza in Casey. Any adult leaders that would like to help out with district activities or would like to help out on one or more of the committees are encouraged to attend.

Please contact District Chairman Steve Sell or District Commissioner Dave Murphy for more information about the District Committee and how you may be able to help.

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts. The award is available to any registered Scouter who renders service of an outstanding nature at the district level. The deadline for submitting nominations for this award is February 15th, 2008. If you have any questions about this award please contact District Chairman Steve Sell or District Commissioner Dave Murphy. Nominations forms can be found online at www.scouting.org/forms.

Redhawk District Annual Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th, 2008.

Friends of Scouting

As 2007 begins to wind down and we start looking ahead to 2008, please remember that Scouting needs the support of everyone. It has been said that a volunteer gives time; a Scouter gives time and money. As your unit begins to make plans for 2008 please remember to include a Friends of Scouting presentation as part of your January or February unit event.

Redhawk District Calendar

November

1	Roundtable
1	Commissioner's Meeting
3	Popcorn Distribution
11	Veteran's Day
15	District Meeting
22	Thanksgiving - Service Center Closed

December

6	Roundtable
7	Recharter and Popcorn Money Due
20	District Meeting
25	Christmas