



## Scout Executive's Corner Jeff Stout, SE

### Success building on success

The Lincoln Trails Council had a tremendous year in 2007 and was named a Centennial Quality Council. A big thank you goes out to the unit leaders, district members, and Executive Board for their hard work and commitment that each youth will have a quality Scouting experience. Scouting in 2008 appears to be continuing on the right path, Rechartering is going well, retention is above last year, activities are having strong attendance, training of new leaders is going on in all districts, Friends of Scouting campaigns in communities are beginning, family presentations are being conducted in each district, Boy Scout Summer Camp and Cub Scout camping programs are offering new programs, etc.

Our new Camp Director, Doug Zaring and Program Director, Matt Kaufman and new Ranger, Mark Kirkpatrick are building upon the success that Nelda Foster and Theron Tinker have provided at Rhodes France Scout Reservation for many years. It is very exciting to see the number of applicants for summer camp staff this year. You will recognize many of the faces from years prior. Camp promises to be exciting for the youth and for our adult leaders. Don't miss out; plan to attend camp this year.

It is very exciting to see the enthusiasm that is going on in the Districts and in our camping and activities. We are moving in the right direction, providing a top quality program for every Scout that we serve.

Yours in Scouting,

## Theron Tinker to Step Down as Ranger

The Lincoln Trails Council would like to say thank you for a job well done to Theron Tinker. He is retired from ADM where he worked in several of their facilities around the country. Tinker has served as Ranger for Rhodes France Scout Reservation since 1989. Theron served as a Scoutmaster for many years with Troop 43 in Mt. Zion. Tinker has also served as the Program Director for Rhodes France Scout Reservation since the early 90's. He will be moving to North Carolina to be close to his family. May 14th will be Theron's last day with Lincoln Trails Council.

Please join us on Sunday, May 4th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Activity Building at Rhodes France Scout Reservation to wish him well. If you or your unit would like to do something for Theron, a special camp scholarship program is being established. Contact the Lincoln Trails Council Service Center for more details.

## New Ranger Hired

Lincoln Trails Council is pleased to announce that Mark Kirkpatrick has accepted the position of Ranger for Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Mark is no stranger to Lincoln Trails or to Rhodes France, he has worked as Aquatics Director and in Camp Maintenance for 22 years. He is also Wood Badge Trained.

Mark is employed by Grain Systems Incorporated in Assumption where he will continue his duties. Mark will begin serving as Ranger on March 15th, 2008 and will work alongside Theron Tinker to learn the ins and outs of the camp. Please join us in welcoming Mark and his wife Angela to his new position in the Council.



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