

# Order of the Arrow Woapink Lodge

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## 2008 Winter Banquet

The 2008 Winter Banquet was held on March 1st in Mattoon. There were nearly 100 people in attendance at this annual event. The lodge made a presentation to the 2007 Vigil Honor class during the program. The Arrowman of the Year award was presented to Sean Fitzgerrel and Rick Tucker for their outstanding service to the lodge. The Founder's Award was presented to Ryan Easterling and Randal Beck for their longstanding commitment to the ideals of the Order of the Arrow.

## Unit Elections

Just a reminder - each Chapter Chief will be contacting each Scoutmaster in his chapter to set the date for the Order of the Arrow Unit Elections. These are the elections where members of each troop choose who will be inducted into the Order of the Arrow this year. All elections must be conducted by a trained unit election team from the lodge and must be completed by June 15th. The 2007 - 2008 Chapter Chiefs are: Clinton Olson - Railsplitter District, Nicholas Heller - Redhawk District, and Tyler Goeckner - Two Rivers District.

## Spring Fellowship

The Spring Fellowship will be held on May 2nd - 4th at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Scouts and Scouters who were elected last year but did not attend the Fall Fellowship need to attend. Also, Ordeal members who have been members for at least 10 months can complete their Brotherhood during the weekend.

**Remember, all Lodge mailings are sent only to current paid members. To check whether your dues are currently paid please contact Matt Kaufman at the Council Office.**

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# Scoutreach District News

The Scoutreach District is gearing up for the beginning of summer programming. Many units are getting ready for day camp. I would like to take the time to notice that the district as a whole is already at the requirements of the Chief Scout Executive's Winners Circle Award for 2008. Thanks to all the hard work of the units and special volunteers in the district that made this possible. We are continuing to go full speed ahead, and do not plan on slowing down now. There are still obstacles that need to be overcome, but with the help of volunteers, this will not be an issue. I would like to remind any unit wanting to come to day camp, please make sure all of the children are in and on time this year. I am looking forward to an excellent summer with the continuation of our pattern of success. Good Scouting!!!

Lawrence Trimble

Scoutreach District Executive

## 2010 National Jamboree

We are starting the planning for the 2010 National Jamboree. As a Council we would like to send a contingent of two troops. This is going to be an awesome experience as this will be the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This will be a big celebration. We are currently looking for adults who would like to help with this activity. Interested Scouts should send a \$100 deposit along with their name and Troop # to the Council Service Center as soon as possible to get on the list. If you are interested, please contact Doug Zaring at 217-620-0772 as soon as possible.

## Webelos Crossings

Webelos Scouts are now ready to "Cross the Bridge" and head down that Boy Scout Trail. Let's all make every effort to make this transition an easy step for them to make.

### **Cubmasters and Webelos Leaders**

Encourage your Scouts to stay on the Scouting Trail. Help them to find a troop that will fit their needs. Remind parents that the benefits of Scouting increase as boys move into and through the Boy Scout experience.

### **Scoutmasters**

Make a call to the parents of each Webelos Scout in your area. Help them to be more comfortable sending their son to your troop. Explain your troop's program, it's philosophy, and describe upcoming activities. Invite the new Scout and his parents to your next meeting or outing.

Webelos Scouts and their parents need guidance and encouragement to take the next step in Scouting. Cubmasters, Webelos Leaders, and Scoutmasters are in the best position to provide this guidance and encouragement.

