

Scout Executive's Corner Chris Long, SE

What an honor! My family and I are truly honored to be coming to the Lincoln Trails Council, and to serve beside you in our mission to help kids. I know first hand what the Scouting program can do for young people, and I look forward to sharing with you what Scouting has meant to me in my life.

The Lincoln Trails Council has a lot to be proud of - membership growth, great programs for kids, a beautiful camp, and some of the best volunteers around! Preserving the traditions and history of the council is very important, just as growing the membership and finances will continue to be. Together we can do great things for our Scouts - and for our Scouts of tomorrow.

My wife Shelly, and our new son Matthew (born just two days ago as I write this article) can't wait to come south and get to know you all.

Yours in Scouting,



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News From The Council President Richard Nolte



As most of you were informed in the last issue of the Trailblazer, Jeff Stout has accepted the position as Associate Region Director for Program for the Central Region.

We are about to embark on a new chapter in the history of Lincoln Trails Council. The Scout Executive Selection Committee, by authorization of the Executive Board, has recently hired Chris Long as our new Scout Executive. He will begin his career with Lincoln Trails Council on November 1, 2008. Chris comes to us after having served as Assistant Scout Executive for the Blackhawk Area Council in Rockford, IL for the last four years.

Chris is an Eagle Scout and has 19 1/2 years as a professional Scouter, having served in Pontiac, MI, Grand Rapids, MI, Des Moines, IA, and Rockford, IL. He is the architect of the "My Best Friend is a Scout" program that is currently being used nationally in Cub Scout recruitment. Chris is also one of the cornerstones in the progress of the Blackhawk Area Council's capital campaign along with the Rock River Valley Girl Scout Council to raise funds for a new join service center.

Please help me welcome Chris, his wife Shelly, and their newborn son Matthew to our council. I hope most of you will be able to "look up" to him in the near future.

Yours in Scouting



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