

Order of the Arrow

Woapink Lodge

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Winter Banquet

The 2009 Woapink Lodge Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 7th in Mattoon. The location will be announced at a later date. All members and their families are invited to attend. Be on the lookout for registration forms in the mail soon!

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 1st. The 2008 - 2009 Chapter Chiefs are: Tim Wetzell - Railsplitter District, Doug Muhs - Redhawk District, and Kyle Brown - Two Rivers District.

Chief Illini Trail Workday

Woapink Lodge has long been a sponsor of the Chief Illini Trail around parts of Lake Shelbyville. The Lodge hosts a workday each year in April to help prepare the trail for the camping/hiking season. This year's workday will be Saturday, April 18th. Units wishing to participate will need to meet at Lone Point campground at 8:00am on the 18th. Several projects will be completed to make sure that the trail is in tip top shape for 2009. Camping is available at the Walleye Campground for units interested. Arrangements must be made with the Army Corp of Engineers. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Chief Illini Trail Adviser Rick Tucker at 217-330-8580.

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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2009 Klondike Derby

The Council-wide Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 10th at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Registration will begin at 8:30am with events starting at 9:30am.



All participants are to wear proper winter footwear (no tennis shoes) and winter clothing. Each Scout patrol will need a Klondike Sled, first aid kit (including splints and triangular bandages), 8'X10' tarp, Scout handbook, hatchet, tinder for fire, fire starters, matches or flint and steel, pocket knife, canteen, firewood for a small fire, small mobile fire pit, blankets, compass, stopwatch, binders twine, 2 - 6' staves, and a patrol flag. The sled must be built to carry a passenger and the patrol's gear. All units will be responsible for their own lunches. You must haul your garbage out.

Each Troop may camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday by making arrangements with the Council Service Center.

2009 Scouting for Food



Are you ready to make a mark in your community? Are you willing to help those who are less fortunate than you? Are you ready to fulfill the Scouting duty to help other people at all times? If so, the 2009 Scouting for Food drive is what you are looking for! This year we are planning to collect enormous amounts of food for those who are less fortunate than we are. All units are encouraged to participate in the food bag distribution on Saturday, February 7th and collection on Saturday, February 14th. We will have commitment forms available on the website as we approach the dates for this event. Who will collect the most food? Who will perform their duty to their country to their fullest potential? Let's make this year the best year for Scouting for Food! Do a Good Turn for America!

Venturing Resources

The Central Region Venturing Program has many links available on their regional Web site. You can find information on International Opportunities in the Article Archives as well as within the General Scouting links. Please explore the site at www.crventuring.org.