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Council Scouters Honored at the Annual Recognition Dinner

Lincoln Trails Council awarded Randal Beck, John Fischer, Rick Tucker, and Norman Wilson with the Silver Beaver Award in a ceremony held April 19th during the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner in Mattoon. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer. T

Randal Beck began his Scouting career in 1962 and worked his way up to the rank of Life Scout. Randy was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 1965 and is currently a Vigil Honor member of Woapink Lodge. Randy is currently serving as the Council's training chairman as well as an Assistant Scout-

master with Troop 202 in Decatur. He has completed Wood Badge training and served on the staff for Wood Badge courses. Randy has been involved with many different community organizations including the Breakfast Optimist Club of Decatur and the Northwest Baseball Association. Randy is currently an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Millikin University in Decatur.

John Fischer started as a Boy Scout and has continued in the program for many years. Through his time in Lincoln Trails Council he has served as a Tiger Cub Coach, Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Committee Member, and Scoutmaster. John also served as the Railsplitter District Chairman. He is currently a District Member at Large in the Railsplitter District. John is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. John is involved in many different activities outside of Scouting including Knights of Columbus and the Decatur Swim Club.

Rick Tucker has served for nearly 20 years as a volunteer Scouter including terms as a Cub Scout Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Adviser, and Venture Crew Associate Adviser. Rick served as the Cubmaster of Pack 20 in Decatur and eventually took on the role of Scoutmaster for Troop 20. Rick left Troop 20 in 2005 and became as Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 81 in Decatur where he still serves today. Rick is a Vigil Honor member of Woapink Lodge and has served as the Chief Illini Trail Adviser for the past 5 years. Rick has helped staff many training courses over the years in Lincoln Trails Council and has been an adult adviser for Brownsea NYLT for over nine years. Outside of Scouting Rick has been a volunteer for booster clubs and a coach in the Hess Park Baseball League.

Norman Wilson is a long time Scouter heavily involved in the Two Rivers District. Throughout his many years of volunteer service he has been a member of Pack and Troop 98 sponsored by the First Christian Church in Herrick. For the Two Rivers District, Norman has served as the Camping Chairman and Roundtable Commissioner. He is a recipient of the District Award of Merit and the Arrowhead Honor for Commissioner Service. Norman has served as the Climbing Director at Rhodes France Scout Reservation since 2007. He is currently the Chief of the Herrick Volunteer Fire Department and an active member of the Herrick First Christian Church.

Also during the dinner Dave Salogga or Troop 104 in Decatur was presented the George Meany award for his service to Scouting. The George Meany award is a national recognition presented by the AFL-CIO Executive Council to adult union members who make significant contributions to their community through Scouting. Dave is the 20th recipient in Lincoln Trails Council. The council also recognized members of the 2008 class of Eagle Scouts with a commemorative Eagle Scout Council Shoulder Patch. Rovena Knight, Council Executive Board Member, was presented the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award for her outstanding work with the Scoutreach program in Lincoln Trails Council.



Norman Wilson, Randy Beck, John Fischer, Rick Tucker



Richard Nolte & Rovena Knight



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Scout Executive's Message Christian J. Long, SE

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Proper prior planning prevents pitifully poor performance. This spring, each district will be conducting a program kickoff meeting, and you may be a bit surprised by what you see. In the past, this meeting has been a replacement for Roundtable where packets were given out to each unit and District Committee members held up samples of what was in the packets and explained why it was important. The meeting **really had very little to do with planning though. So let's try something a little bit different...**

Our new attitude towards this meeting is that it is a training session where unit leaders will come to learn HOW to most effectively plan out the unit program for the year. There will still be a packet of information and a disc with sample paperwork and a calendar, and there will be additional tools as well. We will be including 2 copies of the council calendar printed out for each unit and a planning chart to help the units go through the process. At the training your unit will begin plugging important dates into your calendar for the 2009 - 2010 program year. There may even be some special drawings with cool prizes!

Dream a little! As you enter the program planning process you will hear us encourage you to dream a little. If you could have the very best Scouting program in your unit, what would it look like? Part of the process will be to brainstorm ideas, discounting none of them initially. Once you have some ideas, then go through and determine whether or not you can afford to make them reality. Your Scouts deserve the best, and sometimes you really have to work hard to get the best!

Your attendance is vital at this meeting. Please try to make sure that at least one person from your unit committee attends, and **preferably have 2 or 3 people come to the training. With a little "proper prior planning" your Scouts and their families can have the best program possible.**

Friends of Scouting Reaches \$84,000!

NEARING 50% OF GOAL!

Through commitment and hard work the council has achieved nearly 50% of its FOS goal for 2009. Families have been extremely generous in support of Scouting, donating \$35,500 so far toward a goal of \$39,000. Both the Redhawk and Two Rivers District have already met their Family goals! The Executive Board has also surpassed hits goal of \$20,000. Congratulations! The community campaigns are just now kicking off, and we hope to complete our Friends of Scouting campaign by the end of June.

Volunteers Accept New Positions

Dave Murphy of Redhawk District has accepted the position of Assistant Council Commissioner for Roundtables. His duties will include Roundtable Commissioner Training, Roundtable planning coordination, and resource assistance.

Fred Saurmann of Railsplitter District has accepted the position of Assistant Council Commissioner for training. His duties will include training for Unit, Assistant District, and District Commissioners, assist with Commissioner fast start training, and promotion and dissemination of Commissioner specific information.

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Roundtable

August 13

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - 7:00pm

Roundtables will be held on August 13th at St. Patrick's Church starting at 7:00pm. This is a time when valuable information is made available to your unit. Each Pack, Troop, and Crew is highly encouraged to attend these meetings so they can prepare the best program for their units. **Don't miss out on this opportunity, mark your calendar now and we will see you there.** NOTE: This is a different date than normal!

District Committee Meeting

August 11th

St. John's Lutheran Church

The next Railsplitter District Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th at St. John's Lutheran Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm and all Scouters from the district are encouraged to attend. Come join this important meeting and help make 2009 a great year for the Railsplitter District.

Friends of Scouting Presentations

The District is aiming for 100% unit participation in the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. This would give each family in our district the opportunity to support the Scouting program in a special way. Each unit is asked to let us know when in January, February, or March we can come give the Friends of Scouting story to their unit. Blue and Gold Banquets, Troop Courts of Honor, or Crew meetings are great times to invite the district to give this important information. To set your date now please call Mark Potter at 217-423-7195. Thank you for your support.

District Director's Corner



Summer vacation is almost here and it is time to think about summer camps. Whether you are in Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, you will not want to miss out on the many exciting opportunities to take part in one of the summer camps being offered. These camps offer all the fun and excitement Scouting has to offer and, best of all, it all takes

place in the outdoors. So if you have not yet signed up for these opportunities, do so now by contacting your District Executive at the Council Service Center.

District Award of Merit

At the annual Railsplitter District Recognition Dinner held on February 12th, two dedicated Scouters were presented with the District Award of Merit. This award is the highest honor a district can give a Scouter. Shad Edwards, Cubmaster of Pack 104 and Brett Easterling, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 104 were both honored with this award. Both of these gentlemen have given exemplary service to both their local units and the district. We truly appreciate these two men and what they have and will continue to do for the Scouting program.

District Commissioner Meetings

August 6th

The District will held its Commissioner meeting on August 6th. Commissioners should call District Commissioner Pam Roberts to check the time and location of this meeting. NOTE: This is a different date than our old schedule so please mark your calendars and be at this important meeting.

Railsplitter District Calendar

May

June

Two Rivers District

Serving Christian, Effingham, Fayette, Moultrie, and Shelby counties.

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Friends of Scouting

Final pledges and gifts are still coming in. There is still time for you to give your FOS gift or make your pledge. Contact Doug Zaring at 217-620-0772.

District Training

The district held a training day out at Camp Kickapoo and had 33 Scouters attend from all over the council. This was a great day for training and if your unit needs training contact Tamela S. Polanin at cubscoutdenleader444@hotmail.com.



Scouting in Afghanistan

One of our Scouters from the Two Rivers District while serving in the military in Afghanistan, Tim Hodge, has been helping get the Scouting organization on its feet there. Tim is hoping to return to the US soon and start helping with local Scouting in our area specifically with Troop 3 in Effingham. Here is a picture of Tim with Kabul Scout Officials. The maroon neckerchief is the highest rank that can be attained in that country. This was a very interesting and energetic group according to Tim.



Annual Program Kickoff

June 11th - 7:00pm
 Rhodes France Scout Reservation

The annual program kickoff meeting for the district will be held on Thursday, June 11th at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. This meeting will also include a cook-out. The district will be providing drinks, hamburgers, and hotdogs. Please bring your own place setting and a side dish or dessert to pass. This is going to be a spectacular event that all leaders should attend. Many questions will be answered for the upcoming year and we are going to have some fun while we are at it.

Every unit needs to have someone at this meeting to get their packet for the next year of Scouting. There will be door prizes for those who attend.

This meeting is for all adult leaders in Two Rivers District. Please plan to attend and receive your new council calendar, program notebooks, planning charts, training and roundtable dates, and much more. If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Doug Zaring at 620-0772 or douglas.zaring@scouting.org.

Two Rivers District Calendar

May	June

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Friends of Scouting

I am happy to announce that Redhawk District has met and exceeded our Family Friends of Scouting pledge goal of \$8,000! Thank you to the families and friends **who pledged during their unit's FOS presentation!** To date, the campaign has raised \$12,509 of our \$29,000 goal. To reach the **remainder of our district's financial goal by June 30**, all remaining units need to schedule a family FOS presentation, help with your **community's FOS campaign**, and **have every district Scouter pledge.** If you do not have a FOS presentation scheduled or would like to assist **with your community's campaign**, please contact Ellen Watkins at 217-620-7205 or ellen.watkins@scouting.org.

Program Kickoff

The Program Committee would like to invite all units to attend an exciting Program Kickoff meeting on June 11th at 6:30pm at the First Christian Church in Casey. Units will receive valuable training and information **to help plan their "Ideal Year of Scouting"** along with many surprises.

Commissioner & Committee Meetings

Starting in May, District Commissioner and District Committee Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at the First Christian Church in Casey. The District Commissioner meeting will begin at 6:30pm to be immediately followed at 7:30pm by the District Committee meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as Redhawk District cannot operate without your assistance!

Redhawk Annual Business Meeting & District Dinner

The Redhawk District Annual Business Meeting and Recognition Dinner was held on Thursday, March 19 at the First Christian Church in Casey. After enjoying a wonderful meal provided by Country Catering, the meeting was turned over to Daniel Bishop for the District Nominating Committee report. Keith Kohanzo was elected to serve as the District Chairman and David Murphy was nominated to continue as the District Commissioner. Awards were presented to the 2008 Eagle Class and the Commissioner staff. Serendipity awards were also presented to several Scouters in attendance. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the District Award of Merit. The 2009 recipients are Jason Duhamell, Cubmaster of Pack 33 in Mattoon, and Henry Wallace, Scoutmaster of Troop 82 in Martinsville. Congratulations to both Jason and Henry for their accomplishments.

Redhawk District Day Camp

One June 15 - 19 Casey Fairview Park will travel back in time to the middle ages of kings, queens, and sorcerers and become Redhawk Kingdom. Young lads will be given the chance to practice the skill of archery and aiming. Each day lads will be dipped in the Lake of Casey Pool for the daily bathing. Younger lads will learn the art of Cub Scout magic and crafting. While older lads will be taught how to be gentleman so they may become a loyal Scout of the Lincoln Trails Council. Camp will be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm. **The King's Treasury has set the registration fee at \$70. If registration fees are received on or before May 15th, the registration fee will be reduced to \$55.**

Volunteers are also needed to help lead activities and walk with the dens. Scoutmasters should encourage their older Boy Scouts to come and participate as den chiefs.

For more information about this camp please contact:
 Cathy Coad, Program Director - cdcoad@yahoo.com or 217-246-2079
 Candi Milam, Camp Director - ccksmilam@verizon.net or 217-466-0903
 Ellen Watkins, Staff Advisor - ellen.watkins@scouting.org or 217-620-7205

Redhawk District Calendar

May		June	
7	Roundtable	11	Program Kickoff
14	Commissioner and District Committee Meeting	15-19	Redhawk Day Camp

New Volunteer Training Course

“This is Scouting” was added to the BSA’s online learning center in March. “This is Scouting” replaces New Leader Essentials as a required course for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing volunteers to earn the “Trained” leader emblem. Lincoln Trails Council is now eliminating New Leader Essentials courses and will now be directing people to www.myscouting.org for the new course.

While the primary delivery method for “This is Scouting” is online, a DVD will be available in the near future for areas where internet access is limited or where group presentations are required.

All Scouters are encouraged to create a MyScouting account and access this training through the MyScouting portal, as credit for this training will be recorded on their record at the Council Service Center upon completion.

Questions about this new training can be directed to the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326.

DE Departs Council

It is with deep sincerity that I am announcing my departure from Lincoln Trails Council. I will be changing careers, becoming a Family Based Intervention Coordinator with Decatur Public School District 61. I have enjoyed the wonderful experiences and friendships I have developed here at Lincoln Trails. Thank you to all of the council volunteers and staff that have given me the wonderful positive experiences. I want to give a special thank you to Mrs. Rovena Knight for helping me begin to cultivate the Scoutreach District as well as help me become one of the best unit serving executives. None of the accomplishments that I received would be possible without your support and pushing (in a good way) the best out of me. Another thank you goes out to Nelda Foster for molding me into the District Executive I am. You gave me the necessary tools to do what I did. I want to thank Chris Long for his support during the short time we worked together. Believe it or not you have allowed me to see what it is to **become a leader, and no matter what field of work I’m in I will always “dream a little”**. Thank you to everyone, your support and presence will be greatly missed.

Cub Scout Summer Camps

The council offers Cub Scouts three opportunities to enjoy the fun and excitement at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. You can choose from Family Camp, Cub Scout Summer Camp, or Webelos Woods.

Family Camp is a true family experience. Bring the Scout, the parents, and the brothers/sisters to a fun filled time at Rhodes France.

Cub Scout Summer Camp is a three day camp held at Rhodes France Scout Reservation where boys will be able to take advantage of all the camp has to offer. Activities such as bb guns, swimming, and archery will ensure that all those who attend have a great time.

Webelos Woods is for those Scouts who are just completing 3rd and 4th grades. The program will focus on Webelos requirements and activities designed for the older Scouts. One special activity will be the introduction to climbing.

No matter which one or ones you choose you are in for the time of your life. Activities at these camps may include **swimming, bb guns, archery, sling shots, crafts, and campfires**. **Don’t miss this great opportunity to get signed up**. It is not too late. Below you will find the information you need. If you have questions, please contact the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326.



Cub Scout Summer Camp June 27 - 29 Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Cost: \$70 per youth (\$60 if paid on or before May 15)
 \$45 per adult (\$35 if paid on or before May 15)

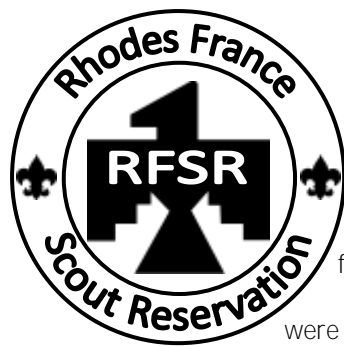
Family Camp July 11 - 12 Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Cost: \$40 per youth (\$35 if paid on or before May 15)
 \$40 per adult (\$30 if paid on or before May 15)

Webelos Woods July 25 - 27 Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Cost: \$70 per youth (\$60 if paid on or before May 15)
 \$45 per adult (\$35 if paid on or before May 15)

2009 Summer Camp



Troops who have not reserved a campsite for Summer Camp 2009 should plan to do so now. All that is required to reserve your site is a \$50 reservation fee.

Down payments were due per Scout on March 13th. A payment of \$50 per Scout is needed for each boy attending camp this summer. This is the first of two payment deadlines that units must meet in order to qualify for the discounted price for summer camp. Final payments are due on May 15th.

Campership applications were due on or before May 1st for all Summer programs.

2009 is going to be another great year for Scouts and Scouters attending Rhodes France Scout Reservation. The camp and its staff had great reviews in 2008 and the directors are striving to make 2009 even better. The open Merit Badge Program from 2008 is returning to the Handicraft and Nature areas and the Trail to Eagle program is back as well. Plans are also underway to offer Horsemanship merit badge this summer. If you have any questions about Summer Camp please contact the Council Service Center.

New for 2009!

Rhodes France Scout Reservation is proud to be able to offer a new merit badge for 2009; HORSEMANSHIP! This class will take place each day (Monday - Friday) from 9:00am - 11:00am. There are no pre-requisites for this badge. There is an additional cost of \$175 per Scout for those who take this badge. There is a class size limit of 15 Scouts per week.

In addition to learning how to safely ride and care for horses, Scouts who earn this merit badge will gain an understanding of the instincts and behaviors of horses and humane and effective methods for training horses.

If you would like more information about this badge, please contact the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326 or Camp Director Doug Zaring at 217-620-0772 or douglas.zaring@scouting.org



2009 Campsite Reservations

Campsite	Week 1 June 14th - 20th	Week 2 June 21st - 27th	Week 3 July 12th - 18th	Week 4 July 19th - 25th
Ambucs	T-134	T-1 oc	T-165 oc	T-212 / T-25
Anamet North	T-140 pc	T-104	T-5	T-305
Anamet South	T-305 oc	T-13 oc	T-39	T-276
Berg			T-176	
Dovetail		T-3 pc		T-19
Eagle's Rest	T-61	T-202	T-121	T-38
Lakeside		T-142 pc	T-130	T-47
Lonesome Ridge	T-377 oc	T-81	T-64	T-98 / T-118
Pioneer Point		T-401	T-82	T-390
Prairie Village		T-51	T-156	
Spinner				T-57
Tachquiwi	T-137	T-141	T-31	T-99
Timberhitch	T-85 pc	T-901	T-120	T-335
SCUBA Participants	1	2	2	4

Bob McCreary's Legacy

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Bob McCreary, a long time Scouter in the Lincoln Trails Council. His family (pictured) were all Scouts and lived the values taught by both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. His family has requested that memorials be sent to the Lincoln Trails Council, BSA to help Scouts attend Rhodes France Scout Reservation this summer. To date we have had more than \$4,000 in camperships requested as families find themselves in tough economic times. On a positive note, families still see the value of a week of summer camp for their Scouts! These memorials will help many Scouts attend camp, and will continue the legacy of values, citizenship, and fitness that Mr. McCreary helped teach to past Scouts.

If you would like to help make sure that summer camp is available to Scouts in need, please call the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326 or 1-800-416-2328.



The McCreary Family - 1958 (left to right): Bob, son David, Mary, daughter Mary Pat, son Paul, and daughters Carol, Julia, and Nancy

RFSR Work Day

The Council Properties Committee is sponsoring a work day at Rhodes France Scout Reservation on Saturday, May 30th. The work will begin at 9:00am.

There are many projects to be completed before the camp officially opens for the summer season and your help is needed. All Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend. The Council will be providing lunch to workers in attendance.

If you are able to attend, please contact the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326 with the number that will be there from your group. If you have any questions, please contact Council Properties Committee Chairman Dan

Cubcasts

Cubcast is an audio podcast featuring a variety of how-to and informational topics for Cub Scout leaders and parents. You can reach the Cubcasts by logging on to the national Web site -

www.scouting.org

Each month a new topic will be featured, as well as activities for the current

month's theme. All of them are available for you to listen to.

Check the national Web site each month. There are two Cubcasts for May. The first features information about camping opportunities and tips for making your Cub Scout camping experience memorable. The second Cubcast is about the ScoutParents initiative.



New Online Training Courses

Several new courses have been added to the E-Learning section at www.myscouting.org. Be sure to have your Boy Scout ID number with you when you take any of these courses in order for credit to be added to your records. This number is located at the bottom of your membership card. If you do not have this number please contact the Council Service Center at 217-429-2326.



NEW COURSES AVAILABLE:

- ScoutParents Unit Coordinators Fast Start
- This Is Scouting (Replaces New Leader Essentials)
- Trek Safely
- Climb On Safely

These courses, and a whole lot more, are available to help make sure that the youth are receiving the best possible program. Every youth deserves a trained leader.

Preparing for Tour Permits Online

Unit leaders are now able to submit local and national tour permits electronically. This new system takes just four easy steps, and it saves the transportation and training information, so leaders can easily recall it for future permit applications.

All registered unit leaders have access to Tour Permits from MyScouting, accessed on www.scouting.org.

The MyScouting account verifies that the owner is a BSA leader associated with a unit. Within Tour Permits, the leader has access only to his unit. This authentication replaces the physical signatures on tour permit applications. Other unit leaders are notified via e-mail when an application is submitted and approved.

The volunteer can submit both local and national applications, for either traditional units or Learning for Life posts. Once approved, each tour permit will have a unique tour ID number.

Unit leaders enter all the necessary information for the tour, and rules specific to tour permits are applied. When appropriate, helpful messages will advise the leader about any missing information. Once the tour permit has been submitted, the council will evaluate and approve it or return it for further work. Online features allow easy entry of driver information for transportation and required training supervision.

There will be automatic notification at all appropriate steps in the process to the permit creator, the tour leader, and the assistant tour leader. The unit committee chair and unit leader will also receive e-mail notifications if they have MyScouting accounts.

The online help document explains how to complete and submit permit applications to the council. Additionally, the *Guide to Safe Scouting* is available on the site for easy reference; *Safety First Learning for Life Guidelines* is also available for Learning for Life posts. Other documents, such as the *BSA Transportation Guidelines* and the *Pledge of Performance* can also be accessed for Tour Permits.

Authorized council staff members will review the and process the submitted applications. The tour permit creator receives a PDF version of the approved permit via e-mail. The approved permit PDF can also be obtained from Tour Permits in MyScouting.

As a reminder, local tour permit applications should be submitted two weeks before the tour and national applications at least one month before the tour start date.


We encourage all Scouting units from our council to use this new service to submit their tour permit applications online.

Registration and Boys' Life Fees for

May & June (Including Insurance)


May Registration - **\$7.50** Boys' Life - \$8.00

June Registration - **\$6.55** Boys' Life - \$7.00




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Hazardous Weather Training

Be the first on your block to take Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training, the latest e-learning course available on the national Web site, www.scouting.org.

Effective January 1, 2009, this training in mandatory for at least one adult on each tour. The course includes training, testing, and additional resources on weather conditions that may be encountered during BSA activities, including lightning, flash floods, tornadoes, hot and cold weather, hail, and hurricanes.

Participants who complete the course earn a Weather Smart Certificate of Completion. The course content is appropriate for Boy Scouts and Venturers as well as adult leaders.



Order of the Arrow Woapink Lodge

Lodge Chief - Tyler Goeckner
Lodge Adviser
Lodge Staff Adviser - Doug Zaring

NOAC 2009

August 1st - 6th

Indiana University - Bloomington, IN

Woapink Lodge will be sending a contingent of 21 arrowmen (14 youth & 7 adults) to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in August. These arrowmen will be attending the largest BSA gathering outside of a National Jamboree with more than 7,000 total in attendance. Each day the participants will be taking part in training courses aimed at making them better leaders and better Scouts. Some will take part in American Indian craftwork. The afternoons are filled with games and competitions ranging from dodgeball to ceremonies competitions. Each evening the group will visit **Indiana University's Assembly Hall for an outstanding show** put on by the NOAC Shows Staff.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a great experience that all arrowmen should try to attend at least once. The next conference will be in 2012, so make plans now to be a part of it.

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 Wetzal - Railsplitter District, Doug Muhs - Redhawk District, and Kyle Brown - Two Rivers District.

Fall Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship will be held on August 14th - 16th at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Scouts and Scouters who were elected this year and will be called out this summer are eligible to attend to complete their Ordeal.. Also, Ordeal members who have been members for at least 10 months can complete their Brotherhood during the week-end.

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.

Contributions

In Memory of Walter Morey
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A Sad Note

For any who may not have heard, long-time Woapink Lodge Adviser Steve Sell passed away on May 13th. Steve served Lincoln Trails Council for years and will be missed by many. He had served on the Council Executive Board and was a Scoutmaster for Troop 152 in Mattoon for around 30 years. During his tenure as Scoutmaster Steve had 59 Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. This was one of his proudest accomplishments.

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Julian White - Troop 401 - Vandalia
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May - June 2009



May

- 1-2 - OA Spring Fellowship - RFSR
- 3 - OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- 9 - Beaver Day - RFSR
- 15 - BS & CS Summer Camp Payments Due
- 25 - Memorial Day - Service Center Closed
- 26 - Council Annual Meeting

June

- 4-5 - Akela Day Camp
- 7-13 - RFSR Staff Development Week
- 14-20 - Week I Boy Scout Summer Camp
- 15-19 - Redhawk Day Camp
- 21-27 - Week II Boy Scout Summer Camp
- 24-26 - Railsplitter Day Camp
- 27-29 - Cub Scout Summer Camp

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