

Properties Committee Updated

Have you seen Rhodes France Scout Reservation lately? Wow! It sure looks nice there, and if you haven't been in a while, you'll love the new cabins and the look of the place. The council Properties Committee has done an amazing job taking care of the camp so that you and your Scouts can enjoy the place. Some improvements that you may have heard about include:

1. New cabins - for staff during summer camp, available for rent year-round
2. Updated Ranger house
3. Lots of new plumbing throughout camp
4. Lots of work on the pool including new valves, paint, and repairs on the motor and pump
5. New tent platforms in Anamet North Campsite - boy are those nice!
6. Shooting Range has new siding and has been painted
7. New pavilion being erected at Ambucs Campsite
8. And finally....City water throughout camp beginning in 2010!!!!

Annual Recharter

In early October all traditional units will receive their packets from their commissioners to recharter their units for the year 2010. We will be using internet re-charting again this year. Each packet will contain information on how to complete this process. You will be able to complete your charter online without the hassle of overflow sheets. Once complete you will print your charter roster, obtain signatures and fees needed, and turn this all in to the Service Center. Begin now to assure that all leadership positions are filled. Recheck your unit budget plan to assure that you have enough to cover all of the fees. Your popcorn income may assist you with the total fee. Be sure to ask your unit commissioner for help if you need it. Your commissioner is an important part of the rechartering process and can be your key assistant in completing this task. If you have any questions about the recharter process please contact -Council Registrar Matt Kaufman at 217-429-2326 or makaufma@bsaemail.org.



New Executive Board Members

Richard Nolte, Council President, is honored to announce the addition of two new Executive Board members of the Lincoln Trails Council. Members of the Executive Board perform many vital functions for the council, including financial stewardship and good governance. Each of our Executive Board members also holds a functional role within the council.

Dan Brookman has been serving as the Council Properties Chairman for a couple years, and has done amazing work at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. He brings a wealth of Scouting knowledge and experience to the board, and has been a stalwart addition at summer camp as the Shooting Sports Director, along with his wife Diane.

Bob Wetzel is our new Council Camping Chairman and will oversee camping programs for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. A special emphasis will be put on camp promotions at all levels. Bob is a Fire Captain assigned to the Fire Prevention Division of the Decatur Fire Department. His responsibilities include public education, fire investigation, plan review, code enforcement, and public relations.

Welcome Aboard gentlemen!

P.R.A.Y. Awards Have New Look

(St. Louis, Missouri) - The P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblems Program for Protestant and Independent Christian Churches has a brand new look. It's the same great program, but the recognitions and workbooks have had a "face life" since July 2009.

This fresh new look is a blend of the traditional and contemporary. The recognitions retain the cross on the shield, but they feature a new four-floor cross representing the four programs in the Protestant series: *God and Me* (red), *God and Family* (yellow), *God and Church* (blue), and *God and Life* (green).

This new look coincides with a name change. Rather than referring to the curriculum as the "God and Country" series, it will now be called "The PRAY Program," and the individual medals will no longer say "God and Country" but rather the specific program name, i.e. God and Me, God and Family, etc.