

BOY SCOUTS  
OF  
AMERICA

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN TOM ARCHER:

“HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SESSON”

SENIOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR PATRICK HEFFERAN:

Hello all,

You might not know me yet, but I’m your friendly neighborhood Senior District Executive for Kia Kima District, Patrick Hefferan. Some of you might remember me as the Occoneechee Council’s Scout Sign Editor or Learning for Life Executive from 1998-2002. Some of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, but I plan on remedying that quickly.

A little about me, after I was promoted out of Occoneechee Council. I worked with about 27,000 youth in the Learning for Life Program for a while, but then became homesick. So, I transferred back to Occoneechee Council. We decided that my talents would best be utilized in Kia Kima District. And here I am. Ready to help you to make the rest of the council realize that you are the best district in Occoneechee. So, please don’t hesitate to let me know how I can help you to do that. After January, I will have set office hours and hopefully have a phone and valid email address. Until then, email me at [phefferan@nc.rr.com](mailto:phefferan@nc.rr.com) and I promise to get back to you.

Also just to let you know, we are currently short 24 Cub Scouts, 14 Boy Scouts, and 11 Ventures from meeting the minimum requirements for being balanced growth for the year. I have it on good authority that should we reach these membership goals, Kia Kima should be a quality district.

I want to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome so far; I wish to congratulate you on pitching in to fill the gap while you didn’t have an Executive. Hopefully now that I’m here, I’ll be able to take some of that load off your shoulders.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER JIM SHECKELS:

The year is coming to a close and it has been a busy one. In looking back we as a District have accomplished a lot. The units are all going strong, the boys are advancing and there have been quite a few Eagles. We have also picked up a couple of new units and many new Cub Scouts. I am sure they are enjoying their experience in Scouting.

The Unit Inventory’s have been given out and should be completed by the December Roundtable. IT must be turned in no later than December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will know for sure then how we stand on membership as a District. Thank all of you for the hard work.

Popcorn was great this year and by this time all the money should be in to council and the Scouts will soon be receiving all their prizes.

The Commissioners over the past six to seven years have been instead of exchanging gifts, sending to Cape Fear Valley Hospital stuffed animals and/or infant clothes for newborns to return home. They will be doing this again this year at the District Commissioner meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>. If any of you would care to participate please let any commissioner know and they will pick it up from you.

The Annual District Leaders Recognition Dinner ticket's are on sale at Roundtable and from any commissioner or member of the dinner staff.

Remember the District Retreat in January and have a Blessed Holiday season.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM KEN MOORE:**

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Arrow of Light/Crossover Ceremony: Packs can request Arrow of Light/Crossover Ceremony. The District Team will schedule ceremonies on a first-come-first-serve basis. The team is available for ceremonies from late January to the end of March each year. However, if that is not a good time, other arrangements can be made.

If your Pack desires to have an Arrow of Light ceremony, you may contact Ken Moore, in person; by telephone 424-8802; or, by email [moorekl@infionline.net](mailto:moorekl@infionline.net).

Arrow of Light/Crossover Team Recruitment. The District is recruiting Scouts and Scouters to serve on the team. Speaking parts and support roles are needed for this year's ceremonial team. Scoutmasters may nominate candidates from their Troops to become a team member. Team members do not have to be members of the Order of the Arrow.

If you desire to serve or desire to nominate a person to serve on the Arrow of Light Team, you may contact Ken Moore, in person; by telephone 424-8802; or, by email [moorekl@infionlink.net](mailto:moorekl@infionlink.net).

Training: Training for all programs is available throughout the Council. Check the Council web site to see what is scheduled ([www.campdurant.com](http://www.campdurant.com)). If you cannot find the training you need, contact Roger Rose or Ken Moore.

Eagle Scouts: Applications for the 2005 scholarship are available.

Summer Camp: Troops should be making plans to attend summer camp. Campsites are becoming due for Camp Durant in January.

Twenty-first Wood Badge: It is never too early to register for the 2005 Wood Badge course. Course dates are September 9 – 11 and September 30 – October 2, 2005 at the Oconeechee Scout Reservation. Twenty-first Wood Badge is an excellent advance leadership-training course. All Scouters are eligible to attend, as it is not a program specific training course. Roger Rose is this year's course director.

Winter 50-Miler: Applications are now available for the 50 mile backpacking trek. Applications are due by December 11, 2004 with \$20.00 fee. Late registration is \$25.00.

Northern Tier Canoe Base: Contact Council office to obtain application to attend this summer activity. Cost is approximately \$1000.

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District Day Camp Director Ricky Flowers:

While everyone is gearing up for Christmas and the cold wet weather of winter, your Day Camp staff is already planning for Camp (20 – 24 June, 2005.) Our initial meeting was held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, at the main library. We used most of our time discussing ways to support the 2005 theme of Space and placing personnel into positions. We have Scouters in the following positions:

Camp Director Ricky Flowers,

Webelos Program Gregg Bowers

Office Staff: Noelle Huff – Elizabeth Mills – Wendy Gamble

BB Range: Lee Newcomb

Medic: Danny Mafia

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We still have these primary positions open: Cub Program, Crafts, Computers, Sports, Archery, Pixie's and Lake Rim POC. As always, we need lots and lots of Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, Den Chiefs/Den Aides and other folks to help out in the program area.

The following are dates to remember:

December 12 – January 16 – February 13 – March 13 – April 17 – May 22 and June 11. Staff meetings and /or staff training –

May 14 and June 4 – CPR and First Aid training

June 18 – Camp setup and camper orientation at Max Abbott.

June 20 – 24 – Day Camp

June 24 – 25 -- Webelos Overnighter at Camp Rockfish.

Camp will only be as great as WE make it! If you would like to join our team, call me at 864-4197 or email me at [rflowers@nc.rr.com](mailto:rflowers@nc.rr.com). Many thanks in advance.

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BIRTHDAY- ANNIVERSARY – ILLNESS – BEREAVED:

Birthday:

December 01 – Jeff Ritter

December 07 – Herman Fernandez

December 14 – Sandy Risberg

December 16 – Mary Boone-Baham

December 19 – Irvin G. Edwards III

December 24 – Elise L. Reaves

December 28 – Gregg Bower Sr.

Anniversary:

December 17 – O.C. & Myra Holloway

December 26 – David & Liz Abbott

December 27 – Janet & Roger Rose

December 30 – James & Marian Kuczero

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Scout Corner:

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Pack 742:

This was the first year Pack 742 did a Thanksgiving Feast for their Pack meeting in November. Each den had made a centerpiece for their den table and everything was very festive.

The food table had turkey and all kinds of vegetables, stuffing, salads and cranberry salad. The dessert table was covered in pies (all kinds,) cup cakes, brownies and any type of dessert you could ask for.

Wolf Den 4 led by Nate Davis did the opening ceremony and after a wonderful dinner the Pack meeting started. Awards were given to all the boys who had earned them to include Bobcat Badges and a variety of belt loops. The Pack's new chaplain gave the invocation and benediction.. This month instead of the Scouts entertaining the Pack the Leaders decided to entertain the Scouts and families with a skit. Taking part the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Tiger Den 1 Leader, and the Webelos Leaders.

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Scout Shop

December is upon us so don't forget to pick up those last minute Christmas gifts. We have new and exciting items coming in almost every day. We have a great variety of Christmas ornaments to make your Christmas tree look more festive.

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Packs, don't forget to pick up your Pinewood Derby cars if you plan to give them away at the December Pack Meeting. We have plenty in stock. We also have plenty of accessories for these cars such as stickers, weights, cockpits and much much more.

Just a reminder, the Cumberland Scout Shop will be doing their end of year inventory on December 30 -31. The store will be closed at this time.

Stop by and see what we have and tell all your friends.

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Calendar:

December 02 – Roundtable. MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church's food closet.

December 04 – OA Winter Banquet

December 13 – District Commissioner Meeting (Don't forget your stuffed toy)

December 16 – District Key three 7:00 PM

District Committee Meeting 7:30 St James Lutheran Church

District OA Chapter 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church

December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

December 27 – Newsletter Article Due

December 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

January 01 – HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 06 – Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church's food closet.

January 08 – 09 – District Retreat – Camp Reeves

January 17 – District Commissioner Meeting

January 20 – District Key Three 7:00 PM

District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

January 22 – District Committee Training –Raleigh

Council TDC –

Council Eagle Banquet

January 25 – Newsletter Article Due

January 27 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 03 – Roundtable --- Soup Dinner 6:30 pm MacPherson Presbyterian Church  
Roundtable 7:00 PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

February 06 – Scout Sunday

February 08 – Scout Anniversary

February 14 – HAPPY VALENTINE DAY

February 17 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 PM

District Committee Meeting 7:30 PM

February 19 – OA Work Day

February 21 – District Commissioner Meeting

President's Day

February 22 – Bade-Powell's Birthday

February 24 – OA Chapter meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM

February 25 – Newsletter Article Due