

BOY SCOUTS
OF
AMERICA

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE PATRICK HEFFERAN:

All district events that have a fee involved must have a budget approved by myself. If you desire a check to be issued for your event you must have it put into the council office by me no later than 14 days before the check is needed. Council issues checks twice a month, the 1st and the 15th.

If these guidelines are followed then there should be no problem with getting the funds in advance needed to run your event. All monies must be sent to the Council office for any and all District events.

DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP MATT BOWMAN:

On March 24th I attended a Council Membership meeting in Raleigh where we discussed the membership for the coming year. The membership as a whole is down and we really need to build it up. Kia Kima District will start on the process of getting sponsors for new units this week. Patrick Hefferan and myself will be visiting prospective sponsors and looking to sign up new units and members.

Noelle Huff will be the chairman for the Join Scouting Night (Fall Roundup) and she will be looking for volunteers to assist her in this function. We are also planning on having a membership booth at the Cumberland County Fair September 15 – 24, 2005. Any and all thoughts and ideas for this exhibit are welcome.

We are pleased to welcome Crew 742 to the District and Patty Lancaster their Advisor. We know that in the future we will be hearing a lot from them as they begin their High Adventure into Scouting.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER RICKY FLOWERS:

Starting with the April meeting, I would like to convene at 7:15pm. This will allow time to conduct a short segment of training. Recharter is here! Our priority is to ensure ALL of our units recharter ON TIME! Provide what ever assistance your units need early in the process. At the March Council Commissioner meeting, it was decided to offer Council-wide Commissioners Basic Training twice a year. The Northern Service Area would conduct training in the Spring while the Southern Service Area would conduct theirs in the Fall. The Spring CBT will be held on 14 May at the site of the Program Planning

Conference. The Fall CBI is tentatively planned for the Friday before Commissioner College. The location will probably be at the University of Scouting site. Please attend one of these training sessions. You can find the 2005 Unit Service Plan online at http://www.campdurant.com/Commissioner/Service/2005_unit_svc_plan.pdf. (The space between 2005, unit, svc, and plan are _) I encourage you to check it out.

The Spring edition of the National Commissioners newsletter can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/commissioners/newsletter/2-05.pdf>.

Finally, several months ago, Council launched a new search engine at <http://www.campdurant.com/wgindex.html>. Several folks tried to use the search engine but said the tool looked so complicated they didn't use it. While the WebGlimpse search engine does have a lot of options, just enter what you want to search for in the text box and depress the enter key.

DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM SADIE JACKSON:

March 4th Kia Kima District held the Annual Leader Recognition Dinner at Hope Mills United Methodist Church. The evening began with Dr. Dennis Sheppard MC welcoming everyone to the dinner. Ryan Hall of Troop 742 led the opening ceremony with the team made up with every rank of Scouting from Tiger to Eagle, including Venture Crew members. Scouts from Pack 29, Pack 742, Pack 746, Pack 771, Troop 742 and Crew 711 made up the ceremony team. Reverend Louise Hilbert Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church delivered the invocation.

Upon entering the hall you were immediately greeted by gaily decorated tables, from Cubbing's 75th Anniversary Theme to Troop 771's 50 Anniversary as a Scout Troop to gold, silver, red, blue and green sprays on tables including the serving tables. The festive mood also seemed to be with those in attendance. This year was the first time in many years that an award was made for the best-decorated table and the largest attendance by adult leaders. Units receiving a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Scout Shop were Pack 746 Best Table Decorations and Troop 771 with Best Attendance. Hopefully this will become a yearly award.

The Head Table was decorated with blue table covers centered by Silver sprays and vases of gold holding gold candy. Each guest received a silver picture frame gift as his or her place card. We were honored to have Dan Bryson Council Vice President of Membership (incoming President for 2006) attend. The guest speaker was Mr. George Hardwick the first District Executive of Kia Kima District.

Mr. Tom Archer assisted by Eagle Scouts Jeff Cooke and Ryan Hall recognized the 2004 Eagles. Each one was presented a statue of an Eagle in Flight.

Leadership of the Year Awards for 2004 were presented to the following:

Tiger Leader of The Year --- Esperanza Martin Pack 740

Cub Scout Leader of The Year – Jan M. Gothard Pack 740
Webelos Leader of The Year – Donald Bullock Pack 745
Wrenn Myers Cubmaster of The Year – Debbie Abbott Pack 771
Cub Committee Member of The Year – William “ Jay” Gothard Pack 740
Clinton B. Tillinghast Scoutmaster of the Year – Ronald “Ron: Loes Troop 742
Scout Committee Member of The Year – Joanne Messer Troop 757
R. Glenn Stevens Scouter of The Year – Charles Morris Troop 29
Harry Morley Scouting Coordinator of The Year – Rebecca Sheckels Pack & Troop 742

Kia Kima District Commissioner Ricky Flowers presented commissioner of the Year to Marco Lagos

Council Vice President Den Bryson and Kia Kima District Chairman James Sheckels presented district Award of Merit to the following.

Anthony “ Tony” Garcia
Otis Huff
Marian Kuczero
Steve Wheeler

The Lifetime Achievement Award was present to James Sheckels by Dr. Dennis Sheppard.

I would like to thank the entire dinner committee for all their hard work, also a special thank you for their donations, Katrina and Marco Lagos, Debbie Abbott, O.C. Holloway, Dorinda Marks and Debbie Wiggins.

The evening ended with retiring of the colors by Chris Flowers, Ed Wiggins and Michael Wiggins. Dr. Dennis Sheppard thanked everyone for his or her attendance and closed the evening with a benediction.

Advancement Barry Swift:

As we get into unit recharter and a busy Spring of activities, please keep the flow of advancement reports going to Council so that each Scout gets prompt credit for his achievements. Be accurate and use only the Scout’s name as he is registered – no nicknames! Unit submitted advancement reports are the only way to get that information to Council. Council employees will not accept advancement information from any source other than the unit.

When mailing materials to Council use only the PO box 41229, Raleigh, NC 67829-1229 address. Items sent to the street address (a different zip code) tend to “get lost”

At this time the advancements reports we have from Raleigh are from January, Pack 740,742,745,747,756,771 and Troops 77,709,740,742,746, and 747 reported advancements. Hopefully we wil have the one from February – March soon.

Venturing Chairman Debbie Wiggins:

Our main goal right now is the High Adventure Vortex coming up at Oak Hill, WV. Staff is expected to report no later than Friday June 17th. The crews will start arriving on Sunday, June 19th. We have a week long run of activities to include certifications in numerous courses.

Adult courses will also be taught with certification available. Also, we will be offering Fast Start and other courses to get our leaders trained and certified.

Registration is open and up and running on the website.

We are pleased to have our Venture Roundtable in Raleigh. Every month.

Spring Camporee is coming together with Crew 711 and Crew 6 planning the programs and events. Other crews are invited and welcome to help. Please contact Debbie Wiggins, Dorinda Marks or Sadie Jackson for more information.

Civic Activities Chairman Shirley Battle:

I would like to thank Leroy Abner for accepting the position of Scouting for Food Chairman for 2005 and also 2006. All of the Civic Activities Committee people are in place and doing a great job in getting information on upcoming events for the units.

Scouting for Food Chairman Leroy Abner:

At the April roundtable there will be 2000 Scouting for Food Bags Available for Packs, Troops and Crews. Units that wish to participate will receive a Scouting for Food participation ribbon. Please be prepared to provide the name and phone number of the unit Scouting for Food coordinator, the area in which they will do their drive and turn in point for their collection. We are looking for non-perishable items. Preferred items include canned meats, soups, vegetables and fruits. Unit contact person should call me at 868-1931 once they have completed their food drive. Report the number of cans collected and where the food was turned in. I will consolidate the list and submit the information so the District may present streamers at the Roundtable.

District Training Chairman Roger Rose:

We have New Leader Essentials that includes patch specific and Venture training scheduled for 16 April 2005. You MUST pre-register for this and all training courses to take them. Flyers are available at the table; Scout Shop or you may register with me.

If anyone is interested in being on staff for BALOO please notify Roger Rose immediately.

Wood Badge: The fall course is filling up fast. There are only 7 slots then a waiting list will open up. If you wish to go please notify Roger Rose immediately at Bobwhite538@earthlink.net. If you would like your unit to have the best leader possible, then YOU need to attend Wood Badge. If you apply the lessons learned during the course your unit, family and life will never be the same.

Outdoor Chairman Sherry Unruh:

Summer Camp information: The following units have signed up for summer camp at this time. Troop 29 -Camp Durant, Troop 77 Provisional at Camp Durant, Troop 701 Camp Otterie, Troop 709 Camp Daniel Boone, Troop 740 Camp Tuscarora, Troop 742 Camp Durant, Troop 745 Camp Durant, Troop 746 Camp Bob Shield, Troop 747 Camp Tuscarora, Troop 771 Camp Durant, Troop 787 Camp Durant and Troop 957 Camp Bob Hardin.

District Day Camp Director Ricky Flowers:

Many, many thanks to Debbie Abbott (Cub Scout Program) and Dave Ethington (Webelos Scout Program) for attending the National Day Camp School in South Carolina. The Kia Kima Day Camp now had two Camp School certified program directors. Congratulations!! Congratulations to Pack 756 (Jacob Deane) for being the first Cub Scout to sign up for a week full of fun and adventure. Cub Packs 701,771,747, and 740 have also returned their applications. Vicki Johnson (Pack 747) and Cynthia Kennedy (Pack 740) have also volunteered their time and energy as leaders for the week. Thank you very much.

Our next Day Camp meeting will be held at MacPherson Presbyterian Church on April 17, upstairs at 7:00 pm. Our other Day Camp scheduled meetings are May 14th (CPR/1st Aid training location – TBA), 22 May (leaders meeting at MacPherson Presbyterian Church), 4 June (CPR/1st Aid training location – TBA), 11 June (required Staff training – MacPherson Presbyterian Church 9 – 3), 18 June (Day Camp set-up at Max Abbott), Day Camp orientation for all campers and staff at Max Abbott. Get your camp applications in quickly; the price goes up the 5th of June.

Spring Camporee Chief Deborah Wiggins:

The camporee committee has been working hard on setting up an exciting camporee for all the Tigers, Cubs, Webelos, Scouts and family members. The Cubs and family

camping will be at Camp McNeil and the Boy Scouts and Crews will be camping at Camp Bowers.

We will be having a campfire on both camps due to the fact that some of the Cub Leaders and parents have asked to have an earlier campfire for the Cubs because of the length of the Boy Scout campfire with the call out. You may attend one or both campfires.

Dorinda Marks will be taking registration at the April Roundtable and will have 2 dates where she will be at the Kia Kima Scout office to accept registrations. Any questions please call either myself at 910-424-6703, Sadie Jackson 910-425-7803 email: sjackson741@nc.rr.com or Dorinda Marks 910-878-9049. Our next staff meeting will be Saturday April 9th.

We are asking each unit for help in running the events and there will be sign up sheets at Roundtable so please sign your unit up to help. Thank you for all your support.

OA Chapter Chief Nick Oschner:

Happy Spring to all! I hope everyone is finding the warm weather as pleasant as I am, and is looking forward to a great summer of fellowship, camping, and cheerful service. This past month, Occoneechee Lodge held its annual Spring Pow-Wow, which also played host to the Lodge’s Second Annual Webelos Day. I hope a good time was had by all of the Webelos, leaders, and parents who attended. Aside from the fun and fellowship we had at Pow-Wow and coming up at the Section SR7-B Conclave at Camp Raven Knob (sorry registration is closed). Lumbee Anilorac is also gearing up to do our part at the Spring Camporee. This year, as always, we will be running trading posts (one for the Cubs and one for the Boy Scouts), building both campfires, and of course, performing the Callout Ceremony at the Saturday night Boy Scout campfire. That being said, we are in dire need of people! If any leaders have boys interested in working in the Trading Post, building fires, or even performing in the Callout Ceremony –please see me, or feel free to contact me at 391-9985. As always, our chapter meeting will be the fourth Thursday of the month (April 28th) at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 7:00 – 8:30. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend and join in the fun, festivities, and fellowship.

OA Chapter Advisor Pat McCoy:

Lumbee Anilorac chapter wins spirit stick at OA Pow-Wow. The chapter youth and adults were very spirited pirates. This crew greeted everyone from Saturday breakfast to Sunday church. They ate at their pirate cove tables decorated with treasure chest of gold and swords plus a parrot. This group was seen wearing pirate hat, eye patch, earring, sword, parrot and beards, as they worked in areas of Camp Durant.

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Why did the crew go on vacation? “R & R “ OA cook crew Sunday morn.

Webelos-OA Day was a beautiful day (weather wise) and by all the smiles and evaluations a great success again this year. Youth wearing choker necklaces, which they made during the day, were seen dancing to live Native American flute and drum music at the dance arbor. Kia Kima District Webelos and adults enjoyed Ms. Sherry waving her sword as she ordered her pirate crew and them into proper choker construction.

Brotherhood – Youth and adults earned their brotherhood sash this weekend and then went to elangmant trainings so they can work with ordeal candidates at Spring Inductions.

Brotherhood Conversion will be offered again at Camp Durant summer camp for \$15.00. If your troop is attending Camp Durant and you want to earn brotherhood have the Scoutmaster advise staff at registration on Sunday and pay \$15.00 (each brotherhood candidate). If you are not attending Durant brotherhood conversion will be offered every Wednesday of summer camp at Camp Durant \$15.00 fee. More information about registering and time will follow. This is a great opportunity or wait until fall fellowship, because brotherhood trail is not done at spring inductions.

Vigil candidate Jim Sheckels completed his Vigil this weekend. Please congratulate him on this honor.

Conclave ---- April 15-17 Camp raven Knob (Bring physical copy unit). Reservations closed. If you need information call Chapter Chief N. Oschner or Pat McCoy Chapter Advisor 484-0030.

District Camporee May 6-8 at Camp Bowers and Camp McNeil (bring physical copy unit). OA youth and adults we need help working. Find firewood and build campfire at campfire rings (Friday and Saturday), put campfires out with Cubmasters and Scoutmasters help (Saturday PM), clean up campfire rings (Sunday am), call out ceremony – 3-4 principals (speaking parts – scripts and practice), torch bearers, trail guides (see Nick), -- working at trading post (See Jeff) – cooking for OA staff (see Ms. Pat).

Our OA chapter will again strive to bring the best camporee experience to all scouting families in our District and in the BSA program. Hope to see everyone at the Trading Posts (Camp McNeil and Camp Bowers) and at the campfire ceremony.

If you are OA youth and you want to work with the OA during unit activity time – your Scoutmaster must complete a permission slip for said period of time (see Ms. Pat) -- Remember your first responsibility is your unit and you eat (they cook better than Ms. Pat) and sleep in your troop campsite and go home with your unit.

“GOOD LUCK “ to every unit “ KUDU KUDU”

OA meeting – May 26 Westminster Presbyterian Church Village Drive 7:00 PM. (Bring physical copy unit) Scoutmaster or Troop representative or Unit Health and Safety

Chairperson. OA Chapter must have current physical form of all OA members at all OA events in hand of Health and Safety committee representative. This is to be a secured file with a youth and adult section divided and noted. All are to be in alphabetical order. All attendee's must have form in file to attend the event.

Advisor Minute: The chapter has been known as "Lumbee Pride" for years because of the outstanding character of our members. I thank all adults and I especially thank the youth leadership who step forward to help their units, the district, council, community, their churches and the scouting program. They do all their planning while they keep up their grades, attend required school activities, enjoy family life, deal with peer pressure, attend church, troop meetings, OA meetings and events. Jamboree meetings, E-mailing each other, talking on their cell telephone, learn to drive (hopefully not while talking or e-mailing or playing games) and if they date "The Prom" --- Lumbee Anilorac has a lot of pride in their youth and adults (past and present), therefore the name "Lumbee Pride" and smiley totem have been around for sometime in Kia Kima District and Occoneechee Lodge.

"Happy Mother's Day", call girlfriend's MOM wish her "Happy Mothers Day"

BIRTHDAY – ANNIVERSARY – ILLNESS – BREAVED:

BirthDay:

April 07 – Ann Oschner
April 07 – Alicia Buehring
April 08 – Kimberly Kotzen
April 13 – Tony Garcia
April 15 – Debbie Abbott
April 28 – Nancy Colville

Anniversary:

April 11 – Rufus & Amanda Autry
April 24 – Barry & Ramona Swift

Illness:

Nancy Colville is out of the hospital and recovering at home. We wish her well and hope it will not be long until she is back with us again.

Scout Corner:

Troop 771 Mike Mersereau Troop Historian:

On March 4th, at the District Recognition Dinner, our own Mr. Garcia was awarded the District Award of Merit. Congratulations Mr. Garcia! On March 8th Troop 771 welcomed 11 new members from Pack 771. We are happy to have these members in our troop. For

our monthly campout on March 11-13, we went to the Brady Farm in Gray's Creek to work on Scout craft skills for Scouts to finish Second Class and First Class requirements. While we were out there, we also did some fishing. Everyone had fun. On the 21st we had our quarterly Court of Honor where we awarded rank advancements and merit badges. We enjoyed the covered dish dinner and the fellowship.

Crew 711 Advisor Debbie Wiggins:

We attended the Catholic Camporee the weekend of March 11-13 and all had a great time. We survived the storm on Friday night with below freezing temperatures, gusting winds and pounding rain. Saturday morning was blistery cold, but with sunshine. I have 2 boys being boarded for their Pope Pius XII religious award. Our own Kevin Wolfe was the 1st to be boarded. In his own words, (he had to visit the Health Lodge afterwards) it was a lot tougher than an Eagle Board. He was the 1st to earn this prestigious religious award in over 10 years. (Thanks Kevin for a great birthday present by passing your board!) In fact, even the Deacons have to research to find out just when the last boy earned one, it's been a long time. Our crew was in charge of the campfire on Saturday night as well as the sound system to make sure everyone was heard. Everything went well. The hosting Scoutmaster and I did a reflections closing at the end of the night.

On another note, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to one of our Crewmembers, Sean Carter in the loss of his grandfather this morning. Mr. Davis was a great mentor in Sean's life and he will truly be missed.

Cumberland Scout Shop Sherry Unruh Manager:

Spring has finally gotten hear and you know what that means, Bridging over to the next year of Scouting. We have all your supplies for books, neckerchiefs, slides or anything else you might need to make a good ending for your scouting year. (We still want you to do some activities in the summer of course.) We also have plenty of camping opportunities coming up.

Cub Scout Day Camp, Boy Scout Camp, Cub Scout – Webelos resident Camp and of course the National Jamboree. We have all of your camping supplies so come on in and see what we have to offer. Don't forget we are still getting in new items every month that do not appear in the catalog. Come on in and see what they are.

Pack 742:

March was a busy month for Pack 742, on March 15th Ken Moore and the District Arrow of Light /Crossover Team did an impressive ceremony for Wayne Chandler III, Mickey Hudgins and Ryan Chapman. Scoutmaster Jim Sheckels, Assistant Scoutmaster Ron Loes and Senior Patrol Leader Nick Oschner accepted them into Troop 742. This was a very

special night for them and their parents along with members of the Pack committee provided refreshments for everyone attending.

March 18th the monthly Pack meeting was held with the Cubmaster awarding rank advancements, belt loops and special patches. The Scouts weighed in their Pinewood Derby cars that night for the Derby on Saturday March 19th.

Winners were:

Fastest:

1st Place – Chuckye Chavis
2nd Place – Andrew Sowers
3rd Place – Just in Austin
1st Alternate – Derek Esterly
2nd Alternate – Kyle Faggin

Best Looking:

1st Place – Troy Fullerton
2nd Place – Daniel Murray
3rd Place – Anthony Sarac
1st Alternate – Gabriel Jenkins
2nd Alternate – Marcus Moulton

Most Unusual:

1st Place – Innis Martin
2nd Place – Ike Simmons
3rd Place – Ricky Nickrane
1st Alternate – Kenny Parker
2nd Alternate – Chris Harris

Thank you to Wayne Chandler Jr., Shirley Battle, Tom Martin, Kelly Chandler, Tonia Davis, Allen McQuiston and Dr. Dennis Sheppard for setting up and running the Pinewood Derby. Thank you to the ladies who cooked the hotdogs and served the refreshments to all who were there. A BIG Hand to Cubmaster Keith Toler for presenting the Trophies to each of the winners and for honoring each Scout who participated with a Pinewood Derby patch. According to him there were no losers as each boy had done “His Best”.

District & Council Calendar:

April 07 -- District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church.7:00 pm. Please bring a can of food for the church’s food closet
April 09 – Scouting for Food
April 15 – 17 – OA Conclave
April 16 – New Leader Training
April 18 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:15 pm
April 21 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 pm
District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
April 23 – District Pinewood Derby
April 25 – Newsletter Article Due
April 28 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church

- May 05 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet
- May 06 –08 – District Spring Camporee – Camp Bowers & Camp McNeil
- May 08 – Mother’s Day
- May 16 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:15 pm
- May 19 – District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 pm
District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- May 20 – 22 – OA Spring Inductions
- May 25 – Newsletter Articles Due
- May 26 – OA Chapter meeting Westminster Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm
- May 27 – Last Day of School
- May 30 – Memorial Day
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- June 02 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00 pm. Please bring a Can of food for the church food closet
- June 16 –District Key 3 Meeting 7:00 pm
District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- June 17 – 19 – IOLS Session #2
- June 18 – Set up & Orientation for Cub Day Camp
- June 19—Father’s Day
- June 20 – District Commissioner Meeting 7:15 pm
- June 20 – 24 – District Day Camp Max Abbott Middle School
- June 24-25 – Day Camp Webelos Overnighter
- June 25 – Newsletter Article Due

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOD AND COUNTRY ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER
APRIL 16, 2005
McKIMMON CENTER NCSU, RALEIGH

OCCONEECHEE COUNCIL 2005 NATIONAL JAMBBOREE DAY TRIP
WEDNESDAY JULY 27
SATURDAY JULY 30 (If enough interest)
(Registration is available on line)

**RECHARTER PACKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT
ROUNDTABLE. PLEASE BE SURE SOMEONE FROM YOUR
UNIT IS PRESENT TO PICK IT UP. THANK YOU.**