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KIA KIMA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN JIM SHECKELS:

Our chairman is out of town enjoying the beautiful “warm” weather at the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Jim is the Scout Commissioner for Sub-camp 14. We hope he is having a wonderful time in spite of the mishaps that has gone on. Our best wishes go to him, the leaders and Scouts for a safe journey home after the Jamboree.

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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE PATRICK HEFFERAN:

Hello there, Kia Kima Faithful,

Wow! Where does the time go? I feel like I only started as Professional Scout Executive yesterday. Seven years? Has it really been that long? Not for Kia Kima, but professionally yes.

The time has come for me to say my final good-byes. My finance and I are getting married soon and are looking forward to having our own children. Maybe an Eagle? One can hope. For me, taking a job with fewer night and weekend obligations will allow me to do just that. I’ll never be too far away and my loyalty for Scouting will always be to Kia Kima. I’m really going to miss you all. Everyone has just been so great in helping me find my way around the District. Hopefully, the exit report that I’m leaving will make the next Kia Kima Executive’s job much easier.

Kia Kima accomplished a lot this year and we definitely couldn’t have done without all of the millions of volunteer hours donated. You may not get a tax write-off for those hours, but your investment in the youth of tomorrow will leave this earth a safer and better place for us to grow older. Never forget that this program is for the leaders of tomorrow. They will be the teachers and protectors of the next generation’s youth, investment brokers that help us keep and spend our savings wisely, politicians that will find a way to save our social security, the doctors that care for us when we are ill, and those that will mourn our passing, better for knowing us as we transcend into the next life.

Please continue to motivate and mentor the children of tomorrow. Live your lives and teach them to live their lives and their children’s lives by the Scout Oath and Law.

Yours always in Scouting,

Patrick T. Hefferan

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER RICKY FLOWERS:

I would like to discuss your unit’s Join Scouting Night plan at our August meeting. I strongly urge everyone to participate. The council wide dates are set for 8 and 13 of September. Don’t forget to remind them of the Boys’ Life subscription increase to \$12 effective 1 September 2005.

The Council’s “University of Scouting” catalog will be available by 1 August. You may start registering on 1 September. The DE and District Roundtable Commissioners will have a copy of the catalog. You may also go on line at [www.occoneechee.info/uos/](http://www.occoneechee.info/uos/). If you would like to volunteer or have suggestions, contact Sue Herring, the university chancellor at [Sue36herr@aol.com](mailto:Sue36herr@aol.com). The College of Commissioner Science is offering degrees in roundtable Science. The program is for both the Roundtable Commissioners and the Roundtable Staff. The dean of this program is Patch Perry.

Bonne Williamson, the Council's ACC for records, is encouraging all commissioners to take the time to fill out their advancement cards and send them in to her. Also, if you are a commissioner and NOT registered with a unit, you qualify to receive service stars on your anniversary date. If you are interested, visit the following site and provide the requested info.

[www.occoneecheecouncil.info/Commissioner/Service/sve\\_stars.html](http://www.occoneecheecouncil.info/Commissioner/Service/sve_stars.html).

Update: Phase 2 of the Internet Rechartering will allow units to do online advancement records. It will also allow units to transfer members from the Pack to the Troop or Troop to Crew (youth and adults). You can also transfer a youth to adult membership. Over the last 6 months, Council has changed from DSL to a T1 line to improve both ScoutNet response time and security. National is requiring all Councils to switch to Virtual Private Network (VPN) connectivity because of its higher security capabilities.

\*\*\* Some of you are familiar with Gragsroots.org and their help with various scouting issues. They have an online signup page showing our support of a bill to allow BSA to use military bases, including the Jamboree site at Fort AP Hill, Virginia. If you are interested, I would encourage each of you to visit the site and voice your opinion. [www.grassfire.org/2/petition.asp](http://www.grassfire.org/2/petition.asp).

We have a new sponsor this year. The Chevrolet Company has announced it will sponsor the "Run for Cub Scouting" campaign this year and provide pinewood derby kits for all councils. Look for TV and other forms of advertisements. Make sure you thank the local Chevy dealers for their support of BSA.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN FINANCE STEVE WHEELER:**

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District Popcorn Kernel Alma McIntire:

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Unit Kernel popcorn training will be held on 1 September at Roundtable at 1900 hours. The unit packets will be given out at that time so please see that your Unit Popcorn Kernel (or someone from your unit) is present.

Last day for Units to sign up for selling popcorn is 16 September 2005. It is also the date that Show-N-Sale orders must be in to Raleigh. If you unit has not signed up and you wish to sell popcorn please let me know. Alma McIntire 426-3394 or [Furball2@earthlink.net](mailto:Furball2@earthlink.net).

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP MATT BOWMAN:**

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Thank all of the units that had a representative at the July Roundtable. The forms promised are here for you at the August roundtable. We will have the school flyers at the September Roundtable. I would like to thank the volunteers that will be getting them into the schools.

The turn in on both September 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> will be at the Scout office. If you have any questions or need any additional supplies please let either myself or Noelle know.

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**DISTRICT VICE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM SADIE JACKSON:**

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The summer program for units is fast drawing to a close although the hot weather is not. The Cub units have been having fun with summertime activities from Day Camp to the Botanical Gardens, to Fort Fisher, to swimming parties and everything in between. The Scout Troops have attended summer camp both in and out of Council having a great time. Council had 8 Troops attend National Jamboree and from daily reports they seem to be having a good time in spite of the "HOT" weather.

Units that have not as yet held their yearly planning will be doing so in August. The program committee is gearing up to present their programs for September 2005 to December 2006. If you need any assistance in anyway please let one of the program chairman know.

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District Advancement Chairman Barry Swift:

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Stay cool!

For Advancement: The advancement record for each Scout at Council should be a mirror image of the unit's record since the unit is the only source of the Council's information. To insure that Council's records are correct, a unit leader should contact either Veronica or Barbara (1-800-662-7102) and request a current printout for comparison. If there are differences, contact Council to resolve them.

Between day camps, summer camp and sending eight troops to the National Jamboree; the Council's administrative workload may have delayed the posting of recently submitted Unit Advancement Reports.

This has been a great summer for Scouting.

Again, stay cool!

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Day Camp Director Ricky Flowers:

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One last time, many many thanks to all the volunteers for all the things they did to make this year's Day Camp. Unlike years past, we have only one item in the lost and found. It is a red ice chest. Claim it please.

Again, thank you.

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Wood Badge Critter Dinner:

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Annual Wood Badge Critter Dinner is September 25, 2005 at Holland United Methodist Church, 9433 Ten-Ten Mile Road, Raleigh. The cost of \$20.00 covers the food, memorabilia, and donation for Wood Badge Scholarship Fund. Non-Wood Badge significant others may attend for \$10.00. (This is for the meal only.)

Adults only, please.

There are three ways to qualify to attend. 1) you must have earned your beads and have them presented. 2) you are working your ticket from the practical phase and have not completed the ticket plus the time limit has not expired, or 3) if you have completed your ticket but have not had your beads presented. (You should indicate on your registration form if you wish to have your beads presented but YOU MUST contact your Wood Badge Course Director and make the arrangements with your Wood Badge Course Director.)

Applications are on the Council website [www.occoneecheecouncil.info](http://www.occoneecheecouncil.info).

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**BIRTHDAY – ANNIVERSARY – ILLNESS – BEREAVED:**

Birthday:

- August 01 – Christl Bragan
- August 02 – Michelle Louise McKinley
- August 07 – Brian G. Adams
- August 10 – Harold A. Jones
- August 16 – Tonya I. Sawyer
- August 20 – Dawn M. Lewis
- August 21 – Richard D. Runkle Jr.
- August 23 – Esperanza Martin
- August 24 – Keith D. Jackson
- August 25 – Larry W. Jenkins
- August 26 – Marian Kuczero
- August 27 – Cindy K. Brown
- August 30 – Wesley F. Steffen

- August 02 – John Ray McCarroll
- August 03 – Matthew C. Hanrahan
- August 08 – William C. Collins
- August 15 – Randy V. Steffen
- August 17 – Patricia W. Lambert
- August 21 – George Levi Sparks
- August 22 – Michael H. Board
- August 23 – Brandon C. Plummer
- August 24 – Joanne S. Messer
- August 26 – Allen P. McQuiston
- August 27 – Emery Hill Ramsey
- August 30 – Deborah C. Brewer

Anniversary:

August 10 – Deborah and Edward Wiggins

Bereaved:

We would like to offer our condolences and sympathy to Nick Oschner and his family on the loss of his Grandfather.

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District & Council Calendar Events:

August 04 – District Roundtable MacPherson Presbyterian Church 7:00PM. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

August 08 – Human resource Meeting

August 09 – Advancement Meeting

August 11 – Quarterly Program Meeting

August 15 – District Commissioner Meeting

August 17 – Venture Roundtable 7:30 PM Raleigh

August 18 – District Committee Meeting

August 18 – Finance Committee Meeting

August 25 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 25 – Executive Committee Meeting

August 25 – Newsletter Articles Due

FIRST DAY OF TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

September 01 – District Roundtable 7:00 PM MacPherson Presbyterian Church. Please bring a can of food for the church food closet.

September 05 – LABOR DAY – SCOUT OFFICE CLOSED

T/Y NO SCHOOL

September 08 – First Night of “Race to Cub Scouting” Join Scout Night

September 08 – Council Commissioner Meeting

September 09 – 11 – Methodist Scout Retreat

September 12 – Human Resources Meeting

September 13 – Advancement Meeting

September 13 – Second Night of “Race to Cub Scouting” Join Scout Night

September 15 – District Committee Meeting – District Committee Elections

September 16 – 18 – OA Fall Fellowship

September 16 – Show-N-Sale Orders Due

Last Date Unit Sign Up for Popcorn Sale

September 19 – District Commissioner Meeting

September 21 – Venture Roundtable 7:30 PM Raleigh

Y- NO SCHOOL

September 22 – OA Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 24 – New Leader Essentials

September 25 – Wood Badge Critter Dinner

News Letter Article Due

September 30 – Show-N-Sale Popcorn Distribution -- DO NOT CALL WAREHOUSE

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

OCTOBER 07 –09 -- COUNCIL CAMPOREE

OCTOBER 08 — CUB SCOUT FIELD DAY

OCTOBER 19 – KIA KIMA DISTRICT ADULT FELLOWSHIP DINNER