



DEER TALES



AUGUST 2008

FROM THE DESK OF CHARLES HEBERT, MOUNTAIN LAKE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Every fall I am reminded of the look in a young boy's face as he signs up to be a Scout. We all have seen that face, full of excitement and anticipation sparked by promises of adventure. So our first step to making a difference in a boy's life is to enroll them as member.

Boys stay in our program because they are engaged in enjoyable activities. These are fun activities designed by trained leaders to make specific opportunities happen to improve a boy's character. Fun is a method, not a goal. As youth stay in our program longer, we help ensure they will apply Scouting skills and values to decisions they will face throughout their lives.

There is one more requirement, however, before we can make a lasting change in our children. As parents, mentors, friends, and citizens, we must inspire our children with our actions. Children are very good at seeing if we practice what we preach, play by the rules, and keep our promises. As a parent, I have found myself challenged to live the life I expect my child to live.

So, as our recruiting season begins, I think I will look a little deeper in that young boy's face. I am sure my inspiration can be found behind those twinkling eyes.

ROLES OF A COMMISSIONER

A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor.

The commissioner is a friend of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. A commissioner who makes himself known and accepted now will be called on in future times of trouble.

The commissioner is a representative. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the BSA. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *September Cub Scout Theme: New Buddies*
- *RJ's Recipe of the month*

THE MAN WHO
STOPS MAKING NEW
FRIENDS WILL
EVENTUALLY HAVE
NONE.

- JAMES BOSWELL

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The commissioner is a unit "doctor." In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

The commissioner is a teacher. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge.

The commissioner is a counselor. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.



Hmmm, what is coming up in December? Let me think...Christmas, vacation time, holiday parties and District Re-Charter... Yes, it is that time!! Please mark Saturday, December 13, 2008 on your calendar. This is re-charter day for Mountain Lake District. There will be more information to come both in the news letter and district roundtables.

- Ron Lundgren

HEALTH & SAFETY MINUTE

From AAC H + S Committee

Buddy Boating:

When you are in boats, not only does every person have a buddy (just like while swimming), but each boat or craft must also have a buddy boat. No boat or other watercraft should be in the water alone.

Cub Scouts and Boating Activities:

Canoeing and rafting for Cub and Webelos Scouts is limited to District and Council events. No boating should be planned as solely a pack or den activity. Cubs and Webelos events are limited to non-moving (flat) water. The same swimming requirements are required for Cubs as for Boy Scouts. That is: Cubs MUST be certified as "SWIMMER" or be in a boat, (not raft, canoe or kayak), with a certified Swimmer Adult. PFDs worn are essential and required at all times on all boaters (even Adults).

Dangerous Diving:

Diving is prohibited in turbid water. Water is turbid when it is murky and not clear enough to see a 12" white disk 9a plate, which is submerged to a depth of 3'. Water may change from clear to turbid, you may have to check often. In order to dive water must be at least 10' deep. Diving platform should not be over 18' above the water surface.

Trent Trees
MLD Health + Safety

ADVANCEMENT NEWSLETTER—FOR AUGUST 2008

The Mountain Lake District Advancement Committee was active during June and July. First, the committee supported the Atlanta Area Council's Advancement Committee by conducting a Life to Eagle training session at Woodruff Scout Reservation on Thursday, July 3. Then again on July 17 two of its members returned to conduct another Life to Eagle training session.

Second, the Advancement committee was busy with Eagle Boards of Review (EBOR) on June 17. That night two Eagle candidates were presented for their Eagle Board of Review (EBOR). Both successfully passed review.

The community leaders who assisted that night were Dr. Michael Alexander, Brian Hermanson, David Heino, and Kevin Asbaugh.

The following Community leaders volunteered to assist the Mountain Lake District's Advancement Committee conduct EBOR in the future;

Earl Erhart, Georgia State Congressman for our District
Brian Hermanson, Executive Director, Cobb Symphony Orchestra
Lanita Lloyd, Deputy Director, Cobb Emergency Management Agency
Cari Crosby, Cobb EMA Community Emergency Response Team
Dr. Sandra Miller, Assistant Principal Campbell High School Smyrna Ga.
M.R. Miller, Senior Accountant National Bank of Scotland
Dr. Michael Alexander, Conductor for Cobb Symphony Orchestra and Professor at Kennesaw State University.
Brian Hermanson, Executive Director, Cobb Symphony Orchestra
Helen Goreham, Cobb County Commissioner.
Len Goreham, Pilot Delta Airlines
David Heino, Retired Special Forces Commander, Owner of Expeditionary Technologies (IT Company)
Mr Gene Clark local Attorney
Alice-Ann Robinson (teacher member of Cobb Symphony Orchestra)
Kevin Asbaugh, Corporal on the Cobb County Police Force

Also on that Tuesday night the Advancement Committee conducted two training classes. One class is entitled "Life to Eagle" with a target audience of any one interested in the Life to Eagle process, especially Life Scouts. The second class is entitled "Eagle Courts of Honor". The target audience for this class is the parents of Eagle candidates.

No EBOR were held in July, but to-date, four are scheduled in August.

The third significant event the Advancement Committee supported was inspection and certification of the Summer Camp Advancement program at the Woodruff Scout Reservation. Two Mountain Lake Advancement Committee members represented the Council during the May 28 review.

Future plans of the Committee include sponsoring a Merit Badge clinic in the fall. Stay tuned for a date and location.

Lewis Miller,
Chairman, Advancement Committee
Mountain Lake District

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Cherokee / Pickens District

New Leader Essentials (NLE):

Designed for all volunteers and provides the basics of the Scouting programs, the age appropriateness of those programs, and our values and methods. This training is usually delivered by the district training committee and takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (CSLST):

Leader specific includes five different breakout sessions related to Cub Scouting for Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Den Leaders and Assistants, Pack Committee Chairs, Committee Members, and Cubmasters and Assistants. This training takes approximately 3 hours to complete.

August 23rd, 9 :00 am- 1:30 pm, Hillside UMC, Please arrive early to register so the course can start on time.

Registration: There will be a \$5.00 registration fee for these courses. Please email or call [Frank Homiller](mailto:Frank.Homiller@scouts.org), 770-735-6939. If you are interested in attending.

Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL)

September 27 & 28, 2008, Troop 465 Scout Hut

Webelos den campouts serve to move the Webelos Scout to the next level of the BSA's ever-increasing challenge in the outdoors. The boy and his parent will be introduced to the basics of Boy Scout camping. A trained Webelos den leader who has completed position-specific training and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders should conduct these events. Webelos dens are encouraged to participate in joint den-troop campouts, particularly in the fifth-grade year.

Designed specifically for Webelos den leaders and their assistants, the Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders course teaches outdoor-related skills through demonstration and hands-on practice. Webelos den leaders should attend this training before conducting Webelos overnight camping with the boys and parents of the den. In addition to covering basic camping skills, this training features planning campouts and finding resources.

Registration: Questions? Contact Boy Scout Training Chairman Elliott Segall, scouts@igtcherokee.com, 770-664-7043

Boy Scout Leader Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Are you fulfilling your promise to help deliver an outstanding Scouting experience to your Scouts?

Proper training doesn't happen by reading a book, or attending every Scout meeting. The BSA has developed great training courses to help you as a new leader to deliver a program and calendar that will be exciting, educational, and safe.

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (BSLST) - September 13th
Location - TBA

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS) - September 26th - 28th
Location - [Troop 465 Scout Hut](#)
You must attend both to be considered trained.

Registration: Questions? Contact Boy Scout Training Chairman Elliott Segall, scouts@igtcherokee.com, 770-664-7043



LOCKHEED MARTIN'S WEBELOS ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Scientist WAP - November 15, 2008

Lockheed Martin and the Lockheed Martin Leader's Association volunteers are happy to be hosting the Sixth annual Scientist Webelos Advancement Program (SWAP).

This is a full day event so plan on reserving the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

All requirements are expected to be completed with the scout's full participation. Non-Citizen identification will be required 3 weeks before the event.

For Lockheed Martin employees only the INTERNAL preregistration period is, October 6th - October 16th . Cub Scout units without sponsors can register starting on October 18th at 9:00 AM.

Engineering WAP - February 21, 2008

Lockheed Martin and the Lockheed Martin Leader's Association volunteers are happy to be hosting the Sixth annual Engineering Webelos Advancement Program. (EWAP).

This is a full day event so plan on reserving the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

All requirements are expected to be completed with the scout's full participation. Non-Citizen identification will be required 3 weeks before the event.

For Lockheed Martin employees only the INTERNAL preregistration period is, January 12th – January 22nd . Cub Scout units without sponsors can register starting on January 24th at 9:00 AM.

RJ'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH—*CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS*

INGREDIENTS

12—24 servings

2 roasting chicken, cut up
water
1 c chopped onion
1 c chopped Celery
3 tsp salt
dash pepper
2 bay leaf
12 whole peppercorns
2 lg carrot
1/2 c. milk
2 cans Buttermilk Biscuits
(quartered)
6 tbsp flour

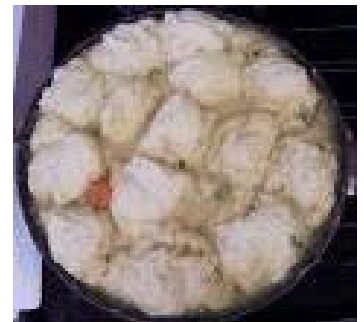
DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare chicken: wipe chicken with damp paper towel and place in a 12 qt. dutch oven with 10 c. of water, add chopped onion, celery, 3 tsp. salt, bay leaf, peppercorns and carrot. Bring to boil over high heat, reduce heat cover and simmer 1 1/4 hrs or until tender.
2. Let chicken cool in broth mince giblets add to broth or use another time.
3. Using a slotted spoon, remove the chicken from broth and place in a bowl. Cover to keep warm and set aside.
4. Add milk to chicken broth to make about 10 cups.
5. Mix 6 tbsp flour with 6 tbsp water until very smooth. Stir into broth in dutch oven, bring to boil stirring constantly with wooden spoon until thickened. Debone chicken and return chicken pieces to gravy. Cut each biscuit in quarters. Drop biscuits onto chicken in gravy.
6. Return chicken mixture to a boil, reduce heat cover pot, and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until the dumplings have risen and are cooked through.

Serve chicken and dumplings with gravy.

CCP: Hold for service at 140 F. or higher

I recommend that you par-boil the chicken prior to going camping. This will save you the grief of transporting raw chicken, the risk of contaminating your other foods, and save you an additional 1 1/4 hours of cook time.





SWC 2009



Scouting - A First Class Experience

January 9-11, 2009

For 41 years Scouters' Winter Campout (SWC) has been an annual event for Cobb County Scouters. It showcases the best of Cobb's three Scouting Districts: Covered Bridge, Foothills and Mountain Lake which began humbly as a training event to show adult leaders that their units could easily camp comfortably in the outdoors throughout the winter months and has grown into an adult "Camporee." Bring your curiosity, warm clothes, best "Scout Spirit" and other adult members of your unit for a great weekend of FUN, fellowship and inspiration!

SWC is open to all adult Scouters from the Scoutmaster with 25 years of leadership to the Den Leader who just signed up at School Night for Scouting. The program is organized to emulate the Boy Scout patrol method, so start forming your Patrols of six to ten members now. Have more than ten members? The more patrols the merrier.

All registration will be completed on-line and available at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, **September 27, 2007** continuing to December 27th on the SWC website www.swcbsa.org. Thereafter, registration will be on-site. Fees are: \$12/participant if registered and paid on or prior to December 1, 2007 and \$20/participant if registered and paid after December 1, 2007. Check-in begins at 3:00 PM Friday January 9, 2009 at the back of the Dining Hall at Woodruff Scout Reservation. Check payment will be made out to the Atlanta Area Council. Patrols **MUST** provide a Patrol Roster and a Medical Form (Class 1 physical, filled out by the attendee, is acceptable) at time of check in.

Come join us for our 41st anniversary commemoration, put yourself in the shoes of a twelve year old boy and plan to be a part of this wonderful celebration of Scouting. Questions... please contact Senior Patrol Leader, John Keeshen at 770-499-8170 jkeeshen@comcast.net or Scoutmaster, Tom Morin at 770-973-6102 tommorin@aol.com or visit us at our website @ www.swcbsa.org for upcoming information.

- Who** - Adult Scouters of Covered Bridge, Foothills and Mountain Lake
- What** - Scouters' Winter Campout (SWC)
- When** - January, 9-11, 2009
- Where** - Woodruff Scout Reservation in beautiful Blairsville, GA
- Why** - Because "Scouting is a game with a purpose"

COUNCIL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

AAC Powder Horn, a High Adventure Resource Management Training Course for Venturing Advisors and Boy Scout Leaders, will be held on August 15-17 and September 5-7, 2008 at Woodruff Scout Reservation. Cost is estimated at \$225 and final payment will be due by July 1, 2008. For further information visit www.powderhorn-bsa.org.

Venturing Leadership Skills Course is October 4, 2008. Cost is \$15.00 and includes course materials, lunch, and VLSC patch. Course will be held at the Volunteer Service Center from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Scouters Academy—A full day of supplemental adult leader training for all scouting programs. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 1, 2008. Full details to follow soon! Co-Directors are Donna Carr (770.633.6587) and Deborah Gibson (678.386.4447).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, August 14, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER

◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. Kennesaw United Methodist Church

◆ **The Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup** will be Saturday, September 13, 2008. See website for details and registration: www.allatoonacleanup.org.

◆ Saturday, September 20, **CPR Saturday**. Registration is online at www.goodturn.net.

◆ The 35th Annual **Corporate Classic** Golf Tournament, sponsored by Coca-Cola, will take place at the Atlanta Athletic Club on September 22, 2008. Join us for a day of golf, fun, and for an evening reception and auction. Foursomes start at \$3,000 and all proceeds go to support Scouting in our 13 county area. Contact William Bryant, Finance Director, at WBryant@atlantabsa.org for more information.

OCTOBER

◆ **Huntsville Space Center Fall Boy Scout Day** will be October 4, 2008. Admission is \$18.00 per person and includes: Admission to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Museum; One IMAX movie at the Spacedome Theater; hamburger box lunch; a Scout Day Patch for each Scout; a Scout Day Certificate for each Troop/Cub Pack; events and activities. For further information call 800/63-SPACE, ext. 200; or www.spacecamp.com.

◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church.

◆ **Fall Cub-O-Ree** is scheduled for October 24, 2008 at Bert Adams Scout Reservation.

◆ **Scout Days & Nights** (visit www.atlantabsa.org for further information):

Atlanta Motor Speedway—October 15

NOVEMBER

◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church

DECEMBER

◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church

JANUARY

◆ **Roundtable**, Thursday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Kennesaw United Methodist Church

◆ **Scouters Winter Campout** (SWC), January 9—11, Woodruff Scout Reservation.

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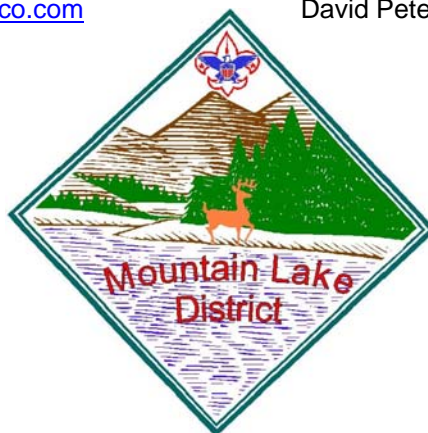
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Deadline for newsletter submissions is by midnight the Monday prior to Roundtable.

Please note, it is with the best of intentions to provide you with the most accurate and grammatically correct information; however, please keep in mind mistakes do happen. I will endeavor to DO MY BEST! Tracy Brock