



DEER TALES



JANUARY 2008



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

helps secure the operating funds needed by the Atlanta Area Council to provide the many services offered to support unit programs, such as training, insurance, program materials, advancement materials, camping facilities and programs, council and district activities, and much more.

Family contributors who invest \$300 or more in the 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign will receive a special edition "Cheerful" collector's patch. A premiere Scouting program requires a significant investment. The Family Friends of Scouting program is extremely important to the success of our overall fundraising efforts because it shows the rest of the community how committed

our members are to the Scouting program and serves as an example when asking for their support.

Be sure to schedule a FOS representative to attend your banquet/ court of honor!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February Cub Scout Theme: Chinese New Year
- District Banquet to be held in place of next month's roundtable.
- KSU Basketball Scout Night—See Upcoming Events.

IF YOU WANT HAPPINESS FOR A LIFETIME—HELP THE NEXT GENERATION.

- CHINESE PROVERB

THE PINWOOD DERBY PRAYER

Hey God, we ask you to draw near
And bless the boys who gather here.

This is the day they've waited for
Their blocks of wood are blocks no more.

Plastic wheels and dime store nails
Become the stuff of sporting tales
Of finishes too close to see!
You're here for every victory.

You bless the winners in their joy
But there's another kind of boy
Whose handiwork is blessed by you
Because his hands tried something new.
You smile upon the crooked wheel,
The paint job done with boyish zeal,
The splintered car, the sloppy glue.
You love the work that Your sons do.

But there is one here in this place
Who shows the greatness of Your grace.

He is the boy who hasn't won
But when he hears the starting gun
He's there to cheer his fellow scouts
His are the loudest victory shouts.
And when his brothers haven't won,
He's just the one to say "well done,
You've tried your best and you've had
fun,
There are more races to be run."

And so, dear God, we hear you say
Upon this happy Derby Day,
"Remember, whether best or worst,
Remember, you are brothers first."

Taken from...
January 2008 Baloo's Bugle
Pack 169, Egham, England
Pack 52, Morgantown, West Virginia



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** is looking for volunteers. They're trying to do some major rehab work on a lot of the trails around Allatoona Lake and creating others to add to the trail system. There are opportunities for every age...Cub Scout all the way to Eagle. Some of the work needed consist of raking the path area and picking up bigger stones and lining them along the side of the trails. There is also a need for trash pick-up due to items being dislodged from the undergrowth during maintenance. Putting chips down at trailheads at various locations is another need. There are more opportunities than these mentioned and can be geared toward the age of your scouts. Please contact the volunteer coordinator by e-mail at web.allatonna.usace.army.mil to get started!

MUST Ministries will begin scheduling this month and they have some great projects in mind!! So get with your group and get back with the Volunteer office to get your date saved! Visit their website to get an idea of volunteer opportunities for groups at <http://www.mustministries.org/marietta/volunteer.aspx>. Another way to volunteer is to collect donations. A list of needs can be found at <http://www.mustministries.org/marietta/donation.aspx>.

COUNCIL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

B.A.L.O.O. (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) Training is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m., at the Allatoona Aquatics Base. Cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. Contact the program center, 770/989-8821 x 2003, for further information.

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 dates are February 23, 2008 or 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.

IF YOU ARE
PLANNING FOR
A YEAR, SOW
RICE; IF YOU ARE
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DECADE, PLANT
TREES; IF YOU
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FOR A LIFETIME,
EDUCATE PEOPLE.

- CHINESE
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CHINESE NEW YEAR TRADITIONS AND THEIR SYMBOLISM

Before the New Year, preparations must be done. A day is set aside for the "sweeping of the grounds," when every corner of the house must be swept and cleaned in preparation for the New Year. This symbolizes the sweeping out of the old year and welcoming the New Year.

On the last day of the old year, everyone is busy preparing food for the next two days. Tradition says that all food should be prepared before the New Year's Day, so that all sharp instruments, such as knives and scissors, can be put away to avoid cutting the "luck" of the New Year.

Another way that the old year goes

out and the New Year comes in is by shooting off firecrackers on New Year's. Also, on the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, every door in the house, and every window, has to be open to allow the old year to go out.

On New Year's Day, the children are given red lai see (pronounced "lie-see") envelopes, good luck money wrapped in little red envelopes. Red is the color of happiness and prosperity in China and also symbolizes good luck.

On New Year's Day, everyone has on new clothes, and puts on his best behavior. It is considered improper to tell a lie, raise one's voice, use indecent language, or

break anything on the first day of the year.

Some Chinese people today may not believe in these do's and don'ts, however, these traditions and customs are still practiced. These traditions and customs are kept because most families realize that it is these very traditions, whether believed or not, that provide continuity with the past and provide the family with an identity.

Take from:

SIMON KENTON COUNCIL, COLUMBUS,
OHIO, BUCKEYE DISTRICT
www.skcbasa.org/buckeye

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 15th, 2008, is **Webelos Open House** at Due West United Methodist Church (3956 Due West Road) from 6:30— 9:00 p.m. Troops can begin set up around 6:00 p.m. Local Troop representatives will have tables set up with posters, presentations, craft, camping gear, Troop calendars, camping schedules and information about their units ...all to share with you!! You will go from table to table, at your own pace, visiting and gathering information about Troops in the area. This is a great opportunity for Webelos II to visit and assess Troops in one night!

February Roundtable will be our District Banquet! The date and location have changed from our normal roundtable gathering of the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. at Due West United Methodist Church located at the intersection of Due West/Kennesaw Due West/Acworth Due West. Registration is by district. Contact Mark Hoffman, mark.hoffman@lmco.com, for further information.

Venturing Ski Trip to Winterplace, West Virginia is February 15-17. Reservations are due by January 18. Cost is \$179.00 and includes room, board, continental breakfast, transportation, equipment rental and lift ticket.

Scout Night at **Kennesaw State University Basketball** Saturday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. at KSU-Convocation Center. Seats are \$12.00 and include a hotdog, soda, and special scout patch. Wear your uniform for a chance to participate in half-time games! Deadline to purchase tickets is February 14.

Engineering WAP at Lockheed is scheduled for February 23, 2008, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Registration is open to the public on January 25, 2008. Cost is \$10.00 per scout and includes materials, snack, patch, and a pizza lunch. Preference is groups of 8 or less; ratio of 1 adult for every 4 scout.

Start spreading the news! **Cub Scout Day Camp** will be held June 2—6, 2008! Boy Scout volunteers needed to help as denners! Great way to get those service hours.

Also coming this summer will be **Twilight Camp** for Cub Scouts! Dates coming soon.

Mountain Lake District is interested in starting an annual **Cubmobile race**. This is planned for March 15. Look for more information to come about this event.

Spring Cub-O-Ree is scheduled for April 12 at Bert Adams Scout Reservation.

More upcoming **Scout Day & Nights** (visit www.atlantabsa.org for further information):

Thrashers—January 20, 2:00 p.m.

GA State University Basketball—January 19, 4:30 p.m.

Gwinnett Gladiators—February 2, 7:35 p.m.

Ringling Brothers Circus—February 17, 21, 22

Harlem Globetrotters—March 8, 1:00 p.m. Philips Arena and March 9, 2:00 p.m. Gwinnett Arena

Scout Day at the Capitol—March 12

Atlanta Hawks—March 30, 4:00 p.m.



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