



DEER TALES



NOVEMBER 2008

DEN CHIEF—II: HOW THE DEN CHIEF POSITION BENEFITS THE PACK

Cubmasters ought to actively seek Den Chiefs to assist every Den Leader in their Pack. The assistance provided by a maturing First Class, Star, or Life scout is invaluable to the Den Leader. Ideally the Den Chief would begin in the fall, when the Pack resumes its normal activities, and continue through the Blue and Gold banquet to the point where the Pack breaks for the summer.

The Den Chief helps the Den Leader by organizing and overseeing games, puzzles, stories, etc which allows the Den Leader to focus on individual cub scouts and providing a quality program each week. The First Class or higher rank Den Chief is particularly adept on hikes and family overnight campouts. His knowledge of orienteering, local plant and animal life, fire building, cooking, knot tying and other camp skills make him a valuable asset, particularly to those Den Leaders without such skills.

After the first month or so of weekly Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings the Den Leader can permit the Den Chief to assume a greater and expanded role in the Den, to the point of conducting the Den meeting while the Den Leader provides appropriate oversight. This greater involvement includes such things as planning the meetings, organizing activities, ensuring appropriate supplies and materials are available, contacting the Cub scouts to ensure attendance (which improves estimates for supplies and materials), arranging for refreshments, securing guest speakers, arranging additional help, and discussing his plans with the Den Leader.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals have successfully completed the indoor and/or outdoor training. Great job!!

Klane Anderson	John Faress	Shannon Maker	Jeff Starnes
Matt Barkley	Brandi Farr	Nancy Maples	Maryann Stephens
Melissa Barnhart	Scott Gasparini	Marla McLeod	Jimmy Stephens
Lynda Bennett	Mark Gentry	Ross Newberry	Patti Strickle
Danny Boggs	Matthew Getz	Jeff O'Hara	David Tabla
Barbara Brown	Time Goodwin	Steven Parker	Sherry Thomas
Joel Buxton	Karen Grantham	Bryan Parks	Kathryn Vargo
Andrew Casto	Jeff Grantham	Julie Phillips	Christy Warren
Laurie Champion	John Groth	Joe Phillips	Sharon Watkins
Ruth Cresman	Rogelia Hernandez	Jeanot Pierre	Richard Weller
Eugene Diaz	David Jones	Mauro Pradella	Phillicia Wood
Scott Dixon	John Keiler	Chris Risey	Matt Zhun
Emron Esplin	Andy Kutyra	Paul Sharpe	Stacey Zwijacz
Niki Faith	Cory Louis	John Short	

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *December Cub Scout Theme: Holiday Lights*
- *Training Opportunities*
- *Upcoming Events*

IN THE RIGHT
LIGHT, AT THE
RIGHT TIME,
EVERYTHING IS
EXTRAORDINARY.

- AARON ROSE

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These are many of the same skills a Life Scout needs to successfully plan and execute his Eagle Project.

There are many Pack meetings where the Den Chief could assist the Pack as well as the Den. For example, many Cubmasters rotate Program duties as well as Service duties among the different Dens. The Den Chief will train his Den on how to properly execute these duties and then take the lead on accomplishing them. The Den Chief for the Den responsible for Program activities and the Den Chief for the Den responsible for Service will collaborate their respective Den's duties to ensure a smooth transition between the two. Additionally the Den Chief must communicate with the Cubmaster to ensure all parts of the pack meeting are well understood in terms of content, duration, and timing.

The Den Chief can also help orchestrate Special Pack Meetings such as the Blue and Gold banquet, Pinewood Derby night, or fundraisers plus they are invaluable resource during awards ceremonies. They can help by escorting Cubs and parents, presenting the awards for the Cubmaster to his Den, or arranging the awards for the Cubmaster, just to name a few ways the Den Chief can assist. They are especially important during the WEBELOS crossover ceremony into a troop.

Advancement Committee Submittal

For November 2008

2ND ANNUAL DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF

Presented by Mountain Lake District BSA
Hosted by MLD Troop 116 AUMC

The goals of this event is to have FUN, demonstrate Dutch Oven cooking skills, and introduce to the Scouts the joy of Dutch Oven cooking. This competition will use the International Dutch Oven Society guidelines and rules.

This is a three-pot competition. Each team may enter in as many categories as they like, however, to be eligible for "Best All-Around" they must enter all three categories: bread, main dish, and dessert. There is a \$15.00 entry fee. Competitors will provide all ingredients and equipment needed to prepare their dishes. To register for the competition, team captains should complete an entry form and return it to SM Dave Peterson of Troop 116 MLD AAC, by December 1, 2008, along with a copy of recipes and registration Fee.

A panel of celebrity judges will use the IDO guidelines to determine a winner in each of the three categories. In each category the judges will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The judges will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for "Best All-Around" plus additional prizes. All judges' decisions will be *Final*. Scout Troop 116 AUMC, Mountain Lake District, Atlanta Area Council are not responsible for accidents or damages incurred during this event.

Teams should plan to arrive at Troop 116 Scout Hut Saturday morning, December 6, 2008. The cooks' meeting will take place at 9:00am and cooking may begin as early as 9:30am at the Fire Rings at the Scout Hut. Judging will begin at 12:00 noon. Cooks will present their entries to the judges either in the oven or on the lid and serve the judges a sample of the dish. The cook teams will offer samples to the public and Scouts/Scouters using paper plates and plastic wear. Winners will be announce at 1:00pm. Good Scouting practices will be observed through out this event.

For more information or to register contact Dave Peterson at email: davpet69@yahoo.com or at (404) 915-5055.

DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

2nd Annual Mountain Lake Cook Off

Presented by Mountain Lake District BSA

Hosted by MLD Troop 116 AUMC

Dutch Oven Cook Off

Registration Form

Please complete this form, sign at the bottom acknowledging that you have read the attached rules for this competition, and return to Dave Peterson SM T116. Along with this form please attach you recipes and registration fee.

Check Categories you are entering Bread Main Dish Dessert All Three

Registration Fee is \$15.00USD

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Team Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (Day) _____ (Night) _____

Email Address: _____

I have read the rules and regulations for the MLD Dutch Oven Cook Off and agree to abide by these rules and regulations throughout the competition. I acknowledge that all judge's decisions are final.

Team Captain Signature

Date

Please return this form, along with copies of your recipes and registration fee to:

Dave Peterson

SM T116

Email: davpet69@yahoo.com

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF

A team may consist of two to four members.

Only team members are allowed in the cooking area! One team member should remain in the cooking area at all times for fire safety reasons. Please keep water buckets near your cooking area. Please interact with the other Scouts/Scouters/Public, but do not allow them to get close to the actual cooking area.

Ingredients cannot be precooked and must be combined, chopped, sliced, or diced during the competition on site, including garnishes. Marinating of meat prior to the start of the competition is not allowed. For safety reasons, no ingredients prepared or processed at home are allowed. All meat must be USDA inspected.

All cooking must be done in a Dutch Oven and everything cooked **MUST** be presented to the judges with the exception of excess gravies and sauces. Removing burnt or undercooked sections of food will lead to disqualifications. Side items such as butter, jam, or sauces should not be presented to the judges unless specifically listed in the recipe or prepared on site. Dishes must be presented to the judges table on time—**NO EXCEPTIONS**. All foods submitted for judging should be displayed in the pot or on the lid. Time warnings will be given periodically through the cook off. Once dishes have been presented to the judges, samples should be provide to the public using paper/plastic products.

There should be no eating in the cooking area.

Use good fire safety practices. Keep yourself and the public safe. You may not use propane stoves to cook your dishes. Propane may be used to start coals

Please use safe food handling procedures. Teams should start with clean equipment and use clean cooking practices. Good hand washing practices are required, including a separate basin for hand washing. There should be **NO** finger licking. Dishwashing facilities including washing, rinsing, and sanitizing basins are required of all teams. Tasting utensils must be washed immediately after each use. All washing of dishes **MUST BE DONE** in your own cooking area. Some type of hair restraint (hat, hair net, pony tail holder, etc.) should be worn during the cook off. Wash cutting boards with bleach water between meats and vegetables to avoid cross contaminations, or if possible, use different cutting boards for meat and vegetables and clearly label them. Coolers are required for all refrigerated items and cold food must be kept below 40 degrees F. Keep all hot foods above 140 degrees F.

Garnishing should be **SIMPLE** and complement the dish being presented. This is not a garnishing contest. Garnishes should be edible.

Cooks are expected to bring and light their own charcoal.

Be prompt; attend the cooks meeting at 9:00am on Saturday December 6th, 2008 in the competition area for last minute instructions and questions

Prior to the day of the competition, read all of the information in these guidelines and rules. Be prepared to ask any questions you may have during the cooks meeting before the competition.

Teams should demonstrate good sportsmanship within their own teams as well as with the other teams. Good interaction within the teams, other competing teams, the judges, and with the public is an important part of the cooking contest. Teams should be courteous and willing to answers questions from the public.

The cook off committee will provide a 10' x 10' space for each team, and all of the teams equipment must fit within this space.

If you need hot water for a recipe, please plan on heating it yourself over charcoal.

This competition is about encouraging the skill of using the Dutch Oven with out the use of additional pans such as bread pans, pie tins, tinfoil, or foil pan inserts.

All judging decisions are final.

The Scout Troop 116 AUMC, Mountain Lake District, Atlanta Area Council are not responsible for accidents or damage incurred during the cook off event.

TRAINING NEWS

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!

Every Leader deserves training so s/he can successfully deliver the scouting program!

- Cub Scout Leaders are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.
- Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.
- Pack or Troop Committee Members are considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and Committee Specific Training.

Fast Start training is the first step for any new adult volunteer in a Pack or Troop, no matter what the position may be. The Fast Start training is short and should be taken as soon as possible after you have accepted a leadership position.

Youth Protection Training ensures boys involved in scouting are kept safe. At least one adult on every Scout outing must be Youth Protection Trained. All registered adult volunteers must complete it and fully understand the Youth Protection Policies of the BSA.

The next step in training for adult leaders is **New Leaders Essentials**. NLE is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting. Each leader completes New Leader Essentials training only once.

Leader Specific Training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role. Each course is designed for a specific leadership position.

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program. Training in outdoor skills is required before taking scouts on outings.

- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS)** will provide Boy Scout leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start and guide a program in the outdoors. Completion of this course is the required for all Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters.
- **BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation** for Cub Scout leaders is a one-day training event that introduces participants to the skills needed to plan and conduct Pack outdoor activities. This training is required in order to apply for tour permits.
- **OWL - Outdoor Webelos Leader Training** is for all Webelos leaders. This training course covers the skills & resources needed to teach the outdoor activity badges and helps to provide good & safe outdoor experiences. Completion of this training is required before a Webelos den can go on a campout.

Fast Start and Youth Protection may be done online, classroom or via media training such as DVD. If you choose to enroll online, go to <http://www.scouting.org/myscouting/elearning.aspx>

If you do not already have a MyScouting account, you will need to create one. This account will give you direct access to e-learning courses. If you already have a MyScouting account, simply log in as usual.

In order to create a login, have your council number and member ID handy (from your registration card) when creating your account. This will ensure you receive proper credit for courses completed successfully.



ADVANCEMENT NEWSLETTER—FOR NOVEMBER 2008

In October three young men from Mountain Lake District became our newest Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Eagle Scouts David Beuttel T-540, Tyler Thompson T-540, Carl Schoonover T-350, and their families.

Special thanks to:

All of the Unit Members who participated, sorry but we didn't get all of your names to thank you personally :(
Extra Special thanks to the Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who participated.

Community Leaders who participated:

Brian Hermanson, Executive Director Cobb Symphony Orchestra, Retired Professional Clarinet Performer.
Robert Bachus, Ph.D., P.E. Principal, Geosyntec Consultants, previous Professor at Ga. Tech School of Civil Engineering
Bill Davis, Owner Old Clocks and Eagle Scout.

District Representatives:

Mr. Ken Roberts
Mr. David Heino and advisor Frank Cullins
Mr John Knowles
Mr. Richard Angeli, Eagle Ceremony Training
Mr. David Tackett, Life to Eagle Training
Mr. Frank Cullins
Mr. Alan Stensland

The next Eagle Board of Review is Tuesday November 18, 2008 at 7:30 PM at Kennesaw United Methodist Church. At the same time, a class on conducting Eagle Courts of Honor will be conducted. This is a great class for parents who are waiting for their son to finish the EBOR.

Also, on the same night and same time is a Life-to-Eagle class for Life (and almost Life) Scouts, parents, leaders, any one who is interested.

Lewis Miller,
Chairman, Advancement Committee, Mt Lake District

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New for 2009 - Hazardous Weather Training: BSA has announced that a new "Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather" training will be a prerequisite for obtaining a tour permit effective January 1, 2009. This course is available now at the BSA's online learning center at <http://olc.scouting.org/>

Supplemental Training: The Mountain Lake District is here to meet all of your training needs. We can offer supplemental training in addition to those required. Some courses that could be offered include:

- Merit Badge Counselor – Role and Responsibilities
- Orientation of new Boy Scout parents
- How to plan and conduct a safe outing

If any of these are of interest, or if you have other supplemental training needs, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Blackmer, Training Chair, MLD at training@mountainlakedistrict.com

Advanced Dutch Oven Cooking: Come and tantalize your taste buds with this interactive hands-on approach to Dutch Oven cooking. Topics will include types of ovens, use and care, purchasing considerations, fire building and cooking methods. With RJ Kolencik, Bill Wolff and Shannon Fishback providing the instruction, you will not go away hungry!! The date is Saturday December 6, 2008 from 10 am – 2 pm with a cost of only \$5.00. This course will be held in conjunction with the annual Dutch Oven cook-off sponsored by Troop 116. So do not procrastinate. Mail your registration form today. The deadline of November 26th is fast approaching. Space is limited. <http://www.mountainlakedistrict.com/DOAdvancedClass120608.pdf>

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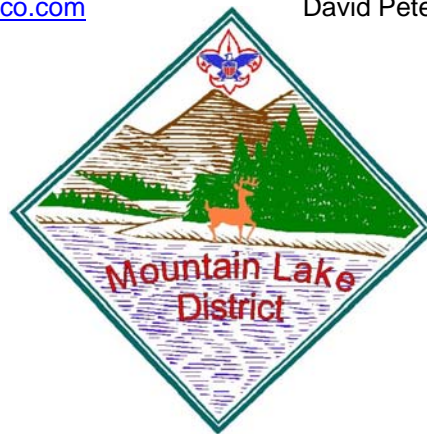
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Deadline for newsletter submissions is by midnight the Monday prior to Roundtable.

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