



District Chairman's Minute

"On my honor I will do my best" is the way we start the Scout Promise. As a District we cannot expect any more from our adult leaders. We have the most enthusiastic, dedicated, and loyal leaders who spend many hours to provide the best programs to our youth. As a leader we are not only expected to spend our time with the youth in their program, but we also must be trained so we can deliver not just a program, but an excellent program.

As we approach the end of the year the District needs to be sure all leaders who work directly with the youth have been trained for their position and all parents have been Youth Protection Trained. This is a requirement for Unit Rechartering. Get that training as early in the fall as possible as we will be training more leaders and parents this year than last year when only the top contact leaders had to have training for Rechartering.

Wolf River is offering a Youth Protection Training immediately following the November Roundtable.

Please encourage all of your leaders and parents to attend this terrific opportunity to get Youth Protection Training out of the way.

District Commissioner's Corner

Time sure flies, in Scouting as everywhere else.

Rechartering Season (for lack of a better descriptive) is upon us. Units in the Wolf River District who recharter in January will be receiving their packets in November.

With all of our dedicated volunteers serving our Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Explorers, our mission remains as vital as ever. For over a century, Boy Scouts of America has delivered a quality, values based program, helping our youth to develop character, confidence and a selfless dedication to citizenship, so that they may capably face the tasks and duties that lie ahead in their lives. Positive adult role models have never been more important, as indicated by our Council's goal of 100% position-specific trained leaders for our 2014 re-charter.

Wolf River District Newsletter **"Smoke Signals"-November 2013**

Wolf River District, BSA – The Wolf River District covers Bartlett, Bolton, North Memphis, Raleigh, Millington, Austin Peay, Covington Pike, and Stage Road in Tennessee.

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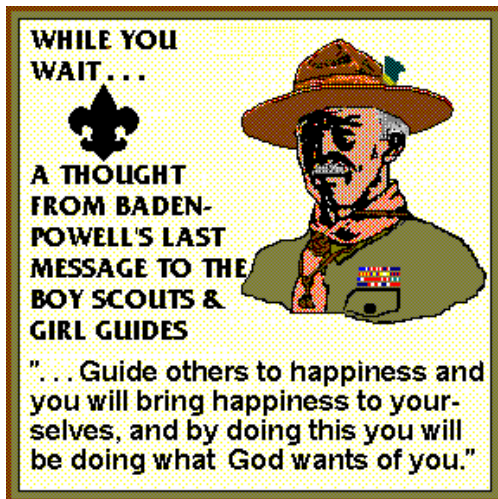
As we approach the end of 2013 the District is preparing for our night of nights. The annual Wolf River District Volunteer Recognition Dinner is coming and you don't want to miss it. Every adult volunteer in the District is invited to attend this annual event. This isn't for the mucky-mucks – this event is for YOU! Den leaders, assistant scout masters, committee members, parents who help out – any adult that volunteers with scouting in any way is invited to attend this celebratory event.

Mark your calendar for this special occasion.

January 31, 2014 is an opportunity for all adult volunteers in the District to recognize their peers for their contribution to scouting.

Don't forget....submit your nominations for the District Award of Merit and each unit's recipient for the newly created Unit Award of Appreciation by the December Roundtable. Help us recognize all the dedicated and loyal volunteers in our District that make our program such a quality one for our youth. Thanks to every parent, volunteer, and leader who makes scouting the best program in the world for our youth.





Camp Masters Popcorn Information- Chickasaw Council

Show and Sell ends: November 2, 2013
 Take Order Sale ends: November 2, 2013
 Show and Sell Money due to council: November 4, 2013
 Take Order, Orders due to council: November 4, 2013
 Take Order Distribution: November 15, 2013
 Metro & NWMS Districts Warehouse
 3110 Stage Post Drive Bay 7 & 8, Bartlett, TN 38133

Please check with your unit for additional
dates and times.

Wolf River District Roundtable

Decatur-Trinity Christian Church
 2449 Altruria Rd. Bartlett, TN 38134

Second Thursday of the Month
 November 14, 2013 at 7pm

Why come to roundtable?

Roundtables play a significant role in providing continuous supplemental training for all unit, district, and commissioner leaders. This monthly event provides program topic guidance and structure suggestions for all leaders.

Cub Scouts Focus

December Core Value: Respect
 Theme: Passport to Other Lands

Boy Scout Focus

Program Feature: Cooking

Youth Protection Training: This valuable training will be offered immediately after this month's roundtable.

Topics covered include the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, signs of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. Every leader who works with scouts of all ages must have this training before they can be rechartered so come get it tonight.

Operation Visible Support



*What: A significant show of scouting spirit, patriotism and support for our veterans by having our units located at locations from Union and Front streets downtown to Poplar and Collierville-Arlington Road. The units should be in full uniform, waving United States flags, unit flags and displaying banners, posters and signs made by our scouts demonstrating our support for our veterans and our country.

*When: Monday, November 11, 2013
 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Where: There are 75 locations that we would like manned that range from downtown Memphis to Collierville along the stationary parade route.

*Why: Showing pride in our country and support for our veterans is core to who we are as scouts. In addition, this very public display of patriotism and scout spirit will help remind our community that scouting is alive and thriving.

*How: Call Danny Van Horn at (901) 680-7331 or e-mail him at Danny.VanHorn@ButlerSnow.com We also encourage you to recruit the family members of your scouts to make this show of support one that encompasses the wider scouting family and movement.

Scouting for Food 2013 “Feeding Kids Campaign”

This year’s Scouting for Food 2013 “Feeding Kids Campaign” begins November 9, 2013 and runs through December 14, 2013. We will have collection bins located at the following Kroger stores:

Kroger 7735 Farmington Blvd, Germantown, TN

Kroger 540 S. Mendenhall Road, Memphis

Kroger 2835 Kirby Road, Memphis

The finale collection date of December 14, 2013 is when we will all go door to door in neighborhoods to collect donated food items. The most needed items are canned soups, canned stews, peanut butter, canned soups, canned vegetables and any non-perishable food items. We hope for 100% participation by all units for this most worthwhile service to our community. If you collect food and it goes to your church food pantry please let Lawrence Ellis know how many lbs. you collect as we count those lbs. towards our final totals.



District Award of Merit: The District Award of Merit is presented by councils upon recommendation of the district. Councils are restricted in how many District Awards of Merit they can award each year. The ratio is simple: one award per 25 units in a district. We have 51 units in our district this year and we can round up. Nominees must be registered Scouters, have given “noteworthy service to youth,” either inside or outside of Scouting—or both, have gone beyond the duties of their volunteer position and maintained a positive attitude and work in cooperation with the district and council. Think about who you want to nominate for the prestigious District Award of Merit. The recipients will be acknowledged at the annual District Banquet on January 31, 2014.



Recruiter Strip

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts may be awarded, and wear, below the right pocket on their uniforms, the Recruiter Strip shown above. There are NO formal requirements for these strips. Each unit establishes the procedure for awarding the strip. For example, one unit considers a new scout recruited by a current scout if he attends one month’s scouting activities. Usually, a Recruiter Strip is awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout the first time he is successful in getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join his unit. Typically, only one strip is awarded to a boy while he is a Cub Scout, and another may be awarded while he is a Boy Scout. This time of year is the perfect time to encourage unit’s scouts to earn this award by inviting new boys to attend scout functions.

Upcoming District and Council Events

* **District Capital Campaign:** November 5, 2013 at the Scout Office, 171 S. Hollywood at 6:00pm. Come learn about the capital improvements being made at Camp Currier and Kia Kima.

* **Venturing Weekend:** November 8-10, 2013 at Camp Currier. Join us for a weekend of service and fellowship. Cost \$30 with a \$5 discount if you sign up before November 7, 2013

* **District Committee Meeting:** November 12, 2013 at 7pm, Decatur Trinity Christian Church, 2449 Altruria Rd., Bartlett, TN 38134

* **Scout Night at the River Kings:** November 15, 2013, Location: The Landers Center in Southaven, MS
Cost \$16 per person, Tickets are available on Doubleknot

- * **Bartlett Christmas Parade**-December 7, 2013 at 4pm. This is a great way to recruit new scouts to your unit. You can participate by walking, riding in a decorated trailer or competing in the float competition. The theme this year is "I'm Dreaming of a "Green" Christmas". Let's see who can come up with the best recycling ideas to show how scouts reduce, reuse and recycle. Deadline to submit an entry is November 9, 2013. For more information either call 385-5589 or go to <http://tn-bartlett.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=629> to download an entry form.
- * **District Annual Business Meeting**: December 12, 2013 at 6pm
Decatur Trinity Christian Church, 2449 Altruria Rd., Bartlett, TN 38134
- * **Kia Kima Winter Camp**-Date: December 27-30, 2013. This is a mini long-term camping experience where participants will be able to work on advancement while enjoying the beauty of winter in the Ozarks. Winter Camp Leaders Guides are available at the scout shop or online at the Kia Kima website.
- * **Delta Merit Badge College**: January 4, 2013 at Delta State University at 8am-4pm For more university contact Ray Roberts at roberts10@suddenlink.net
- * **District Award Banquet**: January 31, 2014 at 7pm,
Bartlett Woods Church of Christ 7900 E. Old Brownsville Road, Arlington, TN 38002
This is where we will award the District Award of Merit and the new Unit Appreciation Awards while enjoying a delicious dinner and scout fellowship.
- * **Wolf River Academy**: Merit Badge College on March 1, 2014 and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills on February 28-March 2, 2014 at Centennial Park behind the Millington YMCA.



Thank you for being a part of the Wolf River District.

Newsletter Trivia Entry:

Entrants Name: _____ Unit type and # _____

Email address: _____

Answer the following trivia questions and bring them to November's roundtable. All entries with the correct responses will be entered in a drawing to win one scout back pack valued at \$90.

1. How many district awards of merit may the Wolf River District award this year? _____
2. A significant show of scouting spirit, patriotism and support for our veterans by having our units located at locations from Union and Front streets downtown to Poplar and Collierville-Arlington Road is called _____
3. Popcorn take order, orders are due to the council on _____
4. What training is 100% required of all leaders before they can be rechartered? _____
5. What are the names and their positions of the key three leaders in the Wolf River District?
 - A. Name _____ and Position _____
 - B. Name _____ and Position _____
 - C. Name _____ and Position _____