



District Chairman's Minute

I would like to personally welcome everyone to the first ever Wolf River District Smoke Signals Newsletter. Since becoming the Chairman of the District I have continually heard that communication was the number one issue. We have strived to improve our communication to our units and loyal volunteers through emails and the creation of the Wolf River District Facebook page. This new monthly newsletter will be another strives in that communication effort so that all parents, leaders and volunteers are aware of the opportunities available to assist each and every facet of the Boy Scout and Cub Scout program. I hope you enjoy this inaugural issue and look forward to receiving it on a monthly basis. Our goal is to get you the information you need and let you know that the Wolf River District is YOUR DISTRICT!

District Commissioner's Corner

The Commissioners of the Wolf River District are excited that this extra step in reaching our unit leaders and parents is being enacted by the District. Our job as Commissioners is to work with our units and to offer support through unit visits and consultation. The Commissioner is a friend of the unit. Please make sure that you are utilizing your commissioner for all facets of your unit. Our job is to ensure that you and your unit grow and succeed. The second part of the Commissioner's role is to oversee the monthly roundtable and we hope to see you there each and every month. Additional information is available on Roundtables in this newsletter.

Wolf River District Newsletter "Smoke Signals"

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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District Executive's Comments

As this new school year has begun and our units are at full force again there are many ways the Wolf River District can help any Scout Leader and save you time. Two of the most valuable services the District provides you are training for your position and monthly round table meetings. I recommend you not miss attending Roundtable each month. The helps and ideas I learned as a volunteer from the more experienced leaders were things I could use in my unit. So let the District make your scout job easier and help you save time. Attend Roundtable. You will be glad you did.

Wolf River District Roundtable

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

Second Thursday of the Month

October 17, 2013 at 7pm

(due to Fall Break)

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.

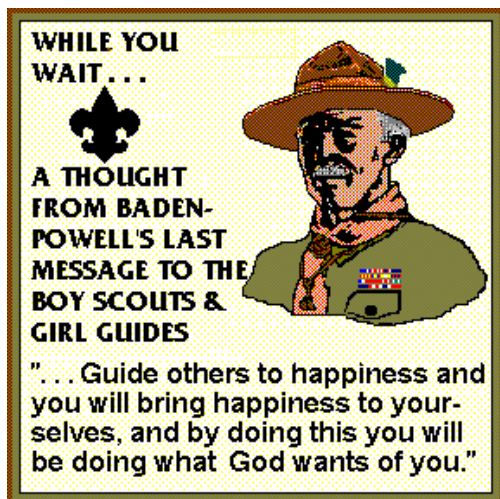
Cub Scouts Focus

November Core Value: Citizenship

Theme: Your Vote Counts

Boy Scout Focus

Program Feature: Science



What You Need to Wear a "Trained" Patch

Cub Scout Leaders must take *Youth Protection* and *Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training* (different for each position) to be "trained."

Scoutmasters and assistants must take *Youth Protection*, *Scoutmaster Specifics*, and *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills* to be "trained."

Training Opportunities-Outside the District

Our scouting neighbor the Eastern District is offering the following courses for any interested leaders.

***Introduction for Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Webelos Leaders Skills**

Location: Camp Currier

Date/Time: Friday, November 1st at 8pm and ends on Sunday, November 3 at 12 noon

Cost is \$35 per person and includes food.

***Wilderness First Aid**

Location: First Evangelical Church, 735 Ridge Rd. Lake Boulevard, Memphis, Tennessee 38120

Date/Time: Friday, November 8, 2013 at 6-10pm, Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 9am-5pm and Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 2-6pm.

Cost \$75 per person and includes food

***Cub Scout Leader Training Palooza**

Location: Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1665 Germantown Road, Germantown

Date: November 16 at 8am-4pm

Cost: \$10 per person



Camp Masters Popcorn Information- Chickasaw Council

Show and Sell: October 4-November 2, 2013

Take Order Sale: September 28-November 2, 2013

Take Order Popcorn Distribution: November 15, 2013

Please check with your unit for additional dates and times.

We have heard many positive results from our first Show and Sell weekend and even more positive reports about the ability to accept credit cards. The

Show and Sell schedule is based on all units that have requested spots for each weekend. If anyone would like the open spots (including Sunday slots), please email Jay Hassman before taking it.

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. 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.

Upcoming District Events

- ***District Committee Meeting:** October 15, 2013 at 7pm, November 12, 2013 at 7pm
Decatur Trinity Christian Church, 2449 Altruria Rd., Bartlett, TN 38134
- ***Wolf River Fall Camporee-Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout, Emergency Preparedness:** October 25-27, 2013 at Camp Carrier. This camporee will test your ability to respond to emergency situations; find out if the adults are tougher than the boys; learn about local First Responder agencies and how you can volunteer; fulfill requirements for Emergency Preparedness and First Aid merit badges, and the Emergency Preparedness award. There will also be a test to see if your patrol has the determination and stamina to earn the Iron Man Patrol award. Cost is \$5 per person and final registration will be accepted at the October Roundtable.
- ***Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park will host a Heritage Festival:** October 26, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for a day of family fun at Shelter #3. This free event includes living history demonstrations, bluegrass, folk and country music, old timey foods, games, crafts, tomahawk throwing and black powder demonstrations, wildlife programs and many other attractions. For information call 876-5201.
- * **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. For more information either call 385-5589 or go to <http://tn-bartlett.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=629> to download an entry form. Deadline to submit entries is November 9, 2013
- ***District Annual Business Meeting:** December 12, 2013
- ***Scouting for Food:** There will be more information to come on this event.
- ***Kia Kima Winter Camp-Date:** December 27-30, 2013. There will be more information to come on this event.
- ***District Award Banquet:** January 31, 2013
- ***Wolf River Academy:** Merit Badge College on March 1, 2014 and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills on February 28-March 2, 2014



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