

Appendix 142 to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

Appendix Updated on: June 26, 2020

2000 Alapaha Area Council Newsletters

COMPASS POINTS

Volume 2, Issue 1

Alapaha Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

May/June 2000

Silver Beaver 1999

The Alapaha Area Council would like to congratulate our three Silver Beaver recipients.

On Tuesday, April 18, 2000 the 1999 Silver Beaver Awards were presented to the following Scouters.

John M. Choens - John began his scouting career in 1987. He has served in many positions such as Cubmaster for Pack 417, Webeloree Chairman, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 402, Circle 7 District Advancement Chairman, Council Eagle Scout Board of Review Chairman, Southern Region Resident Boy Scout Camp Inspector and Merit Badge Counselor for several merit badges. John has been recognized for his Scouting work with awards such as District Award of Merit, Distinguished Commissioner, Several Cub Leader Awards and Training Awards. John has attended and served on staff for many events including Junior Leader Training, Scoutmastership Fundamentals and received Woodbadge Training in the North Florida Council as a part of the Bobwhite Patrol.

Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer - Melissa began her scouting career in 1995 as a Wolf Den Leader for Pack 859. Since entering into scouting Melissa has served in many positions such as Cubmaster, Day Camp Director, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, POW-WOW Director and is presently serving as Council Vice-President for Training on the Executive Board. Melissa attended Cub Scout Woodbadge in 1998, and received her Masters Degree from Scout Commissioners College in 1998. Melissa has been recognized for her work in scouting in the past by receiving the District Award of Merit, Arrow Head Key, Scouter's Key for Commissioners, as well as Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Webelos Leader Award and the Cub Scouter Award.

Clifford O. "Lynn" Fletcher - Lynn began his Scouting career in 1981 as a Cub Scout Bear Leader for Pack 870. He then became Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 875 in 1985 he went on to the position of Scoutmaster for the same troop. Since 1985, Lynn has seen more than 30 Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout from his troop. Lynn completed Woodbadge Training and Seabadge Training. He has been a member of the Southern Region Camp Appraisals Team and the Council Jamboree Staff. He is presently serving the Yellow Pines District on the Advancement Board and the District Committee. Lynn is also a member of the Council Executive Board, the Council Camporee Staff, and has just been named Lodge Advisor for the Order of the Arrow.

This year's Annual Banquet was held at the Valdosta Country Club on April 18 and was attended by approximately 60 Scouting volunteers from around the Council.

Bill Peeples, Council President, served as the MC for the evening. After dinner, those Scouters who earned the District Awards of Merit within their districts were honored as well as the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts who were the top sellers of Trails End Popcorn council-wide and other Volunteers who have contributed to Scouting and the Council over the past year.

The guest speaker for the evening was Bob Salser, Area 4 Director of the Southern Region of the Boy Scouts of America. Bob discussed the changes that have taken place in our communities and the changes to come and how Scouting can and does benefit our Youth.

Among those individuals honored for 1999, the Council would like to especially Congratulate the 1999 Eagle Scouts for their commitment and hard work.

Alan Adlai Bloom, Jr., Troop 454	Robert Wayne Murray, Troop 411
Jeff Choens, Troop 402	Adam Charles Plondke, Troop 454
Phillip Steven Cowart, Troop 850	Justin Ryan Rutland, Troop 875
William Martin Curtis, Troop 411	Michael E. Shearin, Jr., Troop 403
John K. Dukes, III, Troop 403	Kevin Wayne Sparks, Troop 415
Wilford Ray Fussell, III, Troop 858	Stephen B. Sparks, Troop 415
Christopher Michael Griffin, Troop 875	Ryan Oneal Watson, Troop 785
Louis Eugene Harper, III, Troop 875	John Milton Weeks, Troop 875
Roger Earl James, Jr., Ship 460	Michael Rudolph White, Troop 415
Gabriel Taylor Justice, Troop 875	Joel David Womack, Troop 875

Congratulations!!

Circle 7 District Banquet

We would like to Congratulate Circle 7 District Volunteers that were honored this year.

Also a big thank you goes out to: O. Wayne Ellerbee, Juvenile Court Judge, Guest Speaker at the banquet.

Tiger Cub Coach Award

Steve Connolly
Teresa Hurt

Den Leader Award

Monique Hache-Barrett
Gregory Anderson
Cheryl O'guinn
Cynthia Bussiere
Mary Ann Gay

Webelos Leader Award

Mary Loper
Byron Workman
Linda Miller

CubMaster Award

Robert Bussiere
Renee Sirmans
Michael Hufford

Boy Scout Training Awards

Calvin Williams, Troop 440
James Lusk, Troop 429
Joyce Bailey, Troop 429
Kevin Berkel, Troop 491

Wood Badge Beads Presentation

Teresa Hurt

District Award of Merit

Linda Miller

Thanks to all the volunteers of Circle 7 District for your support in your units and in district activities for 1999.

Standing Oaks District Banquet

Quality Units

Troop 404	Troop 452
Troop 216	Pack 451
Troop 448	Pack 427

District Award of Merit

Ray Aguon
Layne Varnedoe

Congratulations to all the leaders who received Cubmaster, Den Leader and Webelos Leader Awards. Your hard work and support is appreciated.

A special thanks to Becky Schuebert, Layne Varnedoe and Teresa Rathkamp for their efforts toward the success of the District Banquet. We really enjoyed our speaker Steven Belk of Albany Coca-Cola.

Yellow Pines District Banquet

Congratulations to all award recipients! You are what makes Scouting work.

Tiger Group Coach Award

Brenda Wooten

Den Leader Coach Award

Melissa Konigsdorffer

Den Leader Award

Sharon Poole, Fitzgerald

Cathy Roberts, Ocilla

Regina McGlynn, Douglas

Teresa McNatt, Douglas

CubMaster Award

Danny Haire, Ocilla

Trina Von Waldren, Broxton

Tony Henderson, Douglas

Webelos Leader Award

Neal Poole, Fitzgerald

Lisa Pettis, Ocilla

Pam Haire, Ocilla

Tommy Pettis, Ocilla

Lavel Mason, Ocilla

Kaylene Henderson

Douglas

Cub Scouter Award

Kevin Bennett, Douglas

Mimi Whittingslow

Douglas

Boy Scout Training Awards

Steve Adams, Troop 855

Bud Drew, Troop 855

Martin Konigsdorffer, Troop 855

Jeannie Tarrent, Troop 859

District Award of Merit: Tommy and Peggy Browning

Distinguished Commissioner's Award: George Burke

TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR VETERAN TO HEAD THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Chief Scout Executive Roy L. Williams

IRVING, Texas (April 25, 2000)—Roy L. Williams of Mesa, Arizona, has been named to head the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), effective June 1, 2000.

As Chief Scout Executive, Williams will be responsible for providing staff leadership and direction to more than 3,500 Scouting professionals throughout the 50 states, its territories, protectorates, and the U.S. citizens around the world. Williams will assume leadership of the 6.2 million-member organization when current Chief Scout Executive Jere B. Ratcliffe retires on June 1.

Williams' appointment was announced by BSA President Edward E. Whitacre Jr., who served as chairman of the national selection committee.

"Roy brings to the Office of the Chief Scout Executive Scouting experience and the proven leadership necessary to build on our past successes and ensure that the youth and families we serve will continue to receive the best possible

CAMP PATTEN CLEAN-UP DAY

LET'S CLEAN UP TOGETHER!

The annual Camp Patten Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday May 20th. We have over 100 volunteers and are expecting more! The clean up this year will include brush clearing, painting, cleaning and repairs of all types. We will be providing paint, lumber, rental equipment, and other miscellaneous supplies AND an informal cookout at the end of the workday for the volunteers.

All volunteers need to arrive at Camp Patten by 8:30 AM. Of course weekend camping is welcome and encouraged. You will be assigned to a work group based on your skills. We will break for lunch at 12:30 PM ***Please bring along a sack lunch.***

We will gather again at 1:15 in order to discuss progress and make any personnel changes necessary so that we can recommence work at 1:30 PM. The workday will end at 4:00PM with a **cookout and volleyball** FOR THOSE NOT TOO TIRED! The meal and drinks will be provided to thank the volunteers.

If you have not signed up, please contact Mona Robison at (912)794-3585 and do **so as soon as possible**. We **MUST** have an accurate count in order to provide enough food for the cookout.

A Letter from the Editor

The past seven years in the Alapaha Area Council have left me with oh so many memories. I can't thank everyone enough for all of the love and support you have given me in both my volunteer as well as my professional positions with scouting. We tend to spend a lot of time thanking people for what they love to do and that is SCOUTING. We all very much want the best for every boy that this program touches. My son has been the driving force in my life and in Scouting. It all started the day this little 6 year old boy came home and said "Mom, I just have to be a scout" and it was followed by "Did you know that Baseball players on the Atlanta Braves team were Scouts?" Now he is 13 years old and still scouting, so you know the rest of the story.

I took on this newsletter about a year ago when Mr. Jerry Jennett included a by-monthly newsletter in our long-range plan and it has been great fun to write. I know you are all waiting for the *but* so here it is: But I will have to be leaving you all now. As most of you know, I married in October and my new husband has been offered a position with Toys R Us in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and we will be leaving on June 1st.

So I wish you all well and I beg that you continue on our mission to build Character, Morals and Values in today's youth through a strong Scouting program.

Debbie McReynolds - Chapman

A Word from Lance!

The Webeloree turned out to be a lot of fun even though the early morning weather may have turned some Webelos away. Every scout had fun, with activities such as the lava pit, compass course, spider web, and the water balloon fight. A huge Thanks to Byron Workman for his efforts in organizing this event.

Right now I am in the process of fundraising, spring roundups, and rechartering units. If anyone would like to help out, please give me a call at 912-424-3407.

Lance Cowart
scout912@hotmail.com

A Message from Tom (Circle 7)

I would like to thank everyone who assisted me in conducting this year's Circle Seven Pinewood Derby that was held at St. John's Parrish center. The scouts had a good time and all the cars looked great and ran a good race.

The council would like to reach everyone in the community, if any Scouter knows of a church or civic organization that would like to reach Valdosta area youth through Scouting, please give me a call. (912) 242-2331

Thanks
Tom Price
gtpriceir@hotmail.com

A Note from Jeff Standing Oaks

Congratulations to those who participated in and placed in the District Pinewood Derby event.

A special thanks to Becky Schuebert, Layne Varnedoe and Teresa Rathkamp for their efforts towards the success of the District Banquet.

Standing Oaks Roundtable is back to 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 at Park Avenue United Methodist Church with Circle 7 for now. Be sure to attend on the May 9th and then all through the summer!

Jeff Blackmon
Jeff1906@hotmail.com

Welcome!!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard **Matt West**, who is the new District Executive of Yellow Pines East District.

Matt is from Marietta and graduated from Valdosta State University.

Look forward to hearing from Matt in the next issue of *Compass Points*.

Is it Summertime already?

That's right. It's time for Summer and that means it's time for

Cub Scout Day Camp!

All registered Cub Scouts in 1st through 4th grades should have already received their applications for day camp. If your son did not receive his application, please have your unit leader contact your District Executive.

This year "Adventures on the High Seas" promises to be a wonderful experience for all Wolves, Bears and Webelos. The hours for the camp are 8:30 until 3:30. The camp directors for Fitzgerald, Douglas, Camp Patten and Grassy Pond have been working and planning since January to make camp the best it's ever been.

Moms and Dads, call the camp director for the camp your son will be attending; you can attend camp with your son and also be one of the many volunteers who come each year to help and have a great time with the boys. The directors rely on you to make camp successful and have exciting plans for the younger members of your family. It will make planning easier to know as soon as possible how many volunteers they have available.

If you have any questions at all, please call the Council Office, (912) 242-2331.



**If one person can make a difference,
Then everyone should try!!!!**

A Message from Camp Patten

It's hard to believe that we have been at Camp Patten for 5 and 1/2 years, but now it is time to say "Good Bye!" Mike has orders to Warner Robins Air Force Base, near Macon GA, and we will be leaving sometime this summer.

We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone in the Alapaha Area Council for all of the support you have given to our family.

We would like to extend our best wishes to the next caretakers and we hope they too will treasure the memories and the experience of working with so many wonderful Scouters.

**We wish you all happy Scouting!
We will miss everyone here.
Again THANK YOU ALL!!!!**

The Hurt Family
Mike, Teresa, Jonathan, Steven, Ethan

PACK 873

Members of Pack 873(Ocilla, GA) recently put on their annual Pack campout in Irwinville, GA. We left Ocilla on Friday afternoon April 7 and arrived at our camp on the Alapaha River for a one night camp that included Wolves, Bears, 1st and 2nd year Webelos. We patterned our camp after the cuborees that are staged at Camp Patten. We had a huge campfire and a campfire program that included all aged boys even our sister troop: Troop 832. The next day came early and we pitted each rank against each other in events that included flag raising, flag ceremony, map and compass, Indian Lore, fire building, and cooking. Two Boy Scouts were assigned to each group to lead them around the course. One of our cubs found a perfect arrowhead worth approximately \$50. At noon, we broke camp. That evening, we had our annual Blue and Gold banquet. Four boys earned their Arrow of Light and passed over the bridge into Boy Scouts. We also presented awards to the other cubs who earned advancements. Lavel Mason and Lisa Pettis earned Outstanding Volunteer Awards presented by Cubmaster Cathy Roberts. Bobby Morris was awarded the 2nd Annual Frank Crouch Award for his service to the Pack. I am certain that this was a weekend these cubs will never forget.
---Den Leader Lavel Mason

Wouldn't you like for others to read about what your unit is doing?

Send articles in for the next issue of *Compass Points* by June 15 for the July/August issue.

Compass Points, BSA Newsletter
1841 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601
OR boyscouts@datasys.net

2001 Boy Scout National Jamboree Information

Room is still available on the Council Troop roster for Boy Scouts wishing to attend the 2001 National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Jamboree will be July 23 through August 1, 2001.

The major qualifications for joining this special Council Troop are:

1. The Scout must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age and a First Class Scout by July 1, 2001, but not have reached the age of 18 by September 1, 2001.
2. Have been active in a troop for at least 6 months prior to July 1, 2001.
3. Be approved by his Scoutmaster and the Local Council.

The fee for the Jamboree experience is \$950. This fee includes the National Fee, transportation, pre-jamboree training weekend, tours, admission fees, 19 meals, lodging, etc. A payment schedule has been made and is already in progress.

A chartered bus will take the Council troop from Camp Patten on July 19th and return August 3rd. Tours will be arranged to Washington, D.C., the Capital, Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery and the Washington and Lincoln Memorials among other sites.

National Jamboree is an experience of a lifetime for a Boy Scout. The troop will consist of 4 Adult Leaders and 36 Scouts. Space is still available. Call or come by the Council Office for more details and an application.

Order of the Arrow Updates

Ordeal is set for May 12 – 14, 2000 at Camp Patten.
For more information, contact Lynn Fletcher, (912) 423-4696.



Trading Post Information

As of **June 1**, the Trading Post hours will be:

**8:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday
closed on Saturday**

Beginning again on **September 1**,
the hours will return to:

**8:30 to 6:00, Monday through Friday
10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday**

Circle 7 and Standing Oaks Roundtable News

Boy Scout and Cub Scout Roundtable for Circle 7 and Standing Oaks Districts will continue to meet during the summer months of June and July.

Take advantage of the lighter schedule of the summer to join Roundtable and see what you're missing.

Alapaha Area Council, BSA
1841 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601

BULK RATE
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO.
80



Boy Scouts of America

COMPASS POINTS

Volume 2, Issue 1

Alapaha Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

July - September 2000



It's that time again.

Time for Trails End Popcorn and the only fundraiser your unit should need. With Trails End Popcorn your unit can and should be able to fund an Ideal Year of Scouting; one that includes the money for the regular day-to-day operations of a pack, troop, crew or post as well as money for some of the more adventurous trips and outings.

The Show-and-Sell campaign will begin on September 1, and run through the entire month of September. A new item added to the menu for Show-And-Sell this year is a 6 oz bag of caramel corn with peanuts for \$3 which is sure to be a hot item. The bags are packaged 48 to a case. This item is only available for the Show-and-Sell phase of the fundraiser. The take-order portion of the sale will begin in October with kickoffs in each district.

Encourage your unit leadership as well as the boy scouts in the troops to consider popcorn sales this year if they've never done it before. Last year's top selling units were Cub Scout Pack 400 from Circle 7 District with over \$14,000 in sales and Cub Scout Pack 440, also from Circle 7 District, with over \$11,000. Out of the top 5 selling individual Scouts in the council, 3 of those were Boy Scouts. So no, Cub Scouts aren't the only ones selling popcorn.

Join those units and those individuals using the Council sponsored fundraiser to their fullest advantage. Make a commitment to sell Trails End Popcorn this year and help fund your Ideal Year of Scouting.

CAMP PATTEN CLEAN UP A BEGINNING

Thank you to all of the volunteers we had working at Camp Patten Saturday, May 20, 2000. We had over 100 workers! The Pepsi Shack and the Main bathhouse were painted, and a huge thank you to the Boy Scouts who cleaned and pressure washed the insides of the main bathhouse as well as the smaller one in the Webelos camping area. Trashcans were painted, brush was cleared, dead branches were cut down and fire pits were begun. Those of you who have visited Camp Patten since the clean up may have noticed the new benches in the amphitheater. There are also some new picnic tables.

It was a long, hot day for the volunteers, but hopefully they feel a sense of accomplishment, for they have begun something, which can be added to or continued to better our children's camp.

Those who came to help were able to spend time with their children and show them how important it is to work for what you want. We all want our children to realize that hard work can be rewarding.

Remember the next time someone has a complaint or suggestion about Camp Patten that they can make a difference. Contact the Scout Office if you would like to work on a project with your group. There is still a lot that can be done with nothing more than a willing group of Scouts and concerned parents.

Special thanks to the following units: 440, 400, 411, 828, 426 and 832. If your unit was not able to help out, please take an opportunity during the summer or fall to have your unit participate in a project to improve Camp Patten. Any hours worked by your Scouts will count towards earning the Camp Ranger Award.
Mona Robison

Cub Scout Stuff

Adventures on the High Seas

Day Camp 2000 Update

General Coffee State Park (Douglas)

ADVENTURES ON THE HIGH SEAS kicked off in Douglas this year with over 40 Cub Scouts enjoying many activities including canoeing, swimming, Raingutter Regatta races and a huge water gun fight.

Special guests for the week included the National Guard with their Hum-Vs, guns, and chemical warfare suits. The Scouts toured and took a ride in the Hum-Vs. The DNR also came out and taught this group of buccaneers about snakes and spiders. Friday, the Fire Department brought out their truck and gave everyone a thorough drenching!

Thank you to all the adults who volunteered their time to come out and have fun with these young Pirates. This camp, along with all the others, wouldn't be possible without your help.

Camp Patten (Lakeland)

75 Cub Scouting Pirates found Adventure at Camp Patten during a fun-filled week of BBs, Archery, animal tracks, geology and home-made rockets.

After racing their Raingutter Regatta boats, lunch and watermelon, each Crew of Pirates went out in search of treasure. Clues were scattered around the camp and each one led them closer and closer until finally a treasure chest awaited filled with lots of cool stuff.

A special thanks goes to the 41st Squadron for flying in their helicopter for the Pirates to tour and learn about. Te Lanier County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department brought in their vehicles for inspection by the Pirates and then the fire truck cooled everyone off nicely!

A HUGE thank you goes our 15 wonderful adults who took time out of their schedule to help us, along with our 8 great junior staff. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Grassy Pond (Lake Park)

It was a sunny day June 26th, when the pirates sailed into Port Grassy Pond. The pirates came from foreign ports as far away as Florida and Cairo to embark on a week of ADVENTURES ON THE HIGH SEAS. No less than three score of the world's fiercest buccaneers were on hand to have fun and pillage the water supply. The fierce little mates were even seen playing with water balloons.

They spent their days practicing their marksmanship with the bow and the BB gun and learning new skills to help them in this foreign port of call. A great deal of time was spent building their ships for the great regatta race. When the buccaneers were not hard at work, they reveled in song and games.

A great time was had by all before the happy pirates sailed away from Port Grassy Pond, and it is rumored that the horde will return next summer for another fun-filled adventure.

**Thank you to all the crew captains and other volunteers for making this swashbuckling adventure fun.

Ben Hill Primary School (Fitzgerald)

It was time to hit the beach in Fitzgerald during the last week of June. 51 Cub Scouts from the Fitzgerald area had a great beach party during their Adventure.

Special guests included the Irwin EMC with a miniature city to show the Cubs how electricity gets to their homes, the game warden showed up with a gopher turtle and the Georgia State Patrol flying in a helicopter for the boys to tour.

These Cubs crafted everything from customized stepping stones to beach hats to leather pouches. The school gym was the site for Volleyball and Basketball.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this experience a great one for our Cub Scouts.



Garfield Prepares for Year 2:

He's still looking for a few good Cub Scouts because
TOO MUCH FUN IS NEVER ENOUGH!

For one more year, Garfield has joined the Boy Scouts of America in helping recruit young men for the Cub Scouting program. Garfield knows, as do thousands of boys already, that Cub Scouting is a great way to have fun, make new friends, and just do very, very cool stuff!!

Fall Roundups in the schools will begin in late August. Your District Executives will be contacting unit leaders to set up the best days for the rallies and roundups. Support them as they travel around spreading the message for Garfield that "Cub Scouting is Fun!"

National Jamboree 2001

Spaces are still available for the Council Troop contingent to the Boy Scout National Jamboree 2001 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia on July 23 through August 1, 2001.

Hurry and make plans now. Payment schedules are already in place and spaces are filling up quickly. The registration fee is \$950, which covers all travel, meals, admission to tourist sites and the Jamboree fee. This is wonderful once-in-a-lifetime experience for a Boy Scout.

Applications and further information are available at the Council Office.

For more information, contact Ray Burkett, Jamboree Chairman, at 247-2529 or Martin Konigsdorffer, Council Troop Scoutmaster at 383-0250.



OA Updates

Spring Ordeal: 7 new members were inducted into the Order of the Arrow in May. One Arrowman received Brotherhood Honors.

NOAC – Nashville, TN -- A group of Arrowmen from Alapaha Lodge will travel to Nashville, TN to attend the National Order of the Arrow Convention next week.

The next Call Out will be at the Fall Camporee, November 10 – 12, 2000 at Camp Patten.

OA Section Conference will be held November 15 – 17. More details coming soon.

CAMPOREE INFORMATION

A total of 87 people attended the Spring Camporee. The Klondike Derby was a success and all those attending had a good time.

Fall Camporee: Plans are being made now for the Fall Camporee. The Scouts attending will share Camp Patten with Civil War Re-enactors. Camporee is scheduled for November 10 - 12

SCOUT ENCOUNTERS

Standing Oaks District once again hosts **Scout Encounters** at Camp Patten on August 18 – 19, 2000. This weekend is a great way to kick off the year following the summer break.

Ray Aguon is coordinating all events for this weekend. If you have any questions, please contact him at 247-5661.

Trainer's Corner

Scout Blast Training

The first annual Scout Leader Training Blast was held on May 6, 2000 at Camp Patten in Lakeland. This training event featured basic training in all BSA program areas. Over 50 Scouters across the council took advantage of this unique opportunity.

Venture Crew leader training was hosted by the National Director of Venturing, Charles Holmes. Other trainers were Lynn Fletcher, Peggy and Tommy Browning; Tony and Kaylene Henderson, Linda Miller, Brenda Wooten, Teresa Rathkamp, and Jette Campbell.

Training helps new leaders provide a quality program for their scouts and crews. It provides an opportunity to network with other Scouters across our districts. It also provides new information to experienced Scouters. Every year BSA has program and health/safety changes. These changes can affect the program quality as well as liability issues.

If you have questions about training, or leaders in your unit need training, contact Melissa Konigsdorffer at (912) 383-0250 or the Council Office.

Scoutmastership Fundamentals

On August 25 and 26 the next session of Scoutmastership Fundamentals. This training will be held on the grounds of Grace Baptist Church in Douglas, hosted by Yellow Pines District.

All new Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Members and others interested are urged to attend and be trained. The Training Committee also urges seasoned Scoutmasters to come back to training and see what's new!

Contact the Melissa or the Council Office for more details.

Calling all Venturing Crews and Explorer Posts!!!

Let us know what exciting things are going on with you!

Send your articles and information to BSA Newsletter, 1841 Norman Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601

Go "Wild" at Scout Adventures 2000 in September

Relive the Past at Camporee in November

Sound interesting?

Come to **Program Preview** and find out more information about these new and exciting events happening in the Alapaha Area Council. Included in the Program Preview packet will be fliers on events happening around the Council and the new Council calendar for 2000-2001.

This year's plan for Scouting activities is an exciting one. There are many new and fun events taking place this fall. Don't be left wondering what is going to happen next. Attend your **District Program Preview**.

Watch your mailboxes for information on the date, time and location for this year's Program Preview in your district

Alapaha Area Council, BSA
1841 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
VALDOSTA, GA 31602
PERMIT NO. 80



COMPASS POINTS

Volume 2, Issue 4

Alapaha Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

October – December, 2000



Show & Sell A Big Success for Many Units

WOW, What a Beginning! Ten Units participated in the Show & Sell phase of the Trail's End Popcorn sale and did outstanding.

11 Units participated in Show & Sell this year with approximately \$11,000 worth of popcorn sold. Top Selling unit this year was Troop 454 with almost \$4,800, and 2nd place goes to Troop 440 with \$1,888.

All units should be gearing up for the Take Order phase of the sell now. District Kickoffs are as follows:

Arrowhead District: Oct. 12,
Tom's Country Buffet, Fitzgerald

Yellow Pines District: Oct 12
Grace Baptist Church, Douglas

Circle 7 & Standing Oaks: Oct. 14
Gold Plate Restaurant, Valdosta

If your unit has not already committed to sell popcorn this year, it's not too late. Call the council office or attend the kickoff in your district for more information.

The January issue of Compass Points will list the top selling Scouts for the council and top selling units. Hope to see your unit and name there!!!

What an Adventure!!

Scout Adventures
At Wild Adventures

On Saturday, September 9, 2000, nearly 1,200 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their families attended the first annual *Scout Adventures* at Wild Adventures.

Boy Scout troops from Central Florida, Alabama and North Georgia attended this event as well, with many camping in the "back lot" of the park.

In addition to informative sessions about Birds, Mammals, and Reptiles, Booker T, professional wrestler, talked to the Scouts and gave autographs.

Next year's *Scout Adventures* will be held on September 22-23, 2001.

New Home for "Experienced" Uniforms

For years, parents and scout leaders have searched for used or experienced uniforms for those boys in their packs or troops that want to be involved in Scouting but don't have the funds to purchase a uniform.

Now, there is a place to call when you come in contact with a boy whose family just cannot afford a uniform.

Homerville Pack 427 has opened a portion of their Scout Hut to house a council-wide Uniform Bank. Cubmaster Billy Singletary has graciously volunteered to organize and keep the Uniform Bank available. A small fee will be charged for the uniform pieces to help offset the cost of laundering, etc.

Of course, right now they have no inventory of Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniforms available because they have just started this endeavor. If you have uniform pieces at home that your sons have outgrown, please consider donating them to the Uniform Bank. You can contact Billy at (912) 487-2994 or bjsingle@planttel.net, put "uniforms" in the subject line.

Scouts Have Opportunity To Communicate With Others Around the World

Jamboree on the Internet and **Jamboree on the Air** are scheduled for Oct 21 and 22 of this year.

JOTA is a world-wide event where Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, with the aid of amateur Ham radio operators, communicate with each other, sometimes creating life long friendships. In previous years several units in the Council have participated in JOTA, and have talked to Scouts all across the nation as well as Scouts in Australia and Canada.

JOTI allows Scouts to communicate with other Scouts via the Internet. For more information about JOTI, look at www.joti.org.

There are patches available for both events. The JOTA patches can be ordered from the National office. The JOTI patches can be ordered by going to the following website: <http://pwp.value.net/baden/joti-patch.html>.



Cub Scout Stuff

Cub-O-Ree

It's that time again! Time for All Cub Scouts and their families to come out to Camp Patten in Lakeland and participate in Cub-O-Ree. This one-day event will be held on **October 21st, 2000**. Optional family camping is available beginning on Friday, October 20.

Information packets have already been mailed to all Cubmasters and more information will be available at District Roundtable in October. The council office will also have copies of the Cubmaster information.

This event is a fun-filled day of competitions and learning for Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. The evening will culminate with a campfire ceremony which will include skits and songs from the participating packs and recognition of packs that won competitions during the day.

Make your plans to attend this great Council sponsored Cub Scout activity!

2nd Year Webelos to Participate in Fall Boy Scout Camporee

This year, all 2nd Year Webelos (5th graders) are cordially invited to participate in the Boy Scout Fall Camporee at Camp Patten on November 10-12. This will be a special event, as noted in the article below.

The Webelos will have their own competitions, patrol against patrol, with awards being presented Saturday night at the joint campfire program with the Boy Scouts.

Cubmasters and 2nd Year Webelos leaders will receive information very soon about this event.

Welcome!



The Alapaha Area Council would like to welcome all new Adult Volunteers and their new Cub Scouts who signed up at Fall Roundups this year.

We hope you have a wonderful Scouting experience. And remember: **TOO MUCH FUN IS NEVER**

**BOY
SCOUTS
OF
AMERICA**

Looking into Our Past Fall Camporee 2000

This year's Fall Camporee will be held at Camp Patten in Lakeland on November 10-12. What makes this camporee special this year is that 2 Civil War Regiments will be encamped along with the Boy Scout troops participating in the event.

Along with the traditional camporee competitions and games, Scouts will have an opportunity to visit with these Civil War Reenactors and find out just how much camping and outdoor cooking have changed over the years.

An addition to the Fall Camporee this year will be the extended invitation to the 2nd year Webelos from the Cub Scout Packs in the council. This activity will give them a bird's eye view of what Boy Scouting is all about.

Scoutmasters have already received their information regarding registration and schedule of activities. If you would like further information, contact MattWest at (912) 242-2331.

Order of the Arrow Information and Dates to Remember



Nov. 3-5: Section Seminars, Jupiter FL. Registration fee is \$16 before October 20, \$21 after. Please pre-register with training sessions you wish to attend

Nov. 11: OA Elections, Fall Camporee, Camp Patten

Dec. 1-3: Ordeal, Camp Patten

April 20-22, 2001: Section Conference, Sam Hill Scout Reservation, Brooksville, FL.

Any OA member wishing to attend Jamboree and work with OA, contact Lynn Fletcher, (912) 423-4696.

First Annual DEN CHIEFS' CONFERENCE

A council-level training for Boy Scouts interested in the Den Chief position and earning the Den Chief Service Award will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Lowndes High School in Valdosta.

Information and registration forms have been mailed to Scoutmasters. For further information, contact Linda Miller at 242-2331.

TRAINED

Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader and every Leader deserves to be Trained.
Listed below is a recap of Training that has taken place and other training sessions coming up.

Scoutmaster Fundamentals

Douglas

The session of Scoutmaster Fundamentals held in Douglas on August 25-26 resulted in 4 Scouters being trained.

The next session of Scoutmaster Fundamentals is being planned for January. As soon as dates are confirmed, we will pass along the information.

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training was held on Saturday, September 16 in Valdosta and Douglas.

36 Cub Scout Leaders received their Trained Patches after a session that included the basics of the Cub Scouting program as well as specific break-out sessions where their particular position was discussed. Some of these leaders were new to Scouting and some were untrained veterans who had not had an opportunity to participate in Training prior to this event.

Thanks to a wonderful Training Team in Valdosta and Douglas for providing a quality training experience for these leaders.

The next scheduled Cub Leader Basic Training is set for Tuesday evening, October 17, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Check with your District Executive for the location of training in your District.

Follow Me, Boys! Pow Wow 2000

Registration Forms have been mailed to all Registered Adults involved in the Cub Scout Program for Pow Wow 2000, the annual all-day training event happening on Saturday, November 4, at Lowndes High School in Valdosta.

Who Should Attend Pow Wow? Any registered adult wishing to provide a quality program for the Boys. There are classes available for everyone.

Why Attend Pow Wow? Pow Wow is said to be a booster shot of the Scouting Spirit. There are classes available to enhance your knowledge and experience.

The Late Date for Registration is October 20, so hurry and send your registration forms in with your choice of classes indicated.

For more information, please contact Linda Miller at (912) 242-7843 or LinjoGa@aol.com.

“Yeah, but what do I do after Cub Leader Basic Training?”

Come to your monthly Roundtable Meeting!

Roundtable is a form of continuing training that utilizes the Cub Scout monthly themes to bring ideas for den meetings and pack meetings to leaders.

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with other leaders around your area and find out what is working and not working for them. It's a great way to get early information on upcoming events.

Check with your District Executive for the Roundtable dates and location in your District.

Changes in Program and New Positions Creates need for New Trainers

There are changes in the Cub Scouting program and Boy Scouting program all the time. Some of these changes are upon us now.

A new course has been developed in an effort to supply the best Trainers possible. The Trainer's Development Conference will “train” Trainers in the most effective teaching and instructing methods. The syllabus for this course will be out at Thanksgiving time. As soon as the Council Training Committee receives the syllabus, the course will be scheduled.

National standards require that volunteers be certified by this course to be eligible to train.

In the Spring of 2001, a completely new and improved multi-level Basic Training Course will debut, creating the need to have available trainers. Watch the newsletter for information on when the course is available.

WoodBadge 2001

Wood Badge training is internationally recognized and has a tradition that dates back to 1919; however, the training you will receive is fresh and applicable for you both **inside** as well as **outside** of your Scouting position.

You must have completed the basic training course for your registered position to attend.

The 3-weekend course will be held at Camp Blue Heron in Riceboro, GA. Dates are: Feb. 10, 2001-Orientation (1-4 p.m), Mar. 10-11, Mar. 23-25 and April 6-8, 2001.

Registration fee is \$125. Call the Council Office for more details.

Notes From the Office

Circle 7 District wishes another District Executive well as he sets out for new horizons. **Tom Price**, DE for Circle 7 for the last year, said farewell to the Alapaha Area Council in the month of September. Tom will be relocating to Atlanta, GA. We wish him well.

Lance Cowart, DE for the newly named Arrowhead District which was part of Yellow Pines, has assumed the duties as District Executive in Valdosta for Circle 7. We would also like to extend our "Congratulations" on his wedding the last week of September.

Beginning September 16, the new District Executive for the Arrowhead District will be Emmett Nolan. Emmett graduated from Valdosta State University and was a Boy Scout in Troop 415 under Scoutmaster Terry Hunt. Let's greet Emmett warmly and wish him well on his new career with the greatest organization in America!!

Email Directory

Council Office:

boyscouts@datasys.net

Lance Cowart:

Scout912@hotmail.com

Jeff Black mon:

Jeff1906@hotmail.com

Matt West:

MattWest99@yahoo.com



Santa Shops at Local Scout Shop

Over the last several years, many Cub and Boy Scouts have discovered that Santa does indeed shop at the Scout Trading Post! Many items such as pocket knives, compasses, wallets, and other items found in the Trading Post have turned up in stockings all across South Georgia!

If you're looking for just the right gift for your Cub Scout or Boy Scout, shop where Santa does – Shop at the Trading Post!! Any item in the catalogue can be ordered from the Trading Post and mailed to Trading Post generally within 2 weeks.

Trading Post hours are: Mon thru Fri – 8:30 to 5:00
Saturday – 10:00 to 2:00

Alapaha Area Council, BSA
1841 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE
PAID
VALDOSTA, GA 31602
PERMIT NO. 80

