



## Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION, MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Scout Shop Hours: 9-5 M-F, 10-2 Sat**

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## REGISTER ONLINE FOR 2011-2012 EVENTS (MORE TO COME)

[CLICK HERE](#)

## What's Happening (next four weeks)

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**- Check out the upcoming training at the [Training Calendar](#) on our website.

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION** - A new page has been added to the council website for on-line registration. [Check it out!](#)

**OA ORDEAL** - September 9-11 at Camp Comer. Go to [www.coosa50.org](http://www.coosa50.org) for more information.

**CUB FISHING RODEOS** - September 10th at Gadsden State Fish Hatchery; September 17th at Hanceville Veterans Park and Sunshine Mills Research Lake. See the Cub Scouts section for more information.

**POWDER HORN** - Powder Horn first weekend, September 16-18 at Camp Comer. A few positions are still available. [Click here for more information.](#)

**BIRMINGHAM VETERAN'S DAY PARADE REGISTRATION**- [Click here for more information](#)

## Events, Activities, and Information

New information in this section is indicated by this font color.

### GENERAL SCOUTING

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIALS** - Check out the back-to-school specials at your local Scout Shops!

**SCOUTS OFFERED REDUCED ENTRY FEE FOR WWII RE-ENACTMENT.** September 3, at Ft Oglethorpe, GA. [Click here for more information.](#)

**BSA ANNOUNCES SCOUTSTRONG** - The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge will help you add activity to your life, and reward you when you do! This challenge is for everyone associated with the Boy Scouts of America, including Scouts, Venturers, Parents, Volunteers, Council Staff, Board Members, Friends of Scouting, and BSA Alumni. To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge Award, you are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60

minutes a day for kids under 18 for at least five days a week, for six out of eight weeks. Stick with the program and you'll earn an award in less than two months. For more information, go to: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/wtw/pala\\_overview.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/wtw/pala_overview.pdf)

**SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED** - The Greater Alabama Council is accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver, the highest award that can be awarded by a local council. The Silver Beaver recipients will be recognized at the Council Recognition Reception March 9, 2012. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE TO THE COUNCIL BY NOVEMBER 10, 2011** by mailing them to 516 Liberty Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242 or e-mailing them to Jeff Brasher at [jbrasher@1bsa.org](mailto:jbrasher@1bsa.org). To download the application, [click here](#).

**SCOUT UNITS USHER AT AUBURN FOOTBALL GAMES** - [Click here for more information](#).

**RED RIBBON WEEK** - The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) created a Red Ribbon Week patch to encourage and support scouts who wish to learn about Red Ribbon and participate in local efforts to educate youth about the dangers of drug abuse. [Click here for more information](#).

**CAMP JACKSON CLOSED** - Due to the April 27 tornado damage Camp Jackson is CLOSED until further notice. Please do not visit the camp or attempt to enter it. It poses dangerous situations with downed and unstable trees, downed power lines, heavy equipment moving through camp and unstable structures. Thank you for your cooperation.

**REVISED BSA PHYSICAL FORM** - The BSA physical form has been revised and expanded, and now serves as the single health form for all BSA activities, from pack overnights to jamborees and high adventure bases. Part A (the health information section) and Part B (permission and authorizations section) are required for all Scouting activities. Part C (the medical examination) is required for any activity greater than 72 hours (such as Boy Scout summer camp), and also for specific activities such as Wood Badge, NYLT and Powder Horn, for example. The new section (Part D) is required to be used in conjunction with Part C for the High Adventure Bases (Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier.) For additional information, [click here](#).

**NEW YOUTH PROTECTION REQUIREMENT** - Effective June 1, 2011 the Boy Scouts of America will require NEW applicants to have 30 days from submitting their application to complete Youth Protection Training. The current adult application states that new adult applicants must complete Youth Protection Training before submitting their application. The adult leader application is being updated with these changes. Again, this change applies to only NEW leaders.

**WILDERNESS FIRST AID** Course to be held:

**WHAT:** The Wilderness and Remote First Aid class is a 16 hour course based on the Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid Curriculum and Doctrine Guideline. This course certification is good for 2 years.

**WHERE:** Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover AL & Oak Mountain State Park

**WHEN:** CPR/AED: Friday October 14th 5pm – 9pm

**WFA:** Saturday October 15th, 7:30am-7:30pm and Sunday October 16th, 8am – 12pm.

**WHY:** This course is required for any high adventure activity by the BSA. It is essential for troops who are involved in activities where you are further than 1 hour away from EMS. It also meets one of the requirements for the Ranger Award in the Venturing Program.

**WHO:** This course is open to anyone aged 14 and over.

[Download form here for WFA.](#)

**UAB ATHLETIC PROGRAM** -

The UAB Athletic Department would like to invite you and your group to join us this season! Please reference the UAB Football Groups attachment for information regarding our group rates and experiences for the 2011 UAB Football campaign!

Group rates and experiences are available at all home football games for groups of 10 or more. In addition to discounted tickets, your group could be eligible for one of the following experiences:

- Receive recognition over the PA system
- Form a fan tunnel
- Celebrate your birthday with a Blazer Birthday package
- Watch pre-game warm-ups from the sideline
- Utilize your own exclusive skybox

For questions concerning ticket packages, or to order by phone, give us a call at [\(205\) 934-6633!](tel:2059346633) Be the difference in supporting Blazer student-athletes during the 2011 season!

## [Download Info Here](#)

Go Blazers!

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**SCOUT STAMP** - Did you know there is a Scouting commemorative stamp? For more information, check out the USPS:  
[https://shop.usps.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplaycatalogId=10001&storeId=10052&productId=10006976&langId=1&parent\\_category\\_rn=&parent\\_category\\_rn=10000003&categoryId=10000029&top\\_category=10000003](https://shop.usps.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplaycatalogId=10001&storeId=10052&productId=10006976&langId=1&parent_category_rn=&parent_category_rn=10000003&categoryId=10000029&top_category=10000003)

**DINING HALL STAFF FOR CUB EVENTS** - Do you like cooking? Do you enjoy camping? What about participating in Cub events at Comer or Sequoyah? The Council is seeking to expand the kitchen and dining hall staffs for Cub Scout events held at our camps. This is a great opportunity for service, leadership and it really is a lot of fun. If you or your unit are interested in learning more about the dining hall training program, or want to help ensure quality meals at events, please contact Jeff Brasher at 205-970-0251 or [jbrasher@1bsa.org](mailto:jbrasher@1bsa.org).

**SCOUTS ROCK AT GRACELAND** - March 31st, 2012. [Click here for more details.](#) (*I'm all shook up!*)

### **WORK DAY AT CAMP WESTMORELAND**

There will be a work day at Camp Westmoreland Saturday, September 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All interested Scouts and Scouters need to bring tools and a sack lunch. Please join us as we put some time and effort in at this great property.

## **CUB SCOUTS**

**CUB SCOUT FISHING RODEOS** - will be held in several locations across the Greater Alabama Council in September 2011 for new and returning Cub Scouts to start off the Scouting year with an exciting outdoor activity. This will be a time for Cubs and their families to participate in a wide variety of activities focused around FISHING and SCOUTING! Packs are encouraged to use this as their first outdoor activity on their pack calendar in 2011. Cub Scouts will have an opportunity to learn about and compete in casting competitions, meet local celebrities, and of course FISH! There will be a special advancement area where Cub Scouts will be able to earn the Bobcat Award and Fishing Belt Loop. [Click here for more information.](#)

**TIGER CUB SAFARI** - This is open to all Cub Scouts, You have to Pre-Register by noon, Friday, September 30. No Walkup Registrations will be accepted. This is a great event at the Birmingham Zoo. Includes admission to zoo, patch for the Cub Scout, safari mask and special activities with zoo staff. [Click here for more information.](#)

**CUB HAUNTED** - Cub Haunted is an overnight camp-out for Cub Scouts at Camps Comer, Sequoyah and Westmoreland. It is a weekend full of games, crafts, good food, hayrides, BB guns, archery, costume contests, and FUN for the whole family! The ENTIRE family is welcome to attend! [Click here for more information.](#)

SESSIONS	DATE	LOCATION
Session 1	October 07-08	Comer
Session 2	October 08-09	Comer & Sequoyah
Session 3	October 14-15	Comer
Session 4	October 15-16	Comer & Sequoyah
Session 5	October 21-22	Comer & Westmoreland
Session 6	October 22-23	Comer & Sequoyah

## **BOY SCOUTS**

**MERIT BADGE FAIR** - Troop 4711 will host a Merit Badge Fair at the First United Methodist Church in Wedowee on Aug. 27th. Please register your troop for the classes that they wish to attend. Link Below  
<http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/eventdetails.aspx?id=09E47190-1B57-4BD1-A687-797ED4CA6AFC>

**NATIONAL JAMBOREE** -- Planning is already underway for the 2013 National Jamboree. The Greater Alabama Council will send 108 Scouts and 12 Leaders to the first jamboree at the new permanent jamboree site. Contingent cost is anticipated to be \$1,500. [Click here for more information.](#) **Selection of the adult leadership is the first step. Registered Boy Scout leaders desiring to be considered for one of the leadership positions should follow the link above, then continue to the National BSA website and register to be a contingent leader.** Applications will be reviewed the last week

of September, and the contingent leadership selected by October 1st. Contact Vince Lambert at [vlambert@1bsa.org](mailto:vlambert@1bsa.org) if you have questions.

**EAGLE PROJECTS** - Looking for an Eagle service project in the Birmingham area? Consider Camp Tranquility. [Click here](#) for more information.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HONORS EAGLE SCOUTS** - The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization that will award a special certificate and pin to any Boy Scout that earns the Eagle rank. For more information or to get the pin and certificate please contact Jimmy Collett at 256-328-3124.

## VENTURING/EXPLORING

**NATIONAL JAMBOREE** -- Planning is already underway for the 2013 National Jamboree which will include Venturers for the first time. The Greater Alabama Council will send 8 Venturers and 2 Venture Leaders to the first jamboree at the new permanent jamboree site. Contingent cost is anticipated to be \$1,500. [Click here for more information](#). **Selection of the adult leadership is the first step. Registered Venture Leaders desiring to be considered for one of the leadership positions should follow the link above, then continue to the National BSA website and register to be a contingent leader.** Applications will be reviewed the last week of September, and the contingent leadership selected by October 1st. Contact Vince Lambert at [vlambert@1bsa.org](mailto:vlambert@1bsa.org) if you have questions.

**VENTURING OFFICER ASSOCIATION (VOA)** - VOA meetings are the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM at **First United Methodist Church (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)** in Cullman. Each crew should send their Crew President, and another representative selected by the crew.

# District News

(Click on the District name to go directly to that section)

[Arrowhead](#) [Birmingham](#) [Cheaha](#) [Cherokee](#) [Choccolocco](#) [Lookout Mountain](#) [Mountain Lake](#) [Shelby](#)  
[Talako](#) [Three Rivers](#) [Vulcan](#) [Westmoreland](#) [Coosa Lodge](#)

**ARROWHEAD** (Serving Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, and Morgan Counties)

2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT

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Arrowhead District Website: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/arrow\\_web/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/arrow_web/)

**Fall Roundup Season is well underway!**

We have many school rallies and sign up nights on the calendar so far. If I haven't given you a call about your roundup plans yet, don't worry. You can expect a call next week, so we can coordinate your school nights. It's easy and it's fun!

We are still short on our popcorn commitment forms being returned. Let's get those in! Questions about anything "popcorn" can be directed toward me or our Popcorn Kernel, Brenda Daniel, at [arrowheadpopcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:arrowheadpopcorn@yahoo.com).

**Upcoming Events:**

**8/27/11 CUB/BOY SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING (ARROWHEAD)(N)**

Scheduled for Point Mallard Parkway Baptist Church (3518 Indian Hills Rd. SE - Decatur, Alabama 35603) Registration begins at 8:00 am.

**Introduction to Cub Scouting** (8:30 am – 10:00 am) & **Cub Scout Leader Specific** (10:00am – 11:30 am) - Register with Henry Gilson at [Gilson.henry@yahoo.com](mailto:Gilson.henry@yahoo.com)

**BSA Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training** (8:30 AM - 3:30 PM) - Register with Elaine Ziegler at <mailto:egziegler@charter.net>

**9/1/11 POPCORN SALE BEGINS/UNIT KICK-OFFS**

**9/17/11 Fishing Rodeo** – HANCEVILLE VETERAN'S PARK -Register at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org)

**9/24/11 Fishing Rodeo** – joe wheeler state park-Register at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org)

**OCTOBER CUB HAUNTED** - Dates have been set for the various sessions for Cub Haunted. This is a good opportunity to get the boys out camping. Register at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org)

**10/2/11 TIGER CUB SAFARI**– This is open to all Cub Scouts, You have to Pre-Register by noon, Friday, September 30. No Walkup Registrations will be accepted. This is a great event at the Birmingham Zoo. Includes admission to zoo, patch for the Cub Scout, safari mask and special activities with zoo staff. Register at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org).

**11/5/2011 Scout Bonfire** - Hosted by Troop 91:

Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church (3910 Spring Avenue, Decatur) At 6:00 PM we will start off the evening with hamburgers and hotdogs. At about 7:00 PM we will light the big bonfire. All scouts are invited – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts. Do as many skits and songs that you want! There is no cost for the bonfire or the food. If you would like to contribute something please let me know! Boys may camp out Saturday night with Boy Scout Troop 91. For more information, contact Kevin Moore at [\(256\) 251-2252](tel:256-251-2252) or [orkcmoore@hiwaay.net](mailto:orkcmoore@hiwaay.net)

Call or email me if you need anything at all.

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## **BIRMINGHAM**

### **2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT**

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#### **SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING**

We have visited several schools so far including: Jones Valley, Our Lady of Fatima, Robinson Elementary, and Hemphill Elementary. We are happy to welcome our new scouts to the Birmingham district and we are looking forward to an exciting new year in scouting. Thanks for the continued hard work and support of our volunteers.

#### **POPCORN KICKOFF**

We are so excited about our 2011 Popcorn Campaign. Trails End has developed a comprehensive, easy-to-follow game plan for success with popcorn sales. Their website has a virtual library stock full of information on Planning and Budgeting to Earning money. If you haven't already, please sign up on the trails end website [www.trails-end.com](http://www.trails-end.com)

#### **DISTRICT LEADER'S TRAINING**

The training will take place Monday, August 29th at 6pm in the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church Boardroom. For questions, please email your district executive Karen Johnson at [kjohnson@bsaemail.org](mailto:kjohnson@bsaemail.org).

#### **DESOTO CAVERNS PARK SCOUT DAY**

Scout Day: On September 10, 2011 any scout who comes to DeSoto Caverns Park dressed in his or her scout uniform will receive a free Fun Pac. Fun Pac includes 1 cave tour ticket and 2 outside attraction tickets.

Cave Overnights: Scout leaders, book your cave overnights for the months of November through March and receive 2 free attractions with your overnight package.

Please call [800-933-2283](tel:800-933-2283) for more information.

DeSoto Caverns Park  
5181 DeSoto Caverns Parkway  
Childersburg, AL 35044  
[www.DeSotoCavernsPark.com](http://www.DeSotoCavernsPark.com)

#### **BASKETBALL CLINIC**

This year's Basketball Clinic will be held on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th at Woodlawn High School. The cost of registration is \$5. To register, please contact your Unit Leader.

#### **EAST LAKE PARK FISHING RODEO**

This year's fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday, September 24th. To register, please contact your unit leader. Or register at [www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org)

#### **Tiger Cub SAFARI**

This year's Safari will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at the Birmingham Zoo from 2pm - 5pm.  
To register, please contact your unit leader.

#### **OTHER DATES...**

**CUB HAUNTED - OCTOBER 8TH-9TH**  
**HISTORY AND HERITAGE DAY - OCTOBER 15TH**  
**SOCCER GAME DAY - OCTOBER 22ND**

## **CHEAHA**

District Executive Thomas Ritch email - [tritch@1bsa.org](mailto:tritch@1bsa.org) Office - (205) 970-0251 Cell - (256) 452-5135

Cheaha District,

We are gearing up for the fall and fall school night for scouting, I will be going around the district to schedule times to do our

school night rallies. If I need to know any information on the best dates for you or if there is any dates that would not work because of other event going on in the community please let me know. I will let you know soon when your school has been schedule and how you can help with making this a successful fall roundup.

This week we have the following schools set:

R.L.Young's Rally is set for Wednesday the 17th at 8:30 and the Roundup is Thursday the 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the lunchroom.

Next week we have:

Lincoln Elementary' Rally will be Monday the 22nd at 8:15 a.m., and the Roundup is Tuesday the 23rd at 6:00 P.m. in the Lunchroom.

Wedowee Middle's Rally is Wednesday the 24th at 9:30 a.m. the Elementary school's rally is at 1:30, and the Roundup is Thursday the 25th at 6:00 p.m.

And with fall round up comes the fall council cub events. I have attached the flyers for the upcoming events this fall and the information that you need to know is as follows:

Cub Scout Fishing Derby is on Sept. 24th for both camp Sequoyah and Comer, registration will be at 8:00 a.m. This is a big even for cubs since it is the first major event that many first time cub scouts will be attending.

Cub Scout Safari is at the Birmingham Zoo on October 2. This event is a lot of fun for the whole family and it is crowded so early registration for this event is highly recomended.

Cub Haunted will be the at Sequoyah the weekends of October 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23, and will be at Camp Comer the weekends of October 7-8, 8-9, 14-15,21-22,22-23. So that is what we have coming up this fall for the cub scouts so put it on your calendar and lets start gearing up for this fall.

Early registration is recommended for all of these events so please take the time to take a look at the attached forms and fill them out and get them back to me so that we can get you registered for them event, and it will help everything move more efficiently and smoothly.

For the Boy Scouts we have our Fall Camporee that we have been planning for the weekend of November 11,12,and 13th, we have recieved a letter from the state giving us permission to use the improved camping area at Cheaha State Park for a discounted rate. So our plan is to have our Fall Camporee at this location, so gear up and get ready for an exciting Camporee.

Also there will be a merit badge fair in Wedowee on August 27th. I have also attached a flyer ([CLICK HERE](#)) for this so be sure to take a look at this and be sure to register for this because spots are filling up fast and there may not be room available day of. So we ask that you take a look at the information and register by visiting [www.meritbadge.info](http://www.meritbadge.info).

If you havent already signed up for popcorn please fill out the attached form and get with me to pick up your popcorn kickoff kit.

Our next meeting will be Thursday September 1st. at the Talladega Citizen's Hospital at 6:30.

I hope everyone has a good week and is looking forward to School Night Roundups.

Thanks,

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### **CHEROKEE**

#### **\*\*QUALITY DISTRICT\*\***

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Cherokee District Website - [www.bsacherokee.org](http://www.bsacherokee.org).

SNFS in Cherokee District is about to begin. There will be many future scouts. So let's give them the best program they will never forget. The best way to plan your programs is to do it ahead of time. See what other event is coming up in the Greater Alabama Council for your calendar. If you have new leaders go ahead and get them youth protection training online. Thank you all again for your leadership in Scouting!

We have updated our website!!!! Please visit Cherokee District at [cherokee.1bsa.org](http://cherokee.1bsa.org). You find information on training, events, camps, form library and other information.

The Cherokee District Popcorn Kick-off is September 1 at Bessemer LDS Church during Roundtable. Please be sure to have someone from your pack or troop pick up your popcorn order forms. Also each unit needs to have a Kick-off date by the District Kick-off.

Cherokee District Training: Please mark your calendars for Cherokee District Training on Saturday, September 10, 2011 time and Pleasant Hill UMC (Cub Leader Specific, Boy Scout Leader Specific, LDS Leaders Specific Training and District committee training. You may go online to [Cherokee.1bsa.org](http://Cherokee.1bsa.org) click on training and scroll down. There you will find Little Philmont Training Flyer to download. For more information contact Theresa Read at [tsreadal@yahoo.com](mailto:tsreadal@yahoo.com).

Tiger Safari will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at the Birmingham Zoo from 2pm - 5pm.  
To register online please go to Cherokee District website.

J.T. Edmonson of Troop 322 of Hueytown was selected among the best and brightest of Metropolitan High School Seniors Class of 2012. Congratulations!!!!!!

To view the article on J.T. Edmonson go to [www.bhammag.com/aug\\_11\\_super\\_students.aspx](http://www.bhammag.com/aug_11_super_students.aspx)



## CHOCOLOCCO

### 2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT

District Executive Steven Miles [smiles@1bsa.org](mailto:smiles@1bsa.org) Cell - 256-223-2999

Good morning Choccolocco District. I hope that everyone is having a great start to their week. I know that I am. I had a great weekend of running and hiking with my family. We did about a 12 mile hike on Cheaha that was one of the toughest hikes I have ever completed. It was well worth it at the end of the day though. We were tired but we had accomplished something great as a family. I hope your weekend was as fulfilling.

We had a great week with recruitment last week bringing in 89 new youth to the program. Thanks to everyone that helped to make the first week great. We continue this week with a few more schools. I will let you know when your school is coming up if it has not been scheduled yet.

Here are just a couple of things to remember to help make this a great year for the new guys coming in.

Planning is key to any program. So is funding. At the September Roundtable we are going to talk about that chance to fund your program. The Popcorn Kick Off meeting is on September 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the Anniston LDS Church. This is also our roundtable. Be there to get your popcorn forms and all of the information about this year's sale.

August 19th, Birmingham Barons Scout night. I sent out the flier last week. If you can, support this one. It is a great experience.

The program is about fun. The first chance the new boys will have at fun will be at the Choccolocco/Cheaha Fishing Rodeo-September 24th at Camp Sequoyah. I need volunteers for this one guys. Some personal matters have removed the coordinator from the mix and I am needing some help now. Please volunteer. Check with your leadership to see who can step up. This is a huge event that we do not need to put a mediocre effort forward. As always, we are working on door prizes. We will have trophies and patches. Might even have some great fishing displays set up this year if we can avoid the rain. It will be fun no matter what.

I would like for everyone to make sure they get into their fall calendars Cub Scout Haunted weekends. I mentioned at the last roundtable that I would like everyone to commit to working at least one weekend at the Cub Scout Haunted. I am a very greedy DE and would like for everyone to commit to all three weekends but I will take at least one. I would like all Units to sponsor and design a Fall Carnival type game that we can put on the field in front of the Dining Hall to set up a fun atmosphere for all of the kids that come. Go ahead and be thinking about this. I know that you will have fun as I do every year. I will take care of the prizes and such. Just get the games designed and there. Please let me know what you will be doing so I can work on prize levels and lay-out on the field.

Guys, that about covers it. Please continue to strive towards excellence in everything that we do. Serve the youth. That's what we are signed on to do. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

SMILES

Steven D. Miles

District Executive  
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## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN DISTRICT**

**Serving Cherokee, DeKalb, & Etowah Counties**

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**Please note: Our District's Web address has changed! Please update your bookmarks! Look for new updates to the page coming soon.**

<http://lookoutmountain.1bsa.org>

A big Thank You to everyone who attended the Program Preview Conference & Popcorn Kick-off at the Collinsville Public Library. We had great attendance, and we covered a lot of information. Great launch to the year.

### **Popcorn**

2011 Popcorn Sale is here. Popcorn sale kits are out. If you need one, or have any questions, please email our District Popcorn Kernels:

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[bammertrich@yahoo.com](mailto:bammertrich@yahoo.com)

Doyle Scott

[doscott88@rocketmail.com](mailto:doscott88@rocketmail.com)

### **Lookout Mountain Roundtables**

Lookout Mountain host two roundtables the second Tuesday of each Month

Gadsden: 1st United Methodist Church

Fort Payne: Troop 63 Scout Hut

### **Lookout Mountain Fishing Derbies**

This will be a time for Cubs and their families to participate in a wide variety of activities focused around FISHING and SCOUTING! Packs are encouraged to use this as their first outdoor activity on their pack calendar in 2011.

Gadsden Fisheries, Saturday, September 10.

Comer Scout Reservation, Saturday, September 24.

### **Tiger Cub Safari**

This is open to all Cub Scouts, You have to Pre-Register, No Walkup Registrations will be accepted. This is a great event at the Birmingham Zoo. Sunday, October 2.

### **NEW Venture Crew in Gadsden**

We are starting a NEW VENTURE CREW in Gadsden at Crosspoint Church. Venturing is a co-ed program for boys and girls ages 13 to 20. We will be having a Open House in the future.

### **Digital Eagle**

Make sure you are talking to all your members about signing up for the Digital Eagle, and all the other digital media where they can get information.

**MOUNTAIN LAKE**

2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT

District Executive Johnathan Lovett [jlovett@1bsa.org](mailto:jlovett@1bsa.org) (256) 609-3150

**2011 Popcorn Sale!!!** - Our 2011 Popcorn Sale is here again! We encourage every unit to give their youth an opportunity to earn great incentives and awards through our annual popcorn sale!!! The annual popcorn sale also teaches our youth the importance of "earning their own way". It is a valuable way to teach youth the skills they will need in order to be successful in life! By participating in our annual popcorn sale; a scout can potentially fund their entire year of scouting!!! Please come to the Program Preview conference at Henryville United Methodist Church on August 4th to hear more about this great opportunity and these great incentives!!!

**Mountain Lake Day Camp:** A huge thanks goes out to Jimmy Chapman and his volunteer staff for putting on a great Day Camp for the Mountain Lake District! The children, as well as, the adult leaders had a great time! They got to experience a lot of great things including: a life saver helicopter fly-in, a visit from the Scottsboro fire department, a visit from the ambulance service, a trip to the Scottsboro Splash Park, BB's, Archery, Arts and Crafts, a trip to Dominos Pizza to tour and make their own pizza, lots of sports activities, water bottle rockets, advancements, and a whole lot more!!! Jimmy Chapman and his staff really went above and beyond to ensure that these boys had an unforgettable fun-filled experience! We will post pictures of our Day Camp on the Digital Eagle next week!

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**SHELBY**

2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT

Senior District Executive Alan Riethmaier [ariethmaier@1bsa.org](mailto:ariethmaier@1bsa.org) 205.213.3409 (Cell) 205.969.4244 (Office)**\*\*Troop 220 Update\*\***

Troop 220 from Alabaster had the privilege of having Rep. April Weaver (District 49) as a guest speaker on August 4th at Westwood Baptist Church 's Small Groups Building . She talked with the Scouts on ways they can encourage each other and work on obtaining goals set for them not only in Scouting but in their schools and community as well. Rep. April Weaver spoke to the Scouts about bullying and ways they can address bullying if it should come up.

Troop 220 would like to thank Rep. April Weaver for her time and encouraging words. She is welcome to attend any future meetings of Troop 220. Troop 220 meets on most Monday nights at 6:30 pm at the Small Groups Building behind Westwood Baptist Church . To find out more information about the Troop and how to contact their Scoutmaster, go to their website at [www.wwbctroop220.org](http://www.wwbctroop220.org).

**\*\*Popcorn Preparation\*\***

We had a positive popcorn kickoff last Thursday with 30 units already committing to help fund their programs with popcorn sales. All support materials are in the office and ready for you! We have some great sales resources as well as incentives this year. The sale starts September 1st so now is the time to prepare. For more information contact Alan Riethmaier at 213.3409 or our Co-Kernels Stan Hoge [atshoge@charter.net](mailto:atshoge@charter.net) or Tracy Evanko at [dixieburger444@aol.com](mailto:dixieburger444@aol.com)

<http://www.trails-end.com/trailsend/leaders/>

**\*\*School Night Recruitment\*\***

Thank you for your hard work in preparation for a great Scouting Program in Shelby County this Fall. We have most of our school night dates set, and a few more left to lock down. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions as we move closer to our events.

Note:

If your sign up night is held in the month of August below are the registration costs.

Regular Registration for January Recharting Units: \$13.50 national registration & \$6.00 Boys Life = \$19.50

Long-Term Registration for January Rechartering Units: \$22.50 national registration & \$18 Boys Life = \$40.50  
(The benefit of Long-term registration is if you collect recharter fees from your existing boys in the fall as well you don't have to ask for money again or chase families down to collect dues at recharter. Instead you already have the money, and can just write a check at recharter time.)

**\*\*Journey To Excellence\*\***

Check out the below website for Journey To Excellence Resources. Now is the time to start planning to earn the JTE award. Will you be a Bronze, Silver, or Gold unit?

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

**\*\*Oak Mountain State Park Service Opportunity\*\***

We have a need for some Boy Scout Projects at Oak Mountain State Park. We need the following projects handled by a Scout, Scouts or a Troop:

- 1) Volleyball court built at the Fishing Center by the bathrooms located on the lower lake
- 2) A sand court landscaped in with wood stationary net poles. Some benches along the sidelines would be nice.
- 3) Also in the same area we need some horseshoe pits built and landscaped with benches as well.

Please feel free to contact me by email or phone if you can assist. Thank you for your time.

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Oak Mountain State Park  
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**\*\*Oak Mountain Fishing Rodeo Save The Date\*\***

This year's fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday, September 24th with an overnigher at Camp Tranquility field on Friday, September 23rd.

**\*\*2011 Shelby Camporee Save The Date\*\***

Please mark your calendar on October 14-16 at Veterans Park in Hoover. Program details will be available at the Program Preview Conference on August 4th.

**\*\*School Night For Scouting\*\***

Cub Leaders please make every effort to have your school night information including date, location, time, and contact with phone number and email address no later than Tuesday, August 2 at noon so we can have your flyers to you at PPC on Wednesday night. I have supply bags here at the office for Packs 540, 119, 535, 7, 72, 231, and 588. Please make arrangements to pick your bag up this week.

**\*\*Unit Training Updates\*\***

Please take a few minutes to review the training status of your unit's leaders. This is a key to earning the Journey to Excellence Award! If our records do not match yours please email Alan [atariethmaier@1bsa.org](mailto:atariethmaier@1bsa.org) so we can reconcile them.



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## TALAKTO

### 2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT

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**Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society's** 43rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show- October 14, 15, 16 Beltloop and Merit Badge opportunity. In the past 6 years, we have had over 2400 kids attend this event. Slots are limited so book early. Cub Scouts can work to earn their Geology Beltloop and Pin Webelos can work to earn their Geology Beltloop and Pin and the Geology Activity Badge Boy Scouts can work to earn their Geology Merit Badge And don't forget to visit the Fluorescent Room where all the rocks glow under shortwave ultraviolet light! Contact Dianna O'Dell @ [Talakto\\_communications@yahoo.com](mailto:Talakto_communications@yahoo.com) to book a spot.

**Scouting for Food**-Tentative Date: November 19th. We are supporting the Salvation Army again this year. Bags will be available at the November RoundTable. Stayed tuned for more information. Please let us know the answer to the typical grocery store question, "Paper or plastic?" We've noticed that the plastic bags have gotten really thin and want to know which you prefer. Talakto collected 20,715 pounds of food in 2010 to help needy families in our local area. Great job!!

**Powder Horn**-September 16-18 & October 7-9, this is not a Venturing Course, but a High Adventure exposure course to take Scouting to the next level in their Troop and Crew.

**Youth Protection Training** is required for all registered volunteers. New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before they submit an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered. You do not have to be a registered member or have a member ID to take Youth Protection training. To take Youth Protection training go to My Scouting and create an account. From the MyScouting.org portal, click on E-Learning and take the Youth Protection training. Upon completion, you may print a certificate of completion to submit with a volunteer application or submit the completion certificate to the unit leader for processing at the local council. When your volunteer application is approved, you will receive a BSA membership card which includes your member ID number. After you receive your membership card, log back into My Scouting, click on My Profile and update the system by inputting your member ID number. This will link your Youth Protection training records, and any other training, in MyScouting to your BSA membership.

**School Nights and Rallies**-Please contact Curtis and Brian ASAP if you require assistance for your Fall in-school recruiting efforts. Their schedule is filling up very fast. Also, make sure to inform them of the dates so that fliers and other materials can be prepared.

**Popcorn Kickoff**-This year's kickoff will be August 18 at 6:30 at the Huntsville Marriott by the Space and Rocket Center. This event is for all Scouts and parents. Please come ready to have fun and pick up popcorn materials! Also, if your unit has not yet turned in a commitment form, please do so ASAP.

**Roundtable**-As announced at the PPC, we are currently seeking a new location for roundtable. Catholic High School can no longer accommodate us, as they have scheduling conflicts. We appreciate the opportunity that we had to use their top-notch facilities and wish them the best in the coming school year. The new location will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

**Scouts On Wheels**-October 1 at Carousel Skate Center. See flier for details. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

**Fishing Rodeo**- September 24th. Our Fishing Rodeo will be held at Madison County Lake this year. Boy Scouts: don't forget that if you need service hours, we need your help. Adults and siblings can fish, but anyone over 12 must have a fishing license. There were reports of parking problems last year so we are looking for any input and suggestions you may have on how to solve the problem. We are looking for a chairman for this event. Contact Dianna O'Dell @ [Talakto\\_communications@yahoo.com](mailto:Talakto_communications@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

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## THREE RIVERS 2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT

### THREE RIVERS DISTRICT

District Website - <http://threerivers.1bsa.org>

#### Contact:

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As many of you already know, I have been blessed to take on another position within the Greater Alabama Council. With the promotion, I am now the ScoutReach Director for the council. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each unit and unit leader. I will continue to remain with the district through the School Nights and with the kickoff of our 2011 Popcorn Campaign.

Many of you have had the opportunity to meet the new Three Rivers District Executive, Joey Beachum. Joey is a graduate of Mississippi State University (I guess we'll consider that a SEC school and give him a break). He is an Eagle Scout and veteran of the United States Air Force. We welcome Joey onboard and look forward to great things from him. He is eager to get out and work with the units and has already been informed on the high caliber of people that we have within the district.

Sincerely,

Brian Wilson

#### District Updates

September Roundtable Meeting  
When: Thursday, September 1, 2011  
Where: St. Vincent's East Hospital (Classroom 1)  
Time: 7:00pm

This is a great meeting for all Scout Leaders. Please pass the word to your units that any and everyone is invited to attend.

#### POPCORN 2011

Remember, you must turn in a copy of the 2011 Popcorn Commitment Form in order to receive all of the promotional material that will accompany this year's popcorn sale. A copy of the Annual Popcorn Commitment form is also linked on the Council website -[www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org). Please take the time to complete this form, fax it to (205) 969-4289 Attn: Joey Beachum, email it to [jbeachu@1bsa.org](mailto:jbeachu@1bsa.org), or simply bring it by the Council Office as soon as possible. The sale begins September 1, 2011 and you have a perfect opportunity to review all of the material now, three weeks before the sale begins. Now is the optimal time to plan your Unit Popcorn Kickoff.

The deadline for all Show-N-Sell orders is due no later than September 9, 2011. Please make every effort to participate in the Show-N-Sell program this year. You will see a tremendous boost to your unit commission for just one day of popcorn sales. This form may be emailed, faxed, or hand-carried to the council office. NO ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THE DEADLINE!!

[Commitment Form Download](#)

#### Training

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training  
When: Saturday, September 10, 2011  
Where: Unity Baptist Church  
Who: Any Boy Scout Leaders that want to meet the basic standards of training.  
Time: 8:00am  
Contact: Please contact Tamara Brewer at (205) 647-4377 or [tamarabrewer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tamarabrewer@bellsouth.net)

#### Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

When: Saturday, October 1, 2011  
Where: TBD  
Who: Any Cub Scout Leaders that want to meet the basic standards of training.  
Time: 8:00am  
Contact: Please contact Tamara Brewer at (205) 647-4377 or [tamarabrewer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tamarabrewer@bellsouth.net)

If you are interested in being a member of our District Training Team, please contact Tamara Brewer at (205) 647-4377 or [tamarabrewer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tamarabrewer@bellsouth.net).

**Commissioner Staff**

If you have not received a visit or call from your Unit Commissioner or have no idea of who your Unit Commissioner is, please contact Bill Kiley at [rustybavonet@charter.net](mailto:rustybavonet@charter.net).

**NEW GAC EAGLE WILL REVIS****VULCAN**

**\*\*A Quality, Award Winning District since 2004\*\***

**2010 CENTENNIAL QUALITY DISTRICT**

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**\*\*\*School Night for Scouting began last week-** We have already had some great School Nights. Liberty Park Pack 776 more than doubled the number of Scouts they recruited this year. Pack 397 in Homewood had another great recruiting year. And the new Cahaba Heights Pack 213 had a standing room only crowd at their sign up. Way to go Packs. This is a big week for the rest of the District. Please let me know if you need anything to help you be successful. Doug, School Night chairman Joe Swaika, and Membership chairman Peter Bosworth are all here to help.

**\*\*\*Popcorn-** Thanks to everyone who came out to the Popcorn Kickoff. Order forms are available for your units, along with other supplies. We want to help your unit be successful. Kristin Massie is the District Kernel. Kristin is out of the country this week. If you need anything please contact Doug until next week.

**\*\*\*The David Dowd III High Adventure Fund** is available to all Scouts in the Birmingham area. [Click Here for the Form](#)

**\*\*\*Philmont Training Center Scholarship Available** - Vulcan Adult Scout Leaders who want to attend the Philmont Training Center can apply for the Robert F Calhoun Philmont Training Center Scholarship. Applications are due April 15th, 2011. NEW APPLICATION WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

**Vulcan OA is on Facebook-** "Nunne-Hi Chapter of the Coosa Lodge"

**District OA Meetings** - OA meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Briarwood Scout House. Both former and current arrowmen of any lodge are invited to attend. Questions: Brett Melton, [brett@mhaservice.com](mailto:brett@mhaservice.com)

**WESTMORELAND****Popcorn Commitment Forms:**

Our popcorn campaign will be kicking off soon. Please contact our co-kernel Laurel Rickard at [lrickard@comcast.net](mailto:lrickard@comcast.net) to get your form in.

**Eagle Boards of Review:**

To schedule a Project Review or Eagle Board, email the Westmoreland District Eagle Board at [EagleBoard@WestmorelandDistrict.com](mailto:EagleBoard@WestmorelandDistrict.com) with your Name, Troop #, Email and Phone Number that you maybe reached at. Also, state if it is a Project Review or Eagle Board and give a brief Description of your proposed project including the sponsor and the physical location.

**Fishing Rodeos:**

Westmoreland District will have two fishing derbies this year: one at Sunshine Mills Research Lake on September 17 and the

other at Kasmeier Lake on September 24.

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## Coosa Lodge

### **THE NOVEMBER ORDEAL HAS BEEN MOVED TO CAMP COMER**

#### OA Update

This year at both of the council's summer camps, Coosa took the opportunity to offer the ability for brothers to seal their membership in the lodge. Many an Arrowman took this opportunity to seal their membership; congratulations to them!

July 24-30 was SummitCorps week 4, and Coosa lodge sent a contingent of 20 to participate in this amazing service project. Each member who went served by helping make 13+ miles of trail for four days, all the while making friends and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood with Arrowmen from across the nation. On Friday, everyone was treated to a fun day of white-water rafting. Everyone who went had a blast, and everyone's looking forward to the next big project.

August 1-6 was Indian Summer, and Coosa sent a handful of Arrowmen to Ridgecrest, North Carolina to learn all about Native American attire, customs, and practices while honing their skills in dance, ceremonies, drumming, and beading.

The next event is September 9-11 is the second Ordeal of the year, and will be held at Camp Comer. The pre-registration deadline for candidates is August 26 and the late fee will be an extra \$20. There is no late fee for members. If have been called out but haven't pre-registered, go ahead and fill out the pre-registration form and bring it with you when you register on-site. There will be a Brotherhood ceremony Saturday afternoon, so, if you've been a member for 10 months or more, come out and seal your membership in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service! If you have any questions about this weekend, go to our website, Coosa50.org.

#### OA Fact of the Bi-weekly Update:

Did you know that there have been only two OA treks at Philmont (Trail Crew doesn't count – we're talking OA-specific treks)? 1985 and 1989.

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#### Lodge officers:

Chief – Devan Beitel  
Vice Chief of Service – Kyle Dotson  
Vice Chief of Administration – Jacob Smith  
Vice Chief of Communications – Nathan Moore  
Vice Chief of Fellowship – Jorge Marin  
Vice Chief of Inductions – Ethan Merrell  
Vice Chief of Native American Affairs – Alex Pope  
Northern Vice Chief – Micah Gilliland  
Southern Vice Chief – John Melton