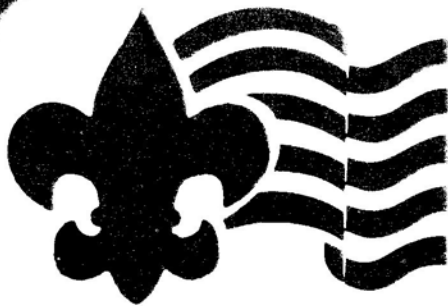


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1987 General Liability Insurance Program For Councils

Insurance, a dramatic rise in costs. In the past few years, a great increase in the number and size of liability claims has affected all youth serving organizations, and the Boy Scouts of America is no exception. There are many reasons for this. Public attitudes have shifted, favoring lawsuits and aggressive litigation to resolve claims. The cost of medical care has inflated. Courts and juries have tended to make substantially higher awards to individuals. The result is that we encounter much greater exposure to liability for accidents or malfeasance arising out of any Scouting activity, whether or not our people bear objective responsibility for the incidents out of which the claim arises.

The great majority of the claims arise out of accidents occurring at the unit level. Even when settled out of court, it is not unusual for a single claim to exceed six figures. Court-dictated settlements can be devastatingly expensive. This year, we have settled a single claim at more than \$3 million, and our total insurance costs, including premium payments, will exceed \$9 million.

National Support. National Council support of the general liability insurance program for local councils has always been important. Responsible for centralized planning and administration, the National Council has also provided major financial support to the plan. The cost of carrying self-insurance and additional coverage has been met through a local council billing rate and additional subsidies from the National Council. Since 1978, this rate has been relatively stable, growing from \$.42 (per member) to a rate of \$.54 per base membership this year.

Meeting the Challenge. A special task was convened by the Chief Scout Executive to study liability insurance problem and make recommendations. The group consisted of Scout executives from each of the six regions.

After careful deliberation, several actions were endorsed by the task force and have been recommended by the Chief Scout Executive for national Executive Board approval. The consensus of the Scout executives was that the following actions would minimize the financial impact at the local level, while guaranteeing the continuance of a sound program of insurance protection for scouting.

Unit Charter Fee - \$20. Effective September 1, 1986, all units will be required to pay an annual charter fee of \$20. This fee shall be submitted with the units charter application, and

will help defray the expenses for the general liability insurance program. These fees will raise a significant (approximately 25 percent) portion of the funds required for the program. The aggregate funds to be raised from unit charter fees are expected to be \$2,670,000.

Rate per member - \$1.22. The rate of \$1.22 per registered member will be effective January 1, 1987. This is an average rate. We will continue to utilize the "experience factors" whereby councils with good experience (that is, few or no claims made in the council during the past year) will pay less than those with several losses. The minimum rate in conjunction with the experience plan will be \$1.08 and the maximum will be \$1.39. Remember also that membership will be based upon total youth and adult registered members averaged over four past quarters.

National Subsidy. Chief Scout Executive Ben Love has asked the National Council to subsidize the additional \$4.81 million in insurance costs for 1986 and to absorb an estimated \$3.1 million in costs for 1987.

Registration Fees

The registration fees for all youth members will increase as of September 1, 1986. As of that date the fees will be as follows: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Tiger Cubs, and Explorers will all pay \$4.00 per year. This fee will be prorated at \$.35 for each month of registration.

Career Awareness Explorers will pay a \$3.00 fee per year. This fee will remain as a fixed fee and not be prorated by months of registration.

The adult fee will remain at \$5.00 per year as it is now indicated. There will be no charge in prorata amounts per month.

Auburn Football

On behalf of Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Pat Dye, the Auburn Athletic Department would like to invite all of the scouts and their leaders in your Council to be our guest for the Auburn-East Carolina Football Game on Saturday, September 20, 1986.

Auburn Football *(Continued)*

This invitation is for all girl and boy scouts from the cub level through the Explorers. We request that each scout wear his uniform. If possible we would like for the leaders to also wear their uniforms or have their identification cards.

The scouts and leaders should come together in troops. All scouts and their leaders will be admitted through Gate 12, which is on the northwest corner of Jordan-Hare Stadium. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. CDT. Gate 12 will be open at 12:00

noon and we would like for everyone to be in the stadium by 1:00 o'clock. There will be representatives from the scouts as well as the Athletic Department at Gate 12. There is no admission charge for the scouts and their leaders.

If you have any questions please contact Buddy Davidson in the Athletic Department at (205) 826-4750, Mr. McDonough at 821-8130, or Mr. Ingram at 749-8636.

Boy Scouts of America Statement About Child Abuse

Child abuse is a fact in our society and a matter of great concern for most parents throughout our country. The Boy Scouts of America share this concern.

For more than 76 years, Scouting has taught its members basic life values. Today those members make up a large percentage of society's adult population who are also shocked by the magnitude of the child abuse problem. To them, fairness in dealing with others is embedded in the precepts of the Scout Oath and Law which make Child abuse unthinkable and violence unnecessary. Their concern is helping society come to grips with the problem.

Parents react to child abuse in a variety of ways from outrage, to fear, to disbelief, to indifference. Some have the notion that their children will somehow be exempt from this danger. None of these approaches is really useful.

A far more sensible idea, and one that Scouting has long advocated, is to become actively involved with your children. Get to know their leaders, join in planning events, become acquainted with other parents and their children. At home, talk about the meaning of the Cub Scout Promise or the Scout Oath and Law and how they serve as a guide to a clean and healthy life.

Throughout its history, the Boy Scouts of America has been allied with churches, synagogues, schools, and civic groups in an effort to strengthen the ethical and moral values of our children. These organizations need to choose Scout leaders whom they consider positive role models for our children in furthering traditional family values. As a parent you can play an important part in the selection process.

One of the best strategies for child abuse prevention is for parents to have an ongoing communication with their children. Often this is difficult, especially for working parents and parents with adolescents. But it is worthwhile to talk to your children every day and take time to listen and observe. Encourage your children to share their concerns and problems with you. By doing this you are not an inquisitor, but a concerned parent.

Explain that their bodies belong to them alone and that they have the right to say, "No!" to anyone who might try to touch them. Remind them that if this happens, they should tell you immediately. Assure your children that you will never be angry with them for telling the truth in such instances.

Tell your children that some adults may try to hurt children and make them do things they don't feel comfortable doing. Often these people call what they're doing a secret between themselves and the child.

Explain that some adults may even threaten children by saying that their parents may be hurt or killed if the child ever shares the secret. Emphasize that an adult who does something like this is doing something that is wrong.

Tell your children that an adult whom they know and trust, perhaps someone in a position of authority (like a babysitter, an uncle, a teacher, or even a policeman), might try to do something like this. But try not to scare your children - emphasize that the vast majority of people never do this and that most adults are deeply concerned about protecting children from harm.

Being abused is a secret young people feel they must keep because of threats, embarrassment, lack of knowledge, fear of harming a loved one, and the fear that they will not be believed. The effects of this secret abuse are long-lasting and cause severe psychological damage.

Medical and educational therapy is needed to restore individual children to health. For its part, Scouting will continue to improve the quality of life for all youth by:

- Encouraging civic-minded organizations to use the Scouting program for their youth.
- Stressing the importance for these organizations to select and commission only leaders who are positive role models.
- Placing emphasis on timeless human virtues that overcome selfishness.
- Teaching that the pursuit of happiness mostly is achieved through helping others.
- Providing constructive, non-threatening experiences that build self-esteem and self-reliance.
- Instilling a value system in our youth that includes duty to God and country and a respect for the rights of others.



Central District

District Chairman - Doug Parker
District Commissioner - Blaine Stover
District Executive - Steve Eriksen

CALENDAR

- August 21 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon at HCA palmyra Medical Center
- 21 Cub and Scout Roundtables, 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Sylvester
- 22-24 Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Osborn
- Sept. 1 Labor Day, Office closed
- 2 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the HCA Palmyra Medical Center
- 4 Second session of School Night Training, (different from first), 7:00 p.m. at the Sherwood Baptist Church, Family Life Center
- 9 Cub and Scout Roundtables, 7:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior

School Night For Scouting

This years School Night is September 18, 1986. We will need volunteers to be School Chairmen, Organizers, Unit Coordinators, Tiger Cub organizers, and Unit Representatives. There will be approximately 30 elementary schools open which means we will need about 150 volunteers. So when you are asked to help with School Night, **please** say yes. Be sure to check the calendar for the date, time, and place of School Night Training sessions.

Welcome To Our Newest Unit

Explorer Medical Post 413 is sponsored by Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. If you know any youth (boys & girls) 14-20 interested in a medical career, this is an excellent opportunity them to get "hands on" experience. people may call Bob Lolley at 435-2484 for more information.

August Roundtable Moved

In order to provide the Cub and leaders with a better program, the August Roundtable date has been changed to August 21 and will be in Sylvester. We are going to have a combined Roundtable with the Southeast District, 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Sylvester.

We will meet at the Lutheran Church

of Our Savior at 7:00 p.m. and car pool to Sylvester.

If you can not car pool or miss the group here are the directions. Take Hwy. 82 E to Sylvester. Turn right at the second stop light after the flashing light. The First Baptist Church will be at the top of the hill. The address is 207 S. Isabella.

Plan to join us for this informative and fun packed meeting as we preview the program calendar. This is a must attend 1986-87 Roundtable for all unit leaders.

Northeast District

District Chairman - George Teaford
District Commissioner - Jimmy Tindol
District Executive - Ed Cendroski

School Night For Scouting

The School Night advisory committee is underway and making plans to have the best "School Night" yet. They will need your help and many others to be successful.

Let's not cheat those young fellows who want to be in Scouting by not attending School Night training meetings and not showing up the night of School Night.

If you are called, agree to help - if you are not called, call me at 924-4456 office, or 924-1391 home.

Fall Camporee

"Be prepared" for the District Fall Camporee on October 17, 18, & 19 at Lake Blackshear.

How well do your Patrols and your Troop know their B.S.A. skills? Here is your chance to find out.

There will be competitions on various skills such as measurement, first aid, observation, knots, Scout history, lashing, compass course.

You will receive more detailed information soon.

First School Night Training Meeting

Americus — August 19 - 7:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

Cordele - August 21 - 7:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

Second School Night Training Meeting

Americus - September 9 - 7:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

Cordele - September 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

Make plans to be at "School Night for Scouting" Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. and by attending these training meetings.

Summer Camp

Our District camped less than 30% of its registered Troops at Camp Osborn, and only 22% of our registered Boy Scouts were with their Troops.

We have a great facility with a great program that should be taken advantage of. Let's promote camp year round and get the word out. Let's not let our camp be closed down because we can't keep it up.

Safari Day Camp

We had 2 packs from our District attend the Council wide Day Camp at Camp Osborn. They brought a total of 17 boys with them.

Pack 24, 6 boys; Pack 228, 11 boys.

They had fun swimming, shooting B.B. guns, archery and building their own den stools.

We only camped 12% of our Cub Packs and only 7% of our Cub Scouts within our District.

Southwest District

District Chairman - Marvin Singletary
District Commissioner -
District Executive - John Stacy

School Night For Scouting

School Night for Scouting will be held in the Southwest District on Thursday, Sept. 18, 1986. Last year was the best School Night on record in our district, this year promises to be even better. On Sept. 18, our district will join the rest of the Council on launching the expanded Cub Scout program. For the first time, membership will be based on school grade. If a boy is in the first grade, he can join Tiger Cubs regardless of his age. Mark your calendar now, School Night is September 18.

District Award of Merit

Each year we recognize those District Scouters who have given exemplary service to Scouting with the District Award of Merit. If you wish to nominate a District Scouter the deadline is October 1st. Send your nomination to District Award of Merit Southwest District, c/o 930 W. Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, Georgia 31701.

Southeast District

District Chairman - Jack Perry
District Commissioner - Loris Asmussen
District Executive - Bill Brashear

District Program Preview

On August 21, all volunteers will have an opportunity to review the 1986-87 district calendar. Experts will discuss many of the programs available for you and your boys: the camporee, pine-wood derby, banquet, school night and elections. Encourage all leaders and committee members to attend this meeting.

District Elections

Harold Cohen is the chairman of our 1986 District Nominating Committee.

Southeast District (Continued)

This committee is responsible for securing volunteers for the 1987 District Committee. If you would like to nominate someone to serve as a representative to the District Committee, contact Mr. Cohen at Tri State Systems at 382-2980.

School Night

School Night 1986 will see the greatest number of boys and adults joining Scouting in the history of our district. Last year 175 boys joined along with 80 adults. Packs and Troops which participated in School Night are still benefiting from these new leaders. If your Pack or Troop needs additional leadership, you need to be present at our September 11, Roundtable to learn about your role in School Night 1986.

United Way, Scouting Partners

One of the oldest community service partnerships in Southwest Georgia is between the Boy Scouts of America and the United Way. The Southwest Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America is proud of its membership in three United Way organizations. The three United Way Groups that support Boy Scouting are, the United Way of Dougherty County and Lee Counties; the United Way of Sumter County; and the United Way of Tift County. These three groups provide thirty four percent of the total operating dollars needed to bring a quality Scouting program to Southwest Georgia.

The United Way is a force for good in our community. In addition to Boy Scouting, United Way also supports other youth organizations. Social and human service organizations are also apart of the United Way family. Each year, the United Way serves as a catalyst for public support for each of these organizations. These organizations, in turn, reinvest into the community human potential and resources that make our home a better place to live. In organizations like Boy Scouting, youngsters learn to follow a code of life that prepares them for lives as adults of character. In other organizations, youngsters learn about positive alternatives to life, battered adults learn to rebuild their lives and save their dignity. The elderly are touched by United Way services which care for not only the body, but the mind and spirit as well.

The times and public awareness have created the need for these and many other services. Try to imagine our community without them. Like an iceberg, which is two thirds underwater, the United Way is much more than an annual fund drive. The United Way, is a part of the spirit of a community.

Tom Dugger
Scout Executive
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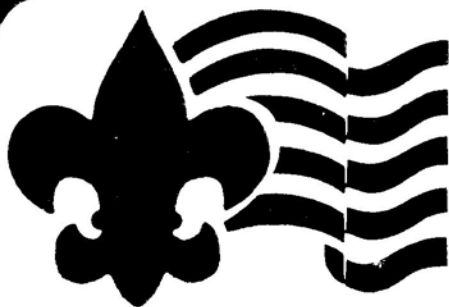
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School Night For Scouting

September 18, 7:30 p.m. is the date and time for School Night for Scouting 1986. Again, this year, School Night will be conducted at neighborhood elementary schools throughout the seventeen counties of our Council. This will be a special School Night as we introduce the Expanded Cub Scout Program. The Phase-In of the Expanded Program began officially on September 1st. Joining requirements for Tiger Cubs is now moved to the first grade or age seven. (Yes, six year old boys can be Tiger Cubs if they are in the first grade). Cub Scouting now begins with the second grade or age eight. For the first time, grade rather than age is the key requirement for membership. The initial reaction from our area educators who are involved in Scouting is very positive with regards to this change.

On September 18th, representatives from each Pack and Troop will be present at each school to welcome new Cubs, Scouts and their parents. In 1985, over five hundred youth and adult members joined Scouting in our Council on School Night. Across the State of Georgia, over ten thousand youth joined through the School Night programs. School Night, offers boys and their parents a chance to meet Scouting leaders in the familiar environment of the school. One of our District School Night Chairmen best summed up School Night when he said, "Scouting and the School System have so much in common, it is important that we support School Night. Where Scouting is present in the school, we have a better school." Help support this great partnership. Support School Night for Scouting.

Council Nominating Committee

Council President, Mark Furring announces the appointment of Cleve Wester to serve as Council Nominating Committee Chairman. Mr. Wester is the President of Cleve Wester Tire Mart. A graduate of Auburn University, Mr. Wester is a member of the Council Executive Board and has served on the Council Camping Committee. In 1986, Cleve has served as Council Vice President for Finance. As Nominating Committee Chairman, Cleve will guide the process of selecting the 1987 Council Officers, Members of the Executive Board and members of the Advisory Board.

Those wishing to make nominations to any of the above positions should address nominations to: COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 930 W. Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, Georgia 31701. Nominations must be received by Tuesday, November 25th, 5:00 p.m. in order to be considered.

Official Notice

The Council Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th, 6:30 p.m., Albany Chamber of Commerce. This meeting is for all Council Officers, Executive Board and Advisory Board Members, District

Chairmen, Scouting Coordinators and Council Member-At-Large. At this meeting, we will elect the 1987 Council Officers, Executive Board and Advisory Board members. A slate of Council Members-At-Large will also be approved.

Summer Camp 1987?

The 1986 Summer Camp program at Camp Osborn was one of the best on record according to an overwhelming majority of our boy and adult critiques. Attendance however, was not what we hoped for. According to estimated attendance given the Council Office, we were expecting 420 youth to attend Camp Osborn. The final figure was 309 Boy Scout campers, of this number 35 Scouts were from the Valdosta Council. The Southwest Georgia Council camped at Camp Osborn 274 Boy Scouts. Our total Long Term Camping record for 1986 shows that 35% of our Scouts attended Long Term Camp, but only 21% did so at

Camp Osborn. The question mark in the title of this article is not a mistake. Our Council is having to address some very important questions about our Camping operations. Camp Osborn does now and always will play an important role in the Outdoor Program in this Council, but can we continue to operate a Summer Camp program. Can we afford this camp? The Summer Camp Operation at Camp Osborn is not operated as a profit making venture, but the camp operation has not broken even and in fact lost money for two seasons. Those losses are made up by the Councils General Operating Fund. This fund is supported almost exclusively through Sustaining Membership Enrollment (S.M.E.) , and United Way contributions. In each season, only twenty five more campers would have made a difference.

Where is our short fall in campers? Primarily in three areas do we find a short fall in camp attendance.

1. Troops from our Council attending other camps. Two troops attended Camps in other Councils; One troop ran it's own Summer Camp.
2. Troops attending Camp Osborn with minimum numbers. The average attendance per Troop from our Council at Camp Osborn was 8.3 boys per Troop.
3. Troops not attending camp at all. Fifty Troops from our Council did not attend any form of Scout Camp in 1986.

What will be done. The Council Executive Board, The Council Camping Committee and the Council Staff are all committed to a Quality Camping Program in our Council. To insure this and to provide for improved facilities for camping, the Council Executive Board adopted this plan at it's August 26th meeting.

1. 1987 Camp Fee - \$70 per boy with reservation deposit prior to March 30, 1987. For reservations made after March 30, the camp fee will be \$80 per boy.
2. Reservation Fee. A \$20 per boy reservation fee will be required prior to March 30th to hold a space for a boy and to insure the seventy dollar fee. Payment of the balance will be due on arrival at camp. This reservation fee is non-refundable but can be sold to another Scout. It is not applicable to additional fees. The twenty dollars holds a space for an individual camper. A twenty dollar deposit is also required for reservations made after March 30th.
3. Minimum camp attendance. If the Council does not have on hand on March 30th reservation fees for 350 campers, there will be no Summer Camp operation at Camp Osborn in 1987.

This Council deserves a Summer Camping program, but it must annually earn the right to have one of it's own. Join this effort now and promote camp attendance. Let's keep the spirit of Summer Camp alive in the Southwest Georgia Council.

Central District

District Chairman - Doug Parker
District Commissioner - Blaine Stover
District Executive - Steve Eriksen

Calendar

Sept. 18	School Night for Scouting
18	District Committee Meeting, 12 Noon at HCA Palmyra Medical Center
25	Cub and Scout Fast Start Training, 7:00 p.m. at Porterfield Methodist Church.
Oct. 2	Cub and Scout Fast Start Training, 7:00 p.m. at Porterfield Methodist Church.
7	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at HCA Palmyra Medical Center.
14	Cub and Scout Roundtables, 7:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.
16	District Annual Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at HCA Palmyra Medical Center.
17-18	Pecan Festival
31	District Award of Merit Deadline

Program Preview A Success

The combined Roundtables of the Central and Southeast Districts proved to be informative and fun. Topics of discussion were Expanded Cub Program, School Night, increased youth registration fees, liability insurance, and the 1986-87 calendars. Thanks go to Hannah Allen and Jim Parker, Central District Roundtable Commissioners for organizing displays and refreshments. Bob Logan, J.C. Odom, Tiny Wright, and Alex Blake did excellent jobs with their displays. A special thank you goes to the Southeast District for hosting the Program Preview Conference.

School Night For Scouting

Each unit needs to assign a worker to the school(s) your unit draws boys from. This is very important and will insure that boys are properly registered and assigned to Packs and Troops. Your unit representative should be able to tell the group: Who sponsors your unit, where and when you meet, and who the leaders are.

Fast Start Training

These will be orientation sessions for new Cub and Scout volunteers. They will be held in the Gray Room Annex off of the gym at Porterfield Methodist Church in Albany. Training will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and should be through by 8:30 p.m. This is a must do requirement for the Quality Unit Award.

District Award of Merit

Applications can be picked up at the local Scout Office or from Steve Eriksen. These must be completed and turned back into the Scout Office by October 31 to be considered. No late applications will be accepted.

Annual Business Meeting, October 16

This is a special meeting at which 1986-87 District Officers are elected/relected to serve the Central District. All Scouting Coordinators are requested to attend. You are the units voting representative. The Annual Business Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the HCA Palmyra Medical Center.

Eagle Projects

There seems to be some confusion in the District concerning the approval process for Eagle Service Projects. According to the Advancement Guidelines printed by the National Council, the Scout must: Write up the project, get

Central District (Con't)

the District Advancement Committees approval **before** starting the project. For further information and Eagle Board of Reviews, call Keith Pry at 436-9171. Keith is the Central District Advancement Chairman.

Southeast District

District Chairman - Jack Perry
District Commissioner - Loris Asmussen
District Executive - Bill Brashear

Calendar

Sept. 18 School Night for Scouting
25 Cub Leader Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Worth County High School (Media Center), Sylvester
Oct. 9 Roundtable
13 District Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Worth County Board of Education, Sylvester
24-26 Camporee, Possum Poke, Poulan

Program Preview Successful

Thirty volunteers from the Southeast District benefited from the excellent program preview conference on August 21. In addition to support from the Central District, we thank Don and Mary Wauchope, Penelope and Dan Dawson, Ed and Nancy Wall, Lynn Cromer, Steve Golden, Bill Binger, Rodney Hutchinson, Garland Braswell, Nancy Miller, John Dye, Bussey Boker, David Hanner, Jerry Lewis, Bob Monk, Jim Golden, Henderson Wise, Roy Rankin, and Tom Wise. Their dedication to a quality program made the conference enjoyable for all.



Council Calendars Available

Contact Bill Brashear if your Pack, Troop, or Post has not yet received two copies of the Council Calendars for 1986-87. Call 386-0657 or 436-7226.

School Night For Scouting, September 18

Don't miss this chance to recruit new leaders and boys.

Nominations Being Accepted

Harold Cohen, District Nominating Committee Chairman is accepting nominations for all volunteer district positions. Please submit nominations to him before October 6. Elections will be held on October 13 at the Worth County Board of Education. All Scouting Coordinators and District Members are reminded to be present.

Camporee

Details for the October 24-26 Camporee at Possum Poke will be available at our October Roundtable. Be there to get the final word.

Northeast District

District Chairman - George Teaford
District Commissioner - Jimmy Tindol
District Executive - Ed Cendroski, Jr.

Calendar

Sept. 18 School Night for Scouting, 7:30 p.m.,

Elementary schools
17-19 Fall Camporee, Lake Blackshear, Georgia
31 District Award of Merit Nominations - Close

District Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting for the Northeast District will be October 9, 1986 at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park Conference Room in the headquarters building at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance by all Unit Scouting Coordinators is important so that we can elect Members-At-Large, District Chairman, and District Commissioner.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, under the leadership of Roy Parker is working hard on selecting their nominees for the Districts Members-At-Large. Their nominees will be brought to the attention of the Scouting Coordinators at the Districts Annual Business Meeting.

If you should have any nominations, send them to Roy Parker at P.O. Box 476, Americus, GA. 31709. They must be received by September 30, 1986.

Fall Camporee

The booklets for the Fall Camporee have already been mailed and all Scout Unit Leaders should have received them by now. If you have not received yours, call Debbie Bissett at 928-0523 so she can send you one.

Don't forget to pre-register your Troop or Webelos Den by September 26th.

District Banquet

Make plans to attend this years Adult Recognition Banquet, November 13th. You will be receiving information in the mail from Banquet Chairman, Brenda Saxon very shortly.

If you were at last years you know how well it went and will want to be there this year. If you missed last year, you won't want to miss this years.

Southwest District

District Chairman - Marvin Singletary
District Commissioner - Ben Strickland
District Executive - John Stacy

Congratulations to Trey Causey

Trey was selected by his SAT scores to attend a Talented Information Program at Duke University. He took a college level course in Latin and received a B in his studies. Trey is the first to represent our district in this program. Trey is an Eagle Scout, and son of Sara and Harvey Causey.

District Camporee October 17-19, 1986

Our District Camporee will be in conjunction with Northeast District. It will be held at Lake Blackshear. All troop leaders should have already received the camporee booklet. This booklet has all necessary information, as well as map and directions to get to the camporee site. If you have any questions, call me.

District Award of Merit Deadline

The deadline for nominations for the District Award of Merit is October 31. Every year we publicly recognize those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The volunteers are what make scouting happen. Nominate someone worthy of this honor. Get your nomination to me or mail it to the Council Office.

AND HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER?

Order of the Arrow News

The Immokalee Lodge of the Arrow will hold a Ordeal Induction Weekend on October 3, 4, & 5th at Camp Osborn. If you have Scouts in your Troop who were tapped out at Summer Camp but did not attend the August Induction Weekend, please advise them. The candidates need to arrive at Camp Osborn before 6:00 p.m. on Friday night (bring your own dinner). The Induction will conclude at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The fee for the weekend is \$20.00 for Ordeal Candidates and \$10.00 for members. The lodge will also conduct a Brotherhood Ceremony. Those members wishing to accept the Brotherhood degree will have an additional fee of \$6.00 (for Brotherhood sash). Reservations are required for this weekend and must be received in the Council Office no later than Friday, September 26.

On the weekend of August 22-24, the lodge conducted a work weekend and Ordeal Induction at Camp Osborn. Over thirty new members were inducted. A special new feature was added to this induction which will be used in all future inductions. The Elangomat Clan is a meaningful new way to induct new members. Candidates are divided into small groups, each group is headed by a Order of the Arrow Member. This member goes through the induction with his clan and serves as their guide and counselor. The first Elangomats were Ed Cendroski, District Executive, Northeast District; Mark Tippins, Troop 114, Easter Seals Center, Albany; Cleve Roland, Troop 3, St. Teresa's Church, Albany; and Chris Merritt, Troop 85, Colquitt First United Methodist Church.

Lodge elections were held for 1987, the new officers will be installed at the Lodge Banquet in December. Elected were Lodge Chief, Ben Horton, Troop 240, First Baptist Church, Cordele; Vice Chief, Chet Lapeza, Troop 240, First Baptist Church, Cordele; Vice Chief, David Latimer, Troop 100, Poulan Community Council; Secretary, Ashley Goss, Troop 31, Ashburn First United Methodist Church. The new lodge flap was introduced and placed on sale. The new flap has a red boarder. By action of the Lodge Executive Committee, the new flap will replace the three slap system previously used. All members will now wear the same color flap thus welding tightly the links of brotherhood throughout the lodge.

Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver is an award of the National Court of Honor given for outstanding service to youth. It is the highest award that can be given to an adult Scouter on a local Council level. Nominations for this award must be submitted to the local Council prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 1986. To nominate a candidate, contact the Council Service Center for a nomination form. If you know of a deserving Scouter, please make a nomination.

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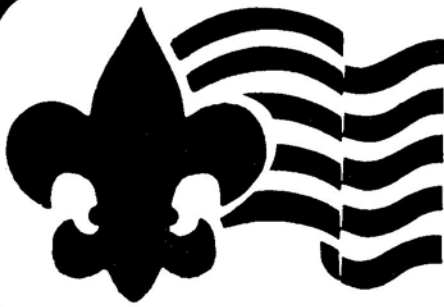
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Happy Birthday, Albany!

This year, marks the 150th birthday of the city of Albany. Founded in 1836, Albany has been around to witness some of the most significant events of American history. Since 1911 (one half of the time of Albany's existence), Boy Scouting has been apart of this and other communities across Southwest Georgia. In honor of the Sesquicentennial, we thought you might like to read an account of the first Scout Troop in Albany.

First Scout Troop Chartered 1911

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in Washington, D.C. in 1910. Immediately, community leaders all across the nation saw the value of this program of character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. The first Boy Scout Troop in Southwest Georgia was chartered in December 1911. The Scoutmaster was D.H. Redfearn. Mr. Redfearn later moved to Miami, Florida but in 1941, he wrote this account of one of the early Scout campouts in Southwest Georgia. The letter was written to Mr. Wilbur D. Owens, Sr., who would become President of the Bank of Albany.

Dear Wilbur,

Your letter of April 22nd enclosing kodak picture of the first Boy Scout Troop in Albany, reached me this morning. It recalled pleasant memories of long ago and set me to reminiscing. Perhaps it is a pardonable offense to reminisce on this one occasion. However, heretofore, I have believed that when a person begins to reminisce it is a sign that he is growing old and, for that reason, I have tried to look forward and thus keep young. When a man begins to talk of the old days, and says that in the good old days, the sunsets were brighter, the trees were taller, the rivers larger, the girls lovelier, and the moons brighter, it is a sign that he is growing old. Sometimes too it is evidence that his mind has cemented in such a way that he refuses to look forward and thus blocks progress. He then becomes so conservative that he wants things to remain as they are, and constantly looks back to the good old days when conditions were better.

I distinctly recall the occasion when this photograph was taken. I have a habit of keeping things on file, and thus I save much interesting information. After receiving your letter I looked through my files. I have an old Boy Scout file which I kept, and in it I found the certificate naming me as the first Boy Scoutmaster in Albany. It is dated December 13, 1911. I have also a partial list of the scouts of that day, among whom were Tom Malone, Albert Bullard, Adolphus Palin, Jim Tom Pullen, Felton Owens, Lansing Mays, Joe Adams, Edmund Jackson, Robert Arthur, Harry Arthur, Holcomb Tarver, Inman Owens, Eldred Sinkins, C.B. Barbre, Carl Greenstone, Edwin Smith, Hugh McClure, W.D. Sumter, John Adams, Dan Moseley, Ralph Riley, Charles Tyler, and W.G. Lagerquist.

As I recall, I agreed to take this troop of Boy Scouts on a twenty mile hike from Albany to Sylvester. I think we left on the afternoon of August 22, 1912. We hiked about nine miles and spent the night on the roadside. We thought we were "tough" and therefore carried no equipment except the barest necessities for the preparation of food and one blanket each. The fun and frolic of the occasions, the night under the stars, and the fact that several indulgent parents followed us in automobiles to the scene of the camp (automobiles looked so fine in 1912 that I did not think they could ever be improved), kept the boys from sleeping. I do not think that there were one who slept at all that night. The result was that about three o'clock the next morning we were on our way to Sylvester. We marched in good order the afternoon before, but by the time we reached Sylvester the next morning we were straggling in a line extending more than a mile, and some of the little boys just could make it, but all of them succeeded in walking the twenty miles. The ladies of Sylvester were ready for us the next morning with an excellent breakfast, served on the court house lawn. After breakfast we gathered in front of the south door of the court house and our photograph was taken. You will observe from it that we were rather a sleepy looking bunch. Our experiences of the night before and the long hike account for this sleepy appearance.

The faces of all the boys are familiar to me but I do not recall the names of any of them except W.G. Lagerquist and Felton Owens, who are seated in the front row, Charles Tyler and Eldred Sinkins, who are seated in the rear next to the column, and Inman Owens, who is seated near the right end of the second row from the top. These boys can doubtless name all the others in the photograph.

I had many pleasant experiences with these boys, which I now delight to recall. I took a group of them on a camp to Miller Springs, on the Ochlocknee River, in June 1911, and again in June 1912, and I also took a group of them there in July 1914. I have a lot of my old records pertaining to these camps, and I observe that the total cost was \$5.00 per boy, including his railroad fare. This is rather interesting in comparison with the expense of modern camps. Of course our railroad fare was only \$2.10 per person, and we camped only one week. We bought vegetables, chickens, and other supplies from the farmers near where we camped. I notice on the list that one day while we were in camp we bought ten chickens for \$1.70. Those evidently were the good old days. I remember that on the last day of the camp we gave all the boys all the fried chicken they could eat. The choicest pieces were given to those who had won certain prizes, and I recall that one of the boys won so many prizes that he got sick eating fried chicken.

Perhaps I have gone to reminiscing, and therefore I will close this letter and return to the future, for, as stated above, continual reminiscing on the part of any person is a sure sign that he is growing old.

Yours, sincerely,
D.H. Redfearn

Organ Transplant Drive Scouts' Newest Good Turn



The need for human organ and tissue transplant donations will be the focus of a nationwide appeal to be conducted this fall by the Boy Scouts of America.

A grant of \$400,000 to underwrite the program will come from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and substantial additional support is being provided by Dow Chemical Company.

BSA officials said the Good Turn, requested by President Reagan, will involve up to 1.5 million youth volunteers from Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Scout Teams, and Explorer posts.

Each will discuss organ and tissue donation with his (her) own family and four other households in the neighborhood. In addition, BSA youth members will distribute literature and donor cards and will take part in other donor awareness activities.

The goal will be to encourage family members to tell their next-of-kin their personal wishes relative to donation if they are involved in an accident resulting in their death.

The program is being conducted in cooperation with the American Council on Transplantation, an "Umbrella" organization of some 80 health-related agencies.

Kellogg officials called the donor awareness program "an important campaign," and Chief Scout Executive Ben H. Love, in accepting the \$400,000 funding support

said the grant will "ensure success (of a program) which will help untold numbers of Americans in need of vital transplants."

In addition to providing monetary backing and promotional literature, Dow Chemical Company has loaned a top executive to the BSA. Donald Hannegan, of Midland, Michigan, corporate director of purchasing, packaging and design, and product safety compliance, will serve as national volunteer coordinator of the Good Turn.

"We expect to reach up to six million American families," Chief Scout Executive Love said. He noted that last year over 17,000 American lives were lost due to a shortage of donated human tissue and organs.

In addition to meeting with families, Scouts will be asked to appear before school, community, and civic groups to talk about the Good Turn; design posters; encourage support from media; and volunteer their time to help member agencies of the American Council on Transplantation. Scouts and Explorers are being encouraged to invite non-BSA youth members to join them in conducting the Good Turn.

The campaign will run through the end of the year. A report will be given to President Reagan in Washington during the 1987 Scouting Anniversary Week celebration next February.

Duty To God Encampment

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thaden for the outstanding job they did coordinating the 1986 Duty to God Encampment. Over 150 Scouts and Scouters from both Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting attended this event held at Christ United Methodist Church. Highlights of the weekend included programs on Scoutings Religious Awards Program and a performance by the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. Congressman Charles Hatcher gave the welcoming address Saturday morning. Congressman Hatcher congratulated the Scouts on their many activities in Southwest Georgia and urged them onward in their service to God and Country. Once again, thanks to Blanche and Charlie for their hard work.

Central District

District Chairman - Doug Parker
District Commissioner - Blaine Stover
District Executive - Steve Eriksen

Calendar

- Oct. 31 Deadline to turn in nominees for District Award of Merit
- Nov. 4 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 at the HCA Palmyra Medical Center
- 6 Central District Recognition Banquet
- 11 Cub and Scout Roundtables, 7:30 at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior
- 14-16 Central District Fall Camporee at Chehaw Park
- 20 District Committee Meeting, 12 Noon at the HCA Palmyra Medical Center
- 27-28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

District Annual Business Meeting

This is a special meeting of the district to elect/re-elect officers for the 1986-87 term. Those eligible to vote are Scouting Coordinators, District Members-At-Large and Council Members-At-Large who are currently registered and residing within the districts boundaries. See above for date, time and place.

Fall Camporee

This years camporee promises to be very exciting. It will be held at the Chehaw Park in the family camping section. This will enable us to have water spigots and tables in each campsite and a central bath-house with hot showers. There will be 5 events that stress Scouting skills found in the Boy Scout Handbook. They are: Firestarting, Knot-Tying, Rescue Relay, First Aid, Flagpole Raising, and Compass Course. The registration fee will be \$5.50 for each boy and adult that attends. For more information you can get a camporee booklet at the Scout Office or the Roundtable Meeting.

District Recognition Banquet

What an opportunity to get together with other Scouters to have fellowship, get the recognition you deserve, and install the new district officers. This year's banquet will be held November 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the HCA Palmyra Cafeteria. Tickets will be \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door and can be purchased at the Scout office or from district committee members.

Reading Merit Badge

The Dougherty County Public Library has agreed to have a counselor at each of its 5 locations for the Reading Merit Badge. Each Scout must call to make an appointment and bring a copy of the merit badge requirements with them. The library personnel reserve the right to limit the number of Scouts being counseled during a given time period.

Welcome to Our Newest Unit

Troop 1 is sponsored by the V.F.W. Post 2785 on Philema Road. Their Scoutmaster is Harry Shemery and they are planning for a great program this year.

Southwest District

District Chairman - Marvin Singletary
District Commissioner - Ben Strickland
District Executive - John Stacy

Calendar

- Oct. 17-19 District Camporee, Lake Blackshear Flint River Boat Club
Nov. 4 District Committee Meeting
20 District Banquet

Fall Membership Growth

Congratulations to our District volunteers. School Night 1986 was the most successful such event in our history. A total of 24 Tiger Cubs, 29 Cub Scouts and 1 Scout joined for a grand total of 54 new members. In addition to this record, 48 out of 54 new members subscribed to Boys' Life Magazine. This continues to make the Southwest District one of the leaders in the Southeastern United States in Boys' Life subscriptions. Last year, our district was third in the Southeast Region (nine southern States) in percentage of boys subscribing to Boys' Life. Congratulations leaders in this measurement of quality Scouting. Our district is off to a great program year as a result of School Night. Our district membership is now:

Tiger Cubs - 37, Cub Scouts - 113, Scouts - 91, Explorers - 167, Total - 408.

Northeast District

District Chairman - George Teaford
District Commissioner - Jimmy Tindol
District Executive - Ed Cendroski, Jr.

Calendar

- Oct. 31 District Award of Merit Nominations close
Nov. 13 District Adult Recognition Banquet, Anchored Flint, Lake Blackshear

Fall Camporee

The Northeast District and Southwest District Camporee is shaping up to be the best ever. Don't miss this exciting weekend at Lake Blackshear.

Not all units have pre-registered yet, and we need to know how many to expect and prepare for. To preregister call Debbie Bissett at 928-0523 or John Stacy at 776-6871.

District Adult Banquet

The 1986 District Adult Recognition Banquet will be held at the Anchored Flint Restaurant on Lake Blackshear. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the District Award of Merit to a District volunteer.

Each unit leader will be mailed a letter explaining all the information you will need to know. Make plans to have your unit well represented by committee members, parents and friends.

Thanks

It has been 2½ years since I have been a part of your community and district. I have enjoyed being in both your community and district as a District Executive and a person. It is with sadness that I must tell you this:

I have accepted a promotional opportunity with the Tukabatchee Council in Montgomery, Alabama effective October 16, 1986.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you in bringing a quality program to the youth in our communities. I know I will value the friendships with each one of you very much and will take them with me wherever I go.

I will be important that you support the new District Executive as you have supported me. By doing so, you will guarantee the same excellence that you have shown for years.

Yours in Scouting, Ed Cendroski, Jr.

Southeast District

District Chairman - Jack Perry
District Commissioner - Loris Asmussen
District Executive - Bill Brashear

Calendar

- Oct. 24-26 Camporee, Possum Poke
31 District Award of Merit Nominations Deadline
Nov. 10 District Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Georgia Power Building, Tifton
13 Roundtable

Thanks to School Night Volunteers

Our 1986 School Night for Scouting campaign was a great success because of the coordinated effort of so many volunteers. Over 40 people contributed to the effort. Scouting has reached more new boys and adults in September 1986, than in any other month in the history of our district. Congratulations to Jim Clayton and the School Night Teams.

New Units

Let's welcome the two newest Explorer Posts in our district. Post 34, is chartered to the Ashburn Fire Department. Willie Turner is the advisor. Post 100 is chartered to WSGY (Y-100 radio station). Sharon Dyson is the advisor.

Training

Many of our new leaders participated in the training session on Sept. 25. As always, there were some who were not able to attend. If you know of anyone who needs training, contact Bill Brashear (436-7226 or 386-0657).



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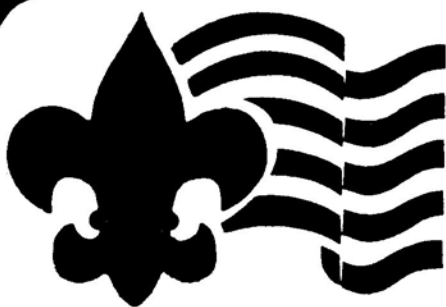
Plans are now developing for a 1987 trip to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Sam Thompson who lead the 1986 trip will again serve as Tour Leader. Actual dates have not yet been set but the trip will take place once again in July after the close of Summer Camp operations at Camp Osborn. The cost for the trip is still being developed but will again cost approximately \$650. Limited space will be available so you may want to send in your reservations now. Fifty dollars will hold a space for a Scout, a special time payment plan will be sent to accomodate easy payment of the full fee. More details will appear next month in the News of Scouting.

S.W.A.T. Round-Up October 1 - December 15

The Scout Round-Up began October 1 and will continue through December 15, 1986. This year the theme is S.W.A.T. (Scouting Wonderful Adventure Trail). The Round-Up is again sponsored by Domino's Pizza. Leaders are encouraged to deputize their Scouts as members of the S.W.A.T. Team. Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Varsity Scouts are eligible to participate. Each boy who recruits a new member will receive the special Round-Up patch. Each boy who recruits 10 new members will receive a free small pizza from Domino's. Adults who recruit five new members will earn the Round-Up mug. Eligible adults include Tiger Cub Coordinators, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Webelo Leaders, and Scoutmasters. Unit Commissioners can also earn the mug award when each unit assigned to them qualifies for the recognition. A special S.W.A.T. Academy Graduation and Recognition Program will be held at the end of the Round-Up. Domino's Pizza will be served and patches and mugs will be awarded.

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Congressman Charles Hatcher

Council Banquet, February 5, 1987

The Council Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, February 5th, 7:00 P.M. at Albany Junior College on Gillionville Road in Albany. The ticket price will be \$10.00 per person. At the banquet, the Council will present the Silver Beaver Awards for 1986. We will also honor the Scouts who have earned the Eagle Scout Award in 1986. Our special Eagle Scout Presenter will be Congressman Charles Hatcher of the Georgia Second Congressional District United States House of Representatives. Congressman Hatcher will bring congratulatory greetings to the 1986 Eagle Class. As a special feature, Congressman Hatcher will present each Scout who earned the Eagle Scout Award in 1986, a United States Flag which has been flown over the Nations Capitol in Washington, D.C. Each Eagle Scout will be the guest of the Council and will receive a ticket in the mail along with a confirmation card to be returned to the Council Office. Tickets will go on sale at the Council Office on December first. You may also purchase tickets from your District Scout Executive.

Drug Abuse And The Boy Scouts Of America

The Boy Scouts of America has long been concerned about drug abuse, particularly as it has affected young people. We have consistently spoken out about the dangers of alcohol and other damaging substances. For both moral and practical reasons, we have always voiced our opposition to the use of drugs by our members. But the problem of drug abuse has grown so large that the fabric of our society is threatened.

"Drugs are menacing our society. They're threatening our values and undercutting our institutions. They're killing our children," said President Reagan recently.

"Today, there's a drug and alcohol epidemic in this country, and no one is safe from it - not you, not me, and certainly not our children, because this epidemic has their names written on it," said the First Lady.

Our response to this clear call to action will be a hard-hitting educational campaign entitled, "Drugs: A Deadly Game!" This vital message will be directed at all young people, both in and outside of Scouting. It will be totally supportive of the program now being implemented by law enforcement posts.

Communications materials dramatizing the perils of drug abuse will be delivered to councils by February 1, 1987. The basic package, geared for unit consumption, will include a full-color brochure, a videotape of testimonials by role models, and training programs for volunteers and professionals. All of this will be supported in our Scouting literature and in **Boys' Life** and **Scouting** Magazine articles. Full participation in this vital crusade is necessary to create an outspoken intolerance for drug use by all Americans. We **must** inculcate in our youth an awareness of the hazards of drug abuse. We must teach them to "just say no to drugs."

Four unacceptables in society outlined by Chief Scout Executive

In the past few months, the BSA has eagerly embarked upon new and uncharted frontier ranging from implementation of the Donor Awareness Presidential Good Turn, production of a booklet on child abuse, to development of the new national program planning process. All of these endeavors were discussed in detail at the regional All Hands conferences held in August.

In addition to discussion of these endeavors at the six regional All Hands conferences, Chief Scout Executive Ben Love succinctly outlined the road ahead for the Scouting movement and identified four issues that he refers to as *unacceptables* in terms of their devastating impact on our society. He pledged that "the BSA will play a key role in combating these *unacceptables*."

The first *unacceptable* facing our society is **drug abuse**. Not a day goes by without some major news report of the drug problem and its disastrous effects. So serious is the issue of drug abuse that President and Mrs. Reagan have now declared a new offensive to fight this growing menace. We are involved in this fight also. The BSA will soon initiate a hard-hitting educational campaign entitled "Drugs: A Deadly Game." Our message and materials will be directed to all young people, both in and outside of Scouting. Ben Love has advised Scout executives of the details.

The second *unacceptable* is **illiteracy**. Statistics reveal that nearly 25 million adults in our society are functionally illiterate. Scouting has wonderful tools with which to fight this problem. *The Official Boy Scout Handbook* exposes millions of youth to the principles of outdoor skills, responsible citizenship, history, energy and conservation, and health and safety. *Boys' Life* magazine is another source we have with which to fight illiteracy. It is the best place for young readers to discover some of the best writers America has produced. *Boys' Life* has featured the works of Jack London, Pearl S. Buck, Orville Wright, Willy Mayes, John Glenn, Vince Lombardi, Bill Cosby, and many others. Few other magazines can lay claim to such a distinguished group.

The third issue is **child abuse**, a problem that afflicts countless families from all walks of life. BSA's new booklet, *Child Abuse...Let's Talk About It*, urges discussions between parents and children and suggests steps to take to confront this issue. To date, more than 100,000 copies of the book have been printed and distributed to families and businesses as an aid to their employees in dealing with this problem.

And finally, the fourth *unacceptable* and perhaps the culmination of the other three is the tragedy of **unemployment**. Without proper self esteem, physical and mental preparedness, and spiritual awareness, there is almost no way that a person can successfully function in our complex society.

These *unacceptables* are real and tragic, and they weigh heavily on our society. Yet, they are surmountable. Scouting is committed to confronting these problems facing our nation.

Attention Scoutmasters

Eagle Scout Award applications arrive at the National Eagle Scout Service at the rate of 125-150 a working day. While the validation and processing now requires no more than four or five days, we continue to recommend that Unit Eagle Scout Courts of Honor be scheduled not less than four weeks following the date the application is submitted to the Eagle Scout Service by your Council. It requires that long to prepare a proper Court of Honor as well as allowing for application/award transmittal time.

Under extremely unusual circumstances, National is willing and able to extend one day turn around service on Eagle Scout Award applications as well as return the certificates to the local Council by overnight express mail.

Less than 1% of the time, National is required to return an application for additional data or correction. By and large they are forced to do so for the following reasons:

1. The Scout has not been a Life Scout for six months **prior** to his Eagle Scout Board of Review.
2. The service in an **approved** leadership position has not been for a period of a **full six months following** his becoming a Life Scout. (Assistant Patrol Leader is not an approved position.)
3. If the applicant is over 18 years of age and if the Board of Review takes place more than 92 days following his 18th birthday there must be a letter of explanation explaining the delay. The National Boy Scout Advancement Committee has mandated this documentation.

If the Council Staff may be of help to you or your Eagle candidates, please do not hesitate to ask. Last year, our Council awarded forty two Eagle Scout Awards. To date in 1986, we have awarded 23 Eagle Awards. Congratulations leaders on this excellent record.

Holiday Activities - Heritage Foundation

Thronateeska Heritage Foundation will have a Christmas tree lighting at Heritage Plaza on December 1, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. The general public is invited but we are especially inviting Scouts, Riverhouse, Liberty House, Oak Tree, Retired Citizens, Association for Retarded Citizens, etc.

We will have a thirty minute program of music performed by various choirs and hot cocoa will be served.

The Wetherbee Planetarium will have a special showing of "The Star of Bethlehem" for anyone interested that evening.

'86 Tax Reform and Giving At Year-End

The recently enacted Tax Reform Act of 1986 will affect almost everyone. The provision will be phased in beginning January 1, 1987.

The remaining time in 1986 provides us an opportunity to consider some valuable savings that will not be available in future years.

Next year, the maximum rate will be 38.5 percent (50 percent currently) and dropping to a maximum average rate of 28 percent in 1988 and beyond. Most taxpayers will actually pay at a rate of only 15 percent after Tax Reform 1986.

Popular deductions such as sales tax, entertainment expenses and medical expenses will be eliminated or limited by our tax law, however, the standard deduction will be increased. Some individuals who have deductible expenses prior to tax reform to itemize may not have enough deductions in

TAX WISE GIVING NOW IN 1986 BENEFITS SCOUTING IN 1987 AND BEYOND!

Consider:

1. Making your 1987 SME gift now before December 31, 1986 (Advantage for **NON-ITEMIZERS** and **ITEMIZERS**)
2. Making a gift of appreciated property, stocks, securities, insurance and other assets to the Council Endowment Fund and/or Sustaining Membership Enrollment (SME).

1987 and will not be allowed to deduct charitable gifts next year. Gifts of non-cash property will remain deductible at fair market value for all who itemize their deductions. 1986 is the first and last year that non-itemizers can enjoy the same deductions for charitable gifts as itemizers.

Lower tax rates mean many people who wish to support Scouting should consider making larger gifts in 1986. Each deduction claimed will generate a savings based upon the donor's tax rate. The higher the rate, the greater the savings from deductions. Consider making some of your charitable gifts planned for 1987 in 1986, and you may find that you will be able to give more at less cost.

Consider gifts of cash and securities. Your tax advisor or other professional planner can be of special help.

Central District

District Chairman - Doug Parker
District Commissioner - Blaine Stover
District Executive - Steve Eriksen

Calendar

Nov. 27-28	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 2	Commissioner Staff Meeting, 7:30 at the HCA Palmyra Medical Center
Dec. 9	Cub & Scout Roundtables, 7:30 at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Dec. 12	Order of the Arrow Lodge Banquet
Dec. 18	District Committee Meeting, 12 Noon at the HCA Palmyra Medical Center
Dec. 25-26	Office Closed for Christmas

District Banquet

Many thanks to Cathy Parker, her committee, and the cafeteria staff of HCA Palmyra for a splendid banquet. Each year we are honored to present a select few Scouters with the District Award of Merit. This is the highest award a district can bestow upon a volunteer. Our 1986 honorees are: J.C. Odom, Jr.; Blanche Thaden; and Dr. Ernest W. Benson. If you see one of these people please thank them for their many hours of work to help the youth of our communities.

Welcome To Our Newest Units

Post 14 is sponsored by the HCA Palmyra Medical Center. Their Advisor is Chuck Davis and the Explorer Post will specialize in High Tech Medicine. Pack 213 of Dawson is sponsored by the Atoc AME Church and Rudolph Oliver is their Cubmaster.

1986-87 District Officers

Chairman	Doug Parker	Advancement	Keith Pry
Vice Chairman	Luke Flatt	Publicity	Dan Carter
Membership	Bob Barnes	Exploring	Mark Goodyear
Finance	Juanita Cribb	In-School Scouting	Eldon Evans
Camp Promotion	Blaine Stover		

Northeast District

District Chairman - George Teaford
District Commissioner - Jimmy Tindol
District Executive - Paul Ransdell

New District Executive

Scout Executive, Tom Dugger announces the employment of Paul Ransdell as District Executive for the Northeast District. Paul will join our Scouting family on November 15, 1986. A graduate of Georgetown College, Paul majored in English and minored in Communication Arts. As a boy, Paul was a member of Troop 43 in the Old Kentucky Home Council in Louisville, Kentucky. Paul is married to the former Jamie Lusby, They have been residing in Georgetown, Kentucky. We look forward to Paul and Jamie joining our Scouting family. Welcomes and greetings may be addressed to the Council Service Center.

District Officers

The following Scouters have been appointed by the District Nominating Committee for the 1987 program year.

District Chairman ...	George Teaford	Membership Chairman ..	Bill Krinson
Vice Chairman	Billy Blair	Exploring Chm. ...	Wayne Middleton
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District Commr.....	Jimmy Tindol		

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

District Chairman - Jack Perry
District Commissioner - Loris Asmussen
District Executive - (Served by Scout Executive)

Calendar

Dec. 4 District Banquet, Magnolia Restaurant,
Sylvester
Dec. 8 District Meeting, Ga. Power Bldg. Tifton
Dec. 11 Roundtable, To Be Announced

Camporee

Despite the weather, we had an excellent camporee. We wish to thank all those leaders who helped as well the Hobb's Family for giving us a tour of Possum Poke.

Banquet

The 1986 District Banquet will be held at the Magnolia Restaurant in Sylvester at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4. Seating is limited. Only the first 70 paid reservations will be accepted. You may make your reservations by sending \$6.00 to the Service Center at 930 West Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, Ga. 31701. Make checks payable to the Boy Scouts and indicate that the money is for the Southeast Banquet.

New District Leaders

John Cole will be our District Chairman for 1987. He was raised in Mitchell County, married Judy DuPriest of Worth County, and resides in Tift County.

John Golden is our new District Commissioner. He moved to Tifton from Albany and has served in many capacities in Scouting.

Bill Brashear Departs

I have accepted a position with Cherokee Council in Burlington, NC effective November 15. It is difficult leaving the many friends I have made here through Scouting.

I know that you will continue to be successful in the Southeast District. Your enthusiasm was evident at our recent camporee. Continue to work together to build a quality program for our boys.

Southwest District

District Chairman - Marvin Singletary
District Commissioner - Ben Strickland
District Executive - John Stacy

District Award of Merit

The Southwest District has presented the District Award of Merit to George Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd, City Manager of Blakely, Georgia, was presented the award at the District Sustaining Membership Enrollment Victory Dinner held at Kolomoki State Park. George has served as a member of the District Finance Committee. As a member of the committee, he helped expand the Sustaining Membership base in the Southwest Georgia District, which resulted in the District achieving 100% of its 1986 S.M.E. goal.

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