



Baden-Powell District

"Scouting Is Fun Stuff!"

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Dear Scouters:

This is my first attempt to put together this weekly news letter and I'll be the first to tell you that when I was in college computers were as big as busses and you had to punch cards to get the things to work. Now as I sit and work on this news letter using a laptop computer, I was reminded that the computer I'm using has more functions and can work three times faster than all of the computers that were in the Apollo Command Module that took the United States to the Moon.

For those members of the Baden Powell District who I have not met yet, allow me to tell you a little about myself. I started my Scouting journey here in the Last Frontier Council in 1967 when I joined Pack 60 at Townsend Elementary School in Del City. After earning the Arrow of Light I moved on to Scouting, joining Troop 673. After my Father retired from the U.S. Navy I moved with my family to Ada where I joined Troop 9 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

After graduating from East Central Oklahoma State University in Ada, I was commissioned into the U.S. Army where I spent the next 10 years. After leaving the Army in 1988, I join the professional service of the BSA becoming a District Executive in El Paso, Texas. I have served districts in Texas, Montana, Guam, Hawaii, Colorado, Mississippi, and I have now come home to the Last Frontier Council, where I started scouting 43 years ago.

Enough about me lets talk about the Baden-Powell District. My goal is to work on this weekly news letter every Sunday and email it to everyone on the District contact list every Monday. Right now I'm on information overload, but I'm catching up fast and soon I'll have everything working on all eight cylinders. I've put together some bullet points that are important for the next several weeks.

1. Cub Scout Winter Day. This event was cancelled because no one had signed up by Wednesday and the District could not justify the expenditure of funds. We apologize for any problems this might have caused to any Packs who might have decided to attend after it was cancelled.
2. Family Friends of Scouting: I'm in the process of contacting all the units (Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, and Venture Crews) in the District to confirm your unit's participation and the date you want a member of the Trailblazer Team to attend. If you have your date already on your calendar, please email it to me. A District Trailblazer will attend your Blue and Gold Banquet, Court-of-Honor, or other special event or activity and make the presentation.
3. Volunteer Leader Training: This Saturday at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, all District Committee Members and Commissioners are invited to attend a training to support you in your District Committee position you accepted through the Nominating Committee. We start at 8:00 am and will be finished at 3:00 pm. Make plans now to attend, by completing the training you'll gain a wealth of knowledge that will help support the units in the Baden-Powell District.

4. District Banquet/Ice Cream Social: It was decided at our last Roundtable that instead of a formal “Banquet” to honor our District Volunteers that we would instead have an Ice Cream Social. The District is providing the Ice Cream with toppings and the Date will be Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Nominations for awards should be submitted as soon as possible. If you can’t find a formal award application, simply write why you feel this volunteer should be awarded this award and submit it to the LFC. All awards should be in no later than Monday February 8th.
5. Webelos Woods: This year’s theme for the Webelos Woods is “Wild, Wild Webelos”. It will be held at Camp George Thomas March 26 – 28. Mr. Darrin Cranford, a very accomplished scouter, has agreed to serve as Chairman for this fun filled event. For more information please contact Darrin or Becky at the LFC.
6. Council Pinewood Derby: The Last Frontier Council’s annual Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th. At the time of this news letter that is all the information I have, I will look into this event and hopefully be able to give you more specific information within the next few weeks.
7. Twilight Camp: Once again, one of the best Best Cub Scouters in the Baden-Powell District, Ms Cindy Rogers will be directing the “Twilight Camp” for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Camp will be held June 7 – 11 at John Thomas Scout Ranch (formally called Camp Kickapoo), I know that Cindy is hard at work making sure that each Cub Scout and Webelos who attends has a life changing,

scouting experience that they will tell all of their friends about. If you and your Cub Scout miss this event, you will probably miss the best summer time activity that both of you could have had. For more information please attend Roundtable where additional information will be available.

8. Troop 168 Merit Badge Fair: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church on February 27, 2010 starting at 8:00 am, Troop 168 will be hosting a Merit Badge Fair for scouts needing both Eagle required and non-required merit badges. Cost is only \$20.00 for this one day event. For more information please contact Darrin Cranford at (405) 721-1549 or email him at mbf@troop168.net.

I will strive to have more specific information for the next weekly news letter which will come out Monday, February 1st. If you have questions you can call me at 209-8685 or email me at William.R.Taylor@Scouting.org. I'll also try to add some pictures of activities to this news letter as events happen. In the meantime, "Good Scouting to Everyone".

P.S. Just a reminder, this Baden-Powell News Letter is Volume 1, Issue 1. Keep an eye out for Volume 1, Issue 2, coming to a computer near you.