

May 2002

CONGRATULATIONS

Each year, the Greater St. Louis Area Council appoints a committee from all over the Council area to select Scouters who deserve to be recognized as outstanding boy leaders and who are leaders in providing programs for both Scouting and the community. We have such a Scouter this year.

Randy Hetz will receive the Silver Beaver Award on Wednesday, May 29 at the Council Dinner and business meeting. The dinner will be held at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis.

If you would like to attend, invitations were sent out to each Unit Leader with the necessary information. These invitations are designed to include each Unit member.

Fellowship begins at 6:00pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The evening program will begin at 7:15pm.

LAST NEWSLETTER

Since this will be the last official newsletter until August, I will try to include all the information for the summer activities. Each month, there will be an update on the District web site at

http://homestead.com/rivertrailsdistrict/index. html

This site may be accessed from any computer that is capable of inter-net access. Some libraries will have access for adults or someone you know may have access.

Log onto the inter-net, type in the address and look for the Cub Scout section, then "Cub Round-tables".

SUMMER-TIME PACK AWARD

Planning should be in the finishing stages for your Units Summertime Activities. Units should plan at least one activity each month during the summer. This not only qualifies them for the Award, but also keeps your boys and their parents active in the Unit.

Activities could be a picnic, trip to a zoo or nature area, or just go on a swimming outing. Any outing that will hold the interest of the families will be good. Day Camp, with enough Unit members participating, will count as an activity In the Program Planning Packet that you will receive at the Annual Fall Kickoff, there will be an application for the Award.

For more information, contact the District Activities Chairperson, Julia Mahoney at (636) 274-7016 or our District Executive Keith Messer at (314) 256-3026.

DAY CAMPS

Your unit will soon need to have the volunteers for the Day Camp program ready and waiting for the fun days of Day Camp. Our District will hold 4 camps this summer. "UNDER THE SEA" directors will be:



CUB WORLD – BEAUMONT JUNE 17 – 21 PAM DAVIS, DIRECTOR (636) 677-1883

ARNOLD CITY PARK JUNE 24 – 28 CAROL McCLINTOCK, DIRECTOR (636) 282-9297

HILLSBORO CITY PARK EVENING CAMP JULY 8 – 12 MELANIE PIPPIN, DIRECTOR

CRYSTAL CITY PARK JULY 15 – 19 RENEE GROBE, DIRECTOR (636) 931-7677

If you have special resources or want to be on staff of any of these camps, call the director to make arrangements.

There is still time to receive the Camper Discount if the fees are paid by May 15.

ANNUAL FALL KICKOFF

In August of each year, at the regular monthly Roundtable, a Program Planning Kickoff meeting is held. River Trails District will present the program for the coming year 2002–2003. The Scouting year begins in August each year.

To prepare for this meeting, bring as many Unit members as you possibly can so everyone in your unit will be up-to-date on the coming years program.

The meeting will be held at the Festus /Crystal City Elks, on August 8, 2001. Starting time will be 6:30pm.

At this meeting, all training dates, District activities and other important dates will be on hand. Refreshments will be on hand.

CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING

Don't forget to give your COR a call and remind them that the COR training will be held at St. Lukes Church on May 18, 2002. Also be sure to invite them to the district Program Planning Kick-off.

The program will begin with registration at 8:00am and the program will end at noon.

LEADER OUT-DOOR EXPERIENCE

The date for this adult activity is May 10 - 11. the cost is \$15.00 per person and includes 2 meals. There is a reservation **deadline** of May 6.

The event will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation. For more information or a reservation form, call the Training Department at Council Service Center at (314) 361-0600.

This event takes the place of the Webelos Leader Overnight and should be a must for Leaders planning on taking their group on a summer camping experience.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAMS

The NPS is offering some free programs for Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts. Most of the programs will be held at the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse. Arrow points and achievements can be earned as a result of these programs.

Reservations must be made one month in advance. To make reservations for Scouting activities, call (314) 655-1700.

One of the activities is a tram ride to the top of the Arch. Giant-screen movies about the history of the Arch and some of the trips of Lewis and Clark are also presented.

FAMILY CAMPING SKILLS WEEKEND

Grab a friend and introduce them to Cub Scout camping and activities. On Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, a program of fun and games will be held at Cub World, located on the Beaumont Scout Reservation.

Registration starts at 8:00am June 22 and activities will end with a campfire at 7:30pm. Sunday will be a time to explore Cub World and experience the different possibilities for having fun at a Scout Camp.

The program is geared toward younger boys and their parents. Each family, den, and/or pack will be responsible for meal planning and preparation and all camping gear.

This is a family outing and all family members are invited. Non-registered participants will be charged a 50cent fee for insurance purposes.

Call Kelly House for more information. (314) 575-1509.

If you would like to help with the activities, be sure to let Kelly know.

WEB-SITES

Congratulations to Pack 722 for their outstanding website. It is very well done and the information list is great. If anyone wants to visit the Pack 722 site, go to:

http://www.burecinc.com/pack722/

Pack 482 also has a very well done site that gives lots of information about Pack and District activities. Look at:

http://twincitycoc.com/pack482/

This a good example of a communications

tool that is becoming more and more popular.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!!