

# THE ECHO

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**NEW LOOK FOR THE ECHO**

We've changed the look and presentation of the council newsletter to serve you more efficiently. Beginning this month, the main newsletter will deal with council-level information only. This will include articles about council camps, training, recognition, finance, etc.

Your district articles will be found on the new "Up to Date Information" site.

- Go to the council web-page ([www.okawbsa.org](http://www.okawbsa.org))
- Click on the "Up to Date Information" link in the large rectangle, just below the signpost.
- Find your district name and click on it.

These district sites are updated weekly so be sure to check back often. It's also the place to get your event reservations forms, camporee flyers, etc.

**SPRING JOIN SCOUTING NIGHT**

April 22, 2004 is the date for this year's Spring Join Scouting Night. Packs and troops that recruit new members will be eligible for tickets to upcoming St. Louis Cardinals baseball games. For each new Scout your recruit, your unit will receive two Cardinals Baseball tickets.

Note that there are selected games for this promotion and a limited amount of seating available for each game. These tickets will be issued on a first come-first served basis.

Contact your District Executive to set up your Spring Join Scouting Night and get in on the excitement of a Cardinals Baseball game!

**PROGRAM PREVIEW SESSIONS IN MAY**

Mark your calendars for May 6, 2004, the date of the Annual Program Preview Sessions. This is perhaps the most important roundtable of the year because it's the time when your unit will receive ALL the information you need to plan a quality Scouting program for your Scouts. Here's just a sampling of what you can expect to get at the 2004 Program Preview Session in your district.

- Your copy of the 2004-2005 Council Program Calendar
- Information on the Fall 2004 Popcorn Sales
- Information on the Fall 2004 Scouting for Food Good Turn
- Information on the BSA's year-long "Good Turn for America" project
- Dates and Reservation forms for Summer Camp at Joy and Cub Scout and Webelos Resident Camp in 2005.
- Dates and details about upcoming Council Training Events (Wood Badge, University of Scouting and more).

Be sure to check your District Information on the "OVC Update Pages" for the specific time and location of your Program Preview session in May. Then, make SURE your unit is well-represented that night!

**SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE**

BY JIM GILBERT

**COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER**

One of the best ways that we can teach our Scouts leadership skills is by example. As we make initial plans for the 2004-2005 program year please make sure to involve as many parents and committee members a possible...the larger your team is, the more you can accomplish. We also want to make sure that we as leaders deal with each other using the Scout Oath and Law. I believe that the upfront effort on these two issues will pay large dividends.

Here are some interesting facts about geese that outline the benefits of teamwork:

Geese flying in a V-formation have always been a welcome sign of spring as well as a sign that heralds the coming of winter. Not only is this a marvelous sight, but there are some remarkable lessons that we can learn from the flight of the geese, because all that they do has significance-

1. As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for others behind it. There is 71 percent more flying range in V-formation than in flying alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of purpose can get there more quickly.

2. Whenever a goose flies out of formation, it feels drag and tries to get back into position.

Lesson: It's harder to do something alone than together.

3. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head.

Lesson: Shared leadership and interdependence give us each a chance to lead as well as an opportunity to rest.

4. The geese flying in the rear of the formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: Encouragement is motivating. We need to make sure our "honking" is encouraging-and not discouraging.

5. When a goose gets sick or wounded and falls, two geese fall out and stay with it until it revives or dies. Then they catch up or join another flock.

Lesson: We may all need help from time to time. We should stand by our colleagues in difficult times.

A big thank you to all who attended the Annual Council Dinner on March 27. It was a wonderful evening of celebration.

We were able to surprise John Rule, Leo Desmond, and Larry Wimpe by honoring them for their devotion to Okaw Valley Council and their work on the new Council Service Center.

Our newest Silver Beaver recipients are

- David Bruchhauser
- Percy McKinney
- Jim Peterson
- Lynne Taylor
- Martha Ward and
- Roger Wentz

Congratulations to each of them!

Special thanks to several Scout groups for their help at the dinner.

- Venturing Crew 932 for the flag presentation;
- Venturing Crew 932,
- Troop 52 and Troop 94 who were our servers for the evening;

We also express our thanks to the Dinner Committee for organizing the evening and to everyone else who contributed to the success of the evening.

Make plans now to attend next year's dinner and celebrate the many achievements in the Okaw Valley Council.

## Fun with Son

The council Fun with Son weekends are scheduled for June 11-12 at Camp Joy and July 9-10 at Camp Vandeventer. This is a great weekend for a Cub Scout and a parent to spend some quality time, enjoying a well-planned program, nutritious meals and a great night of camping in the woods. And, at a cost of only \$10.00 per participant, it's a real bargain, too!

Fun with Son registration flyers available at roundtables and from the Council Scout Shop. You can also download the registration form from the "Up To Date Information" section of the council website, [www.okawbsa.org](http://www.okawbsa.org). Go to Cub Scout Camping Opportunities and click on the Fun w/ Son article. We hope to see you at one of the Fun with Son weekends this summer!

## ***CUB SCOUT CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES***

## W.O.W.

What's WOW? It's fun, it's exciting, it's a real "wow experience." Actually, "WOW" stands for Webelos Outdoor Weekend and it is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday September 11-12 at Camp Vandeventer. At WOW, Webelos and their adult leaders will experience Camp Vandeventer in a whole new way. "WOW" is not a mini-version of Webelos Resident Camp nor is it a "Fun with Son" for older Scouts. It's all new, all exciting and it's for YOU if you are currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

At WOW, you'll have the chance to learn many outdoor skills that will prove to be invaluable when you transition into Boy Scouting. You'll learn to cook for yourself (all food and materials provided by the camp), pitch your own tent, learn more about the nature and beauty of Camp Vandeventer and much more.

Flyers for "WOW" are available through the Council Scout Shop and at roundtables. And, just as with the Fun w/ Son flyer, you can download a WOW registration form from the "Up To Date Information" section of the council website, [www.okawbsa.org](http://www.okawbsa.org). Go to Cub Scout Camping Opportunities and click on the WOW article. Fill out a form and plan now to join us this September at the first annual Webelos Outdoor Weekend.

## What's new at Camp Joy?

This summer at Camp Joy will be an awesome experience. Our First Class Trail program has been re-written to bring new excitement to the vital basic Scout skills. This summer, the skills will be taught at First and Second Class Trail and a score sheet will be given to the Scoutmasters to know what was taught. It will then be the Scoutmaster's responsibility to verify that his Scouts have retained the new skills they learned.

This summer the Outpost Program will focus on the Lewis and Clark anniversary with the "Corps of Discovery Outpost Camp".

The Order of the Arrow will have a greater presence in camp with the introduction of the OA Outpost for members following the Ice Cream Social on Tuesday evening. A new Brotherhood recommitment will be offered also.

All Scoutmasters and Adult Leaders are invited to attend the pre-camp leaders meeting at Camp Joy on Saturday, June 5. It will be a great day of fellowship and service as we prepare Camp for the summer season, and review the upcoming summer program.

## ***BOY SCOUT CAMPING at CAMP JOY***

## Summer Employment Available at Camp

It isn't too late to be a part of the Great Camp Joy Staff for 2004. We are looking for highly motivated and positive people in the following positions: Aquatic Director, COPE Director, Kitchen Director, and Shooting Sports Director. For more information, contact Doug Combs Camp Director at the Council Service Center at 234-9111.

## 2005 National Jamboree Update

Council contingent leadership has been selected for our two troops to the 2005 National Jamboree.  
 Scoutmaster John Marsh  
 Scoutmaster Rick Roever  
 Assistant Scoutmaster Craig Hollenbeck  
 Assistant Scoutmaster Cory Reeves  
 Assistant Scoutmaster Robert S. Smith  
 Assistant Scoutmaster Steve Spihlman  
 Youth Assistant Scoutmaster Alex Hollenbeck  
 Youth Assistant Scoutmaster Dustin Wathen  
 One troop is already filled and only a few slots remain in the second troop. If you want to go to the 2005 Jamboree,

**ATTENTION ST. CLAIR DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS:** The dates of the July 15-17 Day Camp at Hoerner Park has been changed to July 14-16 due to a scheduling conflict with the Park. Please plan accordingly, and [see your district web page](#) for further details!!!

Friends of Scouting  
 Nears the Halfway Mark

The 2004 Okaw Valley Council Friends of Scouting campaign will pass the halfway mark in early April. Volunteers across the Okaw Valley Council have helped collect donations and pledges of more than \$170,000.00 through the end of March. This total puts the council at 48% of its \$355,000.00 goal.  
 Thanks to everyone who has assisted with the campaign as a worker and who has contributed to the 2004 campaign. Your efforts have help to raise the dollars needed to provide all of the services that your unit uses in the Okaw Valley Council and helps to ensure that these services are of the very highest level.

## OVC GOLF TOURNAMENT TEES OFF MAY 17TH

May 17<sup>th</sup> is the date for the annual Okaw Valley Council Golf Tournament to be held at Spring Valley Golf Course in Okawville, IL. This year's tournament will be unique in the fact that this will be the first time the Okaw Valley Council has held their tournament at Spring Valley Golf Course.

The Tournament will begin at 11:00 AM with lunch and registration. Play will begin at noon with a shotgun start. Dinner and awards will conclude the day immediately following golf. The event will be a flighted, four-man scramble. Prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

The registration form for the tournament is included in this edition of the ECHO on page 9. For more information on the golf tournament contact Rick Roever, Tournament Chairman at 935-2111 or Matt Holmes, Tournament Staff Advisor at 234-9111.

## EAGLE SCOUTS

### Troop 30

Eagle: Robert Kasper  
 SM: Raymond Danford  
 IH: St. Paul's United Church of Christ

### Troop 46

Eagle: Brian Snyder  
 Eagle: Zachary Deets  
 Eagle: Jonathan Hamby  
 SM: Michael Reeves  
 IH: First United Methodist O'Fallon Kiwanis

### Troop 77

Eagle: Matthew Paule  
 SM: John Bux  
 IH: St. George's Episcopal Church

### Troop 177

Eagle: Nathan Przybysz  
 SM: Glenda Dunn  
 IH: Okawville Community Club

### Troop 225

Eagle: Terrance Haukap  
 SM: Allen Menietti  
 IH: Optimist Club of Breese

### Troop 320

Eagle: Gerald Bujnak  
 SM: Ruth Andrews  
 IH: Knights of Columbus, Council 6165

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# COUNCIL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Outdoor Training Dates** The Okaw Valley Council is offering outdoor leader training the weekend of May 7 and 8 at Camp Vandeventer. Complete information about when to arrive, what to bring, etc. has been distributed at the roundtables, in this and previous Echo and is available from the Scout Shop (234-9111) or the [www.okawbsa.org](http://www.okawbsa.org) website.

Introduction to Outdoor Skills: This is the training course especially important to Boy Scout troop leaders, will be offered on May 7 and 8 at Camp Vandeventer, near Waterloo.

There is a small fee (\$5.00) for this training session which will partially cover the meals and snacks that are part of the course. Specific information about when to arrive, what to bring, etc. will be distributed at your indoor training sessions this spring or can be obtained from the Scout Shop (234-9111) or the council website, [www.okawbsa.org](http://www.okawbsa.org).

Webelos Leader Outdoor Session: This tried and true course will also be offered at Camp Vandeventer but will be on Saturday, May 8 only. Detailed information about fees, what to bring, when to arrive, etc. will be available at round-

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## WOODBADGE COURSE KICKS OFF IN AUGUST

Wood Badge, C-17-04

Have you heard all the buzzing about our upcoming Wood Badge course? Response from adult leaders all over the council has been enthusiastic and lively. And why not? Wood Badge Course Director Steve Sears has assembled a top-quality staff and this will be a spectacular training experience for up to 48 of our Okaw Valley Scouters.

But, you need to act quickly. Wood Badge invitations and sign-up forms have been widely available since December. If you are interested in signing up for this Wood Badge course, you need to get your form and initial payment in as soon as possible. We fully expect that this course will fill up, but we will keep other names on a callback list in case a participant has to drop out before the course begins.

First Weekend: August 27-29, 2004

Second Weekend: September 17-19, 2004

Fee: \$175.00 if paid in full

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## BROWNSEA—JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The dates are set for the 2004 presentation for Brownsea, the premier Junior Leadership Training Course of the Okaw Valley Council. Mark your calendars now for June 6-12, 2004 at Camp Vandeventer for the one training course that can have the most dramatic and immediate effect on your Boy Scout troop operation. Tom Ely is serving as Brownsea Scoutmaster this year. He will be joined by Senior Patrol Leader Jason Tasso, Carol Agne (professional staff advisor), and a tremendous staff of veteran Scouters...youth and adult alike.

The goal is to offer the Brownsea experience to as many troops as possible each year. Since the course is considered full at 48 participants, we encourage units to submit their registration forms EARLY!

Troops should send their key youth leaders to Brownsea. The Senior Patrol Leader (or the scout who will be likely serving in that capacity in the near future) would be the obvious top choice. However, this training will benefit any youth leader. While it is most effective and meaningful with those who are current troop leaders, it can also be helpful to those who will assume key leadership roles as they prepare for their term of service.

Because of the direct troop benefit, we recommend that the troop consider sponsoring their Scout's participation in Brownsea. With a participation fee of just \$85.00, it is a small investment, considering the benefits will enjoy for some time to come.

# Memorials

## **In Memory of:**

Vernon Decker

### **From:**

Leo Desmond

James Gilbert

Harry Jackson

## **In Memory of:**

Claude Lipe

### **From:**

Danny & Jacqueline Bainter

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Bietsch

Jack Bost

Leo Desmond

Jeffrey Eckert

Walter & Mary Endsley

Fred Engel Company

James & Mona Fishbein

Louise Forrler

Joe Giger

James Gilbert

Leanna & Charles Kaemmerer

Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Kappel

Charles Kramer

William Malina

Jeffrey Nettleton

Richard & Alice Parle

Donald & Collene Schwoebel

Richard & Lisa Sedlak

Dale & Brenda Sondag

Thomas & Sandra Staub

Larry & Charlotte Wimpe

2004 Summer Camp Reservations																
Campsite	June 13-19				June 20-26				June 27-July 3				July 4-10			
	Session 1	District	Yth	Adults	Session 2	District	Yth	Adults	Session 3	District	Yth	Adults	Session 4	District	Yth	Adults
Chippewa	T30	KS	10	2	T281	CC	25	4	T6	SCE	10	4	T11	GSLAC	10	2
Kickapoo	T53	SCE	30	5	T528	GSLAC	6	2	T273	CC	12	2	T9/340	SCW/LTC	13	4
Iroquois	T53	SCE	20	5	T622	SCS	12	3	T11	SCW	16	3				
New Hope	T334	KS	7	3	T328	KS	12	3	T438	ILI	20	4	T429	ILI	10	2
Ottawa	256/555	CC/SC	30	5	T39	CC	15	4	T-19	SCE	18	3	T46	SCE	15	4
Neyati	338/34	KS/CC	11	4	T52	SCW	24	5	T1	SCW	15	4	554/507	SC	9	4
Seneca	T345	KS	10	2	T347	KS	15	5	54/188	KS/WDBC	20	4	T351	GSLAC	25	5
Blackfoot					T3	SCW	9	2	327/24	KS/SCW	9	4				
Cherokee	T225	CC	20	4	T102	BG	15	3	T332	KS	12	3	T351	GSLAC	25	5
Algonquin	T553	SCW	20	4	T510	SCE	9	2	T223	CC	6	2	T28	CC	15	2
Boone	T323	KS	27	3	T320	KAS	40	10								
Seton					T343	KS	14	4	T305	KS	15	3				
Crockett					T94	SCE	15	3								
Beard	T621	SCE	4	2					T260	CC	8	2				
Sioux					T48	SCW	5	2	T529	SCW	8	2				
Lite					T12/630	SCW	15	5	T280	CC	6	4				
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TOTALS			189	39			231	57			175	44			122	28
Grand Total Campers																
717																
Sessions will close																
at 175 Campers																
														3/30/04		

Webelos Resident Camp 2004 Pre-Registration															
SESSION I (Jul. 15-17)				SESSION 2 (Jul. 22-24)			SESSION 3 (Jul. 29-31)			SESSION 4 (Aug. 5-7)					
Pack	Youth	Adults		Pack	Youth	Adults	Pack	Youth	Adults	Pack	Youth	Adults			
24	SC	10	2	9	SC	4	3	2	SC	10	4	12	SC	10	5
27	SC	20	18	19	SC	15	8	3	SC	14	4	47	SC	28	24
43	SC	17	11	28	SC	5	5	12	SC	10	5	52	SC	1	1
52	SC	15		39	CC	18	18	225	CC	24	4	94	SC	20	20
53	SC	20	10	46	SC	13	7	260	CC	4	3				
255	CC	20	6	327	KS	8	4	280	CC	12	4				
256	CC	12	3	622	KS	15	7	281	CC	12	3				
262	BG	10	4		IL	20	5	319	KS	37	30				
345	KS	10	5												
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>59</b>			<b>98</b>	<b>57</b>			<b>123</b>	<b>57</b>			<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>
												<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>414</b>		
												<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>223</b>		

# To Do My Duty to God...

Below is a list of the Okaw Valley Council Scouts who earned their religious emblem in the first quarter of 2004, as reported by P.R.A.Y. Congratulations to these young men and thank you for your dedication and devotion.

## **Religious Award Recipients, 1/1/04 - 3/31/04 God and Me: GRADES 1-2-3 (AGES 6-8)**

### **Scout Unit Community Church Counselor**

Nathan Aukamp Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Ross Barringer Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Garrett Beck Pack 316 Chester First United Methodist Beth Tickner  
Lucas Beck Pack 316 Chester First United Methodist Beth Tickner  
Jon Becker Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Brice Berlesman Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Hunter Cashman Pack 316 Chester St. John Lutheran  
Nick DeAngelo Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Jeff Grant Pack 319 Columbia Faith Lutheran John Burnett  
Nicholas Gross Pack 316 Chester First United Methodist Beth Tickner  
Ben Harsin Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Jared Johnson Pack 316 Chester First United Methodist Beth Tickner  
Andrew Johnston Pack 256 Centralia First United Methodist Linda Gordon  
Austin King Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Brendan Kinney Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Ian Kinney Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Branden Kopp Pack 342 Red Bud St. Peter United Church/Christ Wm. Graves  
Jack Lance Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Ryan Lotz Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Jonathan Lueth Pack 332 Sparta Calvary Baptist Tim McIntyre  
Alex McCandless Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Jeremy McKinney Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Garrett Paul Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Timmy Presson Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Parker Roustio Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Sam Schlecte Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Bo Schmidt Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Alex Schuhardt Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Matthew Striegel Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Aaron Summers Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Erik Westlund Pack 37 Belleville Zion Lutheran John Cluppert  
Raymond Wilkins Pack 235 Salem Calvary Free Will Baptist Travis Penn

## **God and Family: GRADES 4-5 (AGES 9-10)**

Derek Benjamin Pack 43 Mascoutah Bethel United Methodist Camilia Hempstead  
Joseph Berger Pack 27 Belleville Christ UMC Mark Harris  
Christopher Feldhake Pack 46 O'Fallon Central Christian Jeff Roderick  
Jordan Hannah Pack 342 Red Bud First Baptist Paul Mathenia  
Jason Hempstead Pack 43 Mascoutah Bethel United Methodist Camilia Hempstead  
Adam Maes Pack 342 Red Bud St. John's Lutheran Russell Koen  
Jake Piller Pack 342 Red Bud St. John's Ev. Lutheran Leroy Eckert  
Jason Tucker Pack 43 Mascoutah Bethel United Methodist Camilia Hempstead  
Justin Winchester Pack 46 O'Fallon Central Christian Jeff Rode

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