

Dear Scouters,

Summer is here and we have already experienced exciting Cub Day Camps in both districts and another fantastic OA weekend for Brotherhood conversions and great fellowship. Other activities are in full swing or upcoming, such as Summer Camps, High Adventure, Historic Trails Camporee, and many other activities. We want to encourage you to get as many youth involved with Scouting as possible this summer and continue to recruit year round. We are especially looking forward to the Historic Trails Camporee celebrating 100 years of Scouting in our Council.

This is also a time to remember those of our Scouting family that have been lost recently. John Westfall, Mrs. Bill Gresham, Ethan Meyers, Larry Ammons have all left us recently. It is always painful to lose a family member and they will all be missed by us and Scouting. Please keep all of those close to them in your hearts and prayers.

Scouting is moving forward in Northeast Oklahoma. Randy Asbury has been added as a part time staff member to help us provide better program coverage to the Grand Lake District. We plan to possibly add some other part time specialist so that we can most effectively use the time of the Council's current personnel. Please welcome Randy and any of our new staff and give them any assistance possible. They will appreciate your support.

We continue to make progress on membership but need to reach many more youth. Please recruit as many youth as possible this year to the various programs, if we could all just recruit one additional youth what excitement would be generated. If you know a good candidate please sign them up or let someone know who can sign them up.

As you all know the economy in general is slow and we are fortunate that it is better in Oklahoma than in many other areas. We continue to work at being good stewards of the funds available to us by closely monitoring all expenses. We have some endowment funds we have depended on for support that, based on the stock market returns, have been hit hard this year. If you have been thinking about paying a pledge or giving an additional gift to Cherokee Area Council it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Randy Stayton and his committee who put on the 20<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament — one of the oldest in the area and an important source of funds for the Council.

Also we have three opportunities to honor the memory of some of those we have lost and give to our endowment fund, the Phil R. Phillips Trust. There are memorials for Lavern Dick (DeAnn's mother), Eileen Claypoole Spain (Bill Alexander's Mother in Law), and one for John Westfall (former Scouting District

Executive, author/composer of the Philmont Hymn, and former member of our Executive Board). Gifts of any size will be accepted; we hope to collect a total of \$1,000 each to honor each of them with a James E. West Fellowship.

Improvements continue on our physical assets as well. We have three new windows in the dining hall and warehouse improvements continue at Camp McClintock. The Scout Service Center has a new LCD projector in the conference room and the kitchenette area has been substantially improved.

Hopefully, you were all able to see a copy of the *Bartlesville Magazine* this month as much of it is devoted to Scouting news. It was great publicity for Scouting in general and Cherokee Area Council in particular.

Have a great summer! We look forward to a big surge in membership. As always it is you, the Scouters and youth of Northeastern Oklahoma, that make Scouting a success.

Thank you,

Yours in Scouting,

Chris Cook  
Council President