

New Council Executive Selected



Carol Whitebook

After much study, discussion and individual interviews the council search committee selected our new Cherokee Area Council Scout Executive. Carol Whitebook is a native of Ada, Oklahoma, and currently serves as finance director for the Indian Nations Council in nearby Tulsa where she has worked for over twelve years in a variety of positions. These include District Executive, Learning for Life Instructor, Senior District Executive, District Director, Council Cub Scout Director, and Assistant Director of Field Service thus giving her the necessary experience to lead in a new and changing world. Her experience in Scouting and particularly in northeast Oklahoma gives her important insight into the needs and opportunities of our council. She is energetic, dedicated and focused on supplying our volunteer leaders and young people the direction and support necessary to grow our programs. Her depth of

professional experience will assist our council's ability to reach more youth and to impact their lives with the values and life skills Scouting can provide. Carol's husband, Merl - a Silver Beaver recipient himself, is an attorney in Tulsa who is involved with youth court programs and loves the Scouting program too. They are looking forward to moving to Bartlesville and joining our Scouting family.

After former council executive Ed Harvey left to accept his new position as Council Executive for the U. S. Virgin Islands Council an extensive search was begun to locate the best Scouting professional to lead the Cherokee Area Council into the next 100 years of Scouting. The national Scouting office supplied information packets on numerous qualified candidates and a search committee was formed to begin this important process. Three individuals were identified as best fitting the needs of our council and they were invited to Bartlesville recently to learn more about us as we learned about them. Council President Chris Cook commented, "Carol won over the committee with her enthusiasm and knowledge in Scouting. We anticipate great things in the Cherokee Area Council under Carol's leadership."

Carol will begin her newest assignment as the Council Executive for the Cherokee Area Council on October 15th. She will be visiting roundtables and other Scouting events to meet the many outstanding Scouts and volunteer leaders that make our council strong. Carol will have the distinction of being the first female council executive in the Southern Region and just the fourth lady in the nation to hold this position. As the home council of former National Scout Executive James "Jack" Tarr, Philmont Scout Ranch benefactor Waite Phillips, Philmont Hymn composer John Westfall, and several council members who have served in area, region and national positions of the Boy Scouts of America, this diminutive council in northeast Oklahoma will again take the lead in forward thinking and action for Scouting leadership. Please take time to stop by the (new) Scout Service Center to meet Carol. We are confident and excited for the future with Carol as a vital member of our team.