



# De Soto Scouter

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## District Executive Position

April 30<sup>th</sup> was the last day of employment for Clint Knighton. Clint had served our Council diligently for the past eight years. We are all aware of the tremendous impact Clint has made on the Scouting Program. Although his replacement will have big shoes to fill . . . the show will go on! We are now searching for a new executive to serve the Conquistador District. This career opportunity makes a difference in the lives of young people.... work that calls one to continually learn and be challenged... work that offers competitive compensation, benefits, and advancement.

The De Soto Area Council is looking for someone to serve in the Union County Area. Basic Qualifications are:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university
- United States citizenship or declared intention to become a citizen
- Must be age 21 unless prohibited by any applicable law
- Able to work varied hours when necessary to achieve positive objectives
- Believe in the BSA and subscribe to its principles and standards

Applicant must possess the following:

- Keen ability to multi-task
- Ability to work closely with a large volunteer and community base
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Strong will and INITIATIVE

Please send Resume w/ Cover Letter to: De Soto Area Council  
118 West Peach  
El Dorado, AR 71730

**May 26, 2011: Last Day For Resume Submission**

## Calendar—Mark These Dates

### May

20-22 Cub Scout Adventure Weekend  
21 Boat Float /Council Pinewood Derby  
30 Memorial Day—Office Closed

### June

13-17 Cub Scout Day Camp-De Soto  
14 Flag Day  
19 Father's Day  
19-25 Boy Scout Summer Camp  
27-June 1 3 Rivers Day Camp

### July

4 Independence Day-Office closed  
22-24 OA Summer Pilgrimage  
27-Aug 5 World Jamboree in Sweden



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## Have All the Applications Been Turned In?



This time of year as Webelos are moving up into Boy Scouts and new scouts are signing up, we sometimes find that applications have not yet made it into the service center. Those new scouts cannot be counted as members until the applications are in the council office. Please check your files and briefcases to see if there is anything that still needs to be turned in and make certain that all of your scouts are registered. If a youth is not registered, he cannot have his advancements entered into the records.

## Cub Scout Adventure Weekend - May 20th-22nd



### Boat Float

Build your boat out of cardboard and bring it to Camp De Soto for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Boat Float" competition. Cheer for members of your pack or troop that participate in the different categories of races. **Cost for the weekend will be \$10.00 per person**, which includes **DINNER on Saturday**, activities, craft, a patch and camp. The pool will be open for you to swim. There is no charge for children under age 6. Pre-Registration Deadline for the weekend is May 16th. Payment at the gate or payment received after the 16th is \$15.00 per person. Don't forget your Pinewood Derby car.



### PINEWOOD DERBY

### Council Pinewood Derby - May 21 @ Camp De Soto

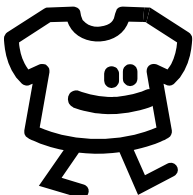
As part of the Boat Float weekend, the Council pinewood derby will be held in the afternoon. Bring your pinewood derby car. Every one (Cubs, Adults, Boy Scouts, and siblings) can race. There will be a best of show for the Cub Scouts and for everyone else. Participants of the race will also be the judges.

## Camp De Soto Dining Hall Air Conditioning



It is 95 degrees outside and it is time for lunch at day camp or summer camp. Up until today, on a 95 degree day outside it would have been 105 degrees inside the dining hall. You don't have to worry about it being hotter in the dining hall than outside any more. Air conditioning has been installed courtesy of the SHARE Foundation. Come on out for the Cub Scout weekend to check out the A/C for yourself!

## Camp De Soto T-Shirts



Wear your Camp De Soto t-shirt with pride! You can purchase three different Camp De Soto t-shirts. Stop by the camp trading post on the weekend on May 21<sup>st</sup> to pick up your t-shirt.



## Wet and Wild!

I'm not talking about the weather. If you didn't make it to the Spring Camporee, you missed a good one. Due to the high water, the location of the camporee changed from RiverWoods on the Ouachita to White Oak State Park. Troop 6 hosted the camporee and provided some delicious snacks/finger food for the Friday night Scoutmaster meeting and cracker barrel. Saturday morning was spent clearing the brush, removing hazards and marking the bike trail. For lunch we were served home made soup, cornbread, bug juice and sweet ice tea. After lunch the canoeing events were held. We had soooo much fun and some of us laughed so hard we cried. The canoe tug-of-wars and canoe races were excellent. And the winners were:

### Open Canoe Race

- 1st place - Quinton Gundolf and Nathan Parker
- 2nd place - Matt Cater, Robbie Weih, Alex Crook
- 3rd place - Josh Mulligan and Curt Collins

### Troop Canoe Race

- 1st Place—Troop 6
- 2nd Place—Troop 67
- 3rd Place—Troop 120
- 4th Place—Troop 96
- 5th Place—Troop 18

### Troop Tug-of-War

- 1st Place—Troop 120
- 2nd Place—Troop 6
- 3rd Place—Troop 67

### Scoutmaster Tug-of-War—Troop 6

### Golden Shovel—Troop 6



We all went back to our campsites to start supper and prepare our desserts for the contest. After our wonderful meals we had campfire. The winners of the events received special made awards and medals. All Troops received a large ribbon for their participation. The dessert contest was really difficult. They were all so good. Troop 18 won first place with Troop 96 and Troop 120 tying for second place. As a new De Soto tradition, the Troop winning the most events overall will receive the "Golden Shovel" and will keep it in their possession until the next camporee. It will then be awarded again for overall events at each camporee.

All in all, I think the Spring Camporee was a great success and I can hardly wait to see what happens in the Fall.

## Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp De Soto

The week of June 13-17 will be the Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp De Soto. Every boy that attends will earn a lot of achievements towards your next rank. Camp runs from 9:00-2:30 daily. All registered Cub Scouts will receive the 2011 Cub Scout Day Camp brochure in the mail shortly. Lunch will be provided! Some of the activities will include swimming, fishing, archery, BB shooting, crafts, nature hikes, an obstacle course and much more. The cost is \$75 per registered Scout if paid on or before June 6. After June 6, the fee is \$90 per registered Scout.





## Boy Scout Summer Camp - June 19-25



Have you told your Scoutmaster that you are planning on attending summer camp at Camp De Soto yet? If you are a first year Boy Scout, be prepared to earn almost everything you need to get you really close to earning First Class by the end of summer camp. Have you prepared for the search and rescue mission that will take place during summer camp? Sign up early to get into the merit badges that you want and need for Eagle Scout. Classes will fill up fast this year. Download the merit badge schedule, circle the merit badges you want to take, and give it to your Scoutmaster. Make sure that you tell him to send it in promptly.

## Pool and Camp Use



A new camp use permit is available. Anyone using Camp De Soto MUST complete this document. Camp is open to Scouts and their pack, troop, den or patrol anytime. There are no fees for Scouts to utilize Camp De Soto.

Did you know that we also can rent camp out to church groups, family reunions, weddings, church or family picnics? For more information, review the Camp De Soto usage form or contact the Scout office.

## Wood Badge for the 21st Century



**Weekend One: September 16-18      Weekend Two: October 14-16**

**Who Should Attend?** All BSA leaders; Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture, District and Council.

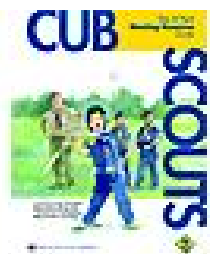
**What is Required?** Be a registered adult leader in your council and have completed Cub, Boy or Venture New Leader Essentials Training before the course starts.

**What is the Cost?** The fee is \$225. This fee covers all food, materials, and special equipment that is necessary. A deposit of \$75 is due with your registration. This deposit is non refundable. The full \$225 must be received August 15th by 5:00 p.m.

The Course will start at 8:00 a.m. Friday and end 5:00 p.m. for both sessions. The course will be held at Camp Preston Hunt. Detailed instructions, directions to camp, personal equipment list, and other information will be sent to each participant when registration is completed.

For more information contact: Caddo Area Council, 24 Lynnwood Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503 or go to the web site [www.caddobsa.org](http://www.caddobsa.org).

## Den and Pack Resource Guide



The Den and Pack Resource Guide for Cub Scouts features advancement based den meetings. This delivery method has found to have increased retention of our youth members, volunteer leaders have more confidence in the delivery of the program and more youth advance in rank. Den Leaders, this resource guide has 60+ meetings already planned and takes you step by step through each meeting. If you follow each meeting starting in September, the boys in your den will earn their respective rank badge by February's Blue and Gold banquet. The Den and Pack Resource Guide is available at the Scout Shop.



## Internet Advancement

This tool accesses the personal records of the youth in your unit. Follow this link to go to the internet advancement website. <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/iadv/UI/home/default.aspx>

Internet Advancement allows you to enter youth advancements, awards, and merit badges. You can also select members from your existing roster, review, update, or add ranks, merit badges, and/or awards, access an online Review Unit Roster feature and the Unit Advancement Summary and print an Advancement Report with a Unit Awards Summary to assist in purchasing.

To complete Internet Advancement, you must be connected to a printer to print the final report. Please note, any awards, advancements and merit badges that were recorded prior to you recording in internet advancement will not show up here. They are still part of the permanent record of that youth so please check with the council office for details.



## E-Training

Trained leaders provide a quality, fun-filled program for Scouts. When leaders understand Scouting, they are more effective in their roles. Training courses traditionally offered in a classroom setting are now available through the E-Learning site. This allows users to take training courses online at their convenience and bookmark their place in a course thereby allowing them to return at a later date and complete the course. To get started all you need is your member ID number and a connection to the internet. Go to Myscouting.org to start or continue your training experience.



### **New New New >>>This is Scouting**

The Boy Scouts of America proudly introduces its newest online interactive learning experience for new adult leaders—*This Is Scouting*. Picking up where Fast Start left off, the six modules of *This is Scouting* introduces participants to:

- Scouting's mission, vision, and values
- BSA programs for all ages and abilities
- How Scouting is fun
- Scouting's role in the community
- BSA Youth Protection policies
- Scouting's legacy

*This Is Scouting* replaces New Leader Essentials and is required of adult leaders wishing to be fully trained. The course can be found on the [Online Learning Center](#) or on DVD (No. 36118), and it takes about an hour to complete. Participants receive a certificate of completion when they correctly answer questions at the end of each module.



## 2011 Popcorn Sale



The Popcorn sale isn't too far away. Each leader will receive a packet regarding the 2011 incentive structure and the forms that are needed in early June.

Popcorn kick-off 2011 will be held August 11, 2011. Come on out and learn about some new selling techniques, win some awesome prizes, and gather information about the 2011 program year.

A quick peek at some new components of the 2011 sell:

- New non popcorn item(s)
- Unit friendly tiered commission system (you decide how much your profit can be)
- Proven methods for show-n-sell

What better way to retain your scouts than to provide them and their parents a sure fire way to pay for their year of Scouting. The annual popcorn sale is a proven way to make that happen!

Why should I support the popcorn sale? How does it benefit me? Both of these questions are frequently asked questions. The popcorn sale is not only about raising funds for your Scouting experience but it also provides you with some valuable life lessons. First and foremost, we are not selling popcorn....we are selling ourselves with the popcorn or another product as the device. We also learn or reinforce the idea of being polite (please and thank you!) There are many reasons to support the sale but remember all of the activities that you get to do because of the popcorn sale. Remind other parents, leaders, and youth at various events that your pack or troop conduct that, "This event was made possible because of their help with the popcorn sale".

## National Jamboree



How old will you be in July 2013? If you will be between the ages of 13-18, you are eligible to attend the National Jamboree at the Summit. Of course, you will need to be a First Class Scout too. The Jamboree only happens once every four years so it is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. Additionally, the Summit is the new permanent home for the Jamboree and this will be the first one at the new home. Contact the office today to express your desire to attend. We only have 36 spots and they are filling fast. Only 17 spots remaining in the troop. The cost will be around \$2,000 to attend.

The De Soto Area Council is looking for a few good adults to lead our Jamboree contingent. If you are interested in being our Scoutmaster or one of the assistant scoutmasters, please complete the interest form and return it to the office. To obtain an interest form and job description, contact the Scout office.

We will be making an announcement at summer camp on our selection of the Scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters.



## Top Ten List

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| <del>Shingles</del> <b>Done</b>                       | 2 Patio Sets for Swimming Pool              |
| <del>Window Blinds for Staff Cabins</del> <b>Done</b> | 2 Portable Lifeguard Chairs                 |
| New Exterior Door for (D.H.) Bathroom                 | 7 <del>9</del> Picnic Tables                |
| 2 Weed Eaters   | 1 LCD Projector                             |
| 3 Screen Doors  | 300 Feet of 1/2" Nylon Rope <b>1/2 Done</b> |



## Scout Shop News

The new Spring/Summer catalog is available and it has some really cool items; New Cub Scout and Boy Scout T-shirts, books and gear for Geocaching, robot kits for the new robotic merit badge, and for the coin collector, "The Trail to the Campfire" 12 piece coin series.

The Boat Float and Council Derby is this weekend. Time to do last minute tweaks on your car with decals, colored wheels, flat weights and other items to make your car a winner at the big race.

Remember, we now take credit cards (Visa, Master Card and Discover) and we can order anything you see online or in the catalog. We can ship to you as well if needed. Please give us the opportunity to help you first!!

DON'T FORGET YOU MAY CALL US AT 870-863-5166 OR EMAIL YOUR



## E-Mail Version of the De Soto Scouter

If you would like to sign up to receive the De Soto Scouter electronically, please e-mail Rob Lavoie at [rob.lavoie@scouting.org](mailto:rob.lavoie@scouting.org).

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