

Siouan Rivers District Newsletter

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April - June



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Upcoming Events:

April 9th & 16th – Scouting For Food
April 28th – District Round Table
Apr 29th – May 1st – OA Conclave
May 13th – 15th – The Highland Games
May 20th – 22nd – OA Spring Service weekend
May 26th - District Dinner
Aug 12th-14th – OA Fall Fellowship

District Executive Message

Program! The Scouting Program is at the heart of what we do. It is what guides in mentoring and preparing our Scouts for their futures. As a former Area Commissioner used to say, "Scout's speak with their feet."

It is true, if Scouts are not having fun, or feel like they are being subjected to an additional two hours of school, they will either find a new unit or drop from Scouting all together. I am proud to say that last year the units of Siouan Rivers provided an excellent program. Now, how would I know that?

I see it on the faces of our Scouts, I see it when I visit unit meetings, I see it when I see adult leaders light up when talking about their unit program. I also see it in the numbers. In completing the December 2014 recharter the district retained only 66% of its Scouts. Coming out of recharter 2015 we retained roughly 80% of our Scouts! That is unbelievable. What that shows me is that you as leaders ensured a great program last year. We are all here to serve the youth, and by providing an excellent program you are doing just that.

Thank you, thank you for all you do for our Scouts.

Happy Scouting,

-Zach

Training Opportunities:

Boy Scout IOLS training – April 22nd - 24th

BALOO – TBD

Wood Badge – Sept 9th -11th & Oct 14th – 16th

Wood Badge is professional development for volunteer Scouters designed to help fill in the gap between what you know and can do already and what you need to know and must be able to do in Scouting.

District Awards Dinner

Siouan Rivers Award Dinner will be held on May 26th. Cost is \$15 and get your tickets at the roundtable!



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SR 7A CONCLAVE is coming - April 29th – May 1st – Register NOW!

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Table

VACANT
Cub Scout Round Table

From the District Commissioner:

Many years ago I made a vow that I would always work with a unit in scouting. I never wanted to have anything to do with the council other than the necessary items such as paper work. After all, we were at the far reaching out post of the council area. The only time we saw anyone from council was in the fall when they came around trying to attract new clubs and scouts at school night and occasionally we would see them for a Council fund raiser. Well, as I sit here at the table reaching for the salt and pepper shaker so that I can eat those words, I come to you as your new district commissioner.

Out of the ashes of our recent past we see emergence of the beautiful green of Boy Scouting and Venturing, the blue of our Cub Scouts and Sea Scouts. We have been given the opportunity of a fresh start. The talented volunteers of our district have stepped forward to continue the program that we all know and love. Scouting in our district is doing what scouting does best. It sticks to its belief in God, the Scout oath, and the Scout laws. We have assembled what I consider to be the finest group of scouters that I have ever had the privilege of working with as your unit commissioner staff. We continue to grow our staff and invite you to explore the opportunity of joining us. In the past, this was merely a patch on someone's shirt. No more. Your unit commissioner staff has been charged with the responsibility of helping you succeed as a pack, troop, venturing crew, or ship. You will see them visiting your unit on a regular basis. They are your resource, use them! Their goal is to help make sure that you are meeting, having fun and advancing. Now with all of this being said, get out and go do some scout stuff!

See you on the trail,

David

Siouan Rivers District has a Venturing Crew!

Crew 1737 is open to boys and girls age 14-21.

The Crew focuses on high adventure with one meeting per month!

**Contact Greg South @ 757-647-8676 or
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Scouting For Food

Many of the units in Siouan Rivers participated in the Scouting For Food drive that took place the 9th and 16th of April. The district committee and attendees of the district roundtable decided to bring back this old time scout program to help support the communities we live in and show those communities that Scouting is alive and well in their communities. Thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters that made this event so successful.

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