



# Norwela

## News

Winter

2009



### Events and Training

#### November

- 6-8 Scout Master and Webelo Leader Outdoor Leaders training-Garland Scout Ranch
- OA Service Day-Garland Scout Ranch
- 7 Cub Scout Leader Training
- 7 Popcorn Pickup and check turn in- 253 North Common Street, Shreveport
- 14 Git er Done Day: WEBELO's University/ Boy Scout Merit Badge Day
- 19 OA E-Board meeting
- 21 Council Executive Board Meeting
- 21-24 Boy Scout Winter Camp "Camp Turkey"- Garland Scout Ranch
- 25 Popcorn Sales checks deposited
- 26-29 Scout Service Center closed for Thanksgiving

#### December

- 4 Cub Scout/Boy Scout camp-in: Create & Invent-Sci-Port Science Center (featuring requirements toward Science Belt Loop & Academics Pin and Boy Scout Electronics Merit Badge)
- 5 OA Banquet
- 12 Jamboree Troop Get-together
- 17 Council Holiday Bash
- 18 OA E-Board Meeting
- 24-27 Scout Service Center closed

#### January

- 1 Scout Service Center closed-Happy New Year
- 2 OA Service Day-Garland Scout Ranch
- 9 Council Coordinated Meeting- Scout Service Center
- 15 Due date for Silver Beaver Nominations/ applications
- 16 Sci-Port Science Center Scout Day, theme: Geology
- 21 Council Annual Meeting
- 21 OA Executive Board Meeting
- 29-31 Iditarod-Garland Scout Ranch

#### February

- 6 Council Pinewood Derby- Sci-Port Discovery Center
- 7-13 Scout Week
- 15 President's Day/Scout Office Close
- 18 OA E-board meeting
- 23 Whitney Young Banquet
- 27 Jamboree Work Day-Garland Scout Ranch

## 100 Years Anniversary Celebration

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has been helping the youth of America find — in themselves and the world around them — more than they thought possible. In every era, and through numerous trends of the past century, Scouting has been steadfast. Our 100th Anniversary provides a unique opportunity to celebrate this heritage and lay the foundation for the next 100 years. We're inviting all Eagle Scouts in the Council area to register at [www.norwela.org](http://www.norwela.org) so you can receive an invitation to a Gathering of Eagles reception to be held during Scout Week in February. The celebration would not be complete without a patch. By showing dedication to five of Scouting's core values, Scouts, leaders, and Scouting alumni can earn a BSA 100th Anniversary commemorative patch. Those values are: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. As part of this program, the BSA is also partnering with national and international organizations to offer unique 100th Anniversary service projects. Through a partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, official BSA 100th Anniversary trees are now being offered. Planting a 100th Anniversary tree makes a wonderful, meaningful family activity. We encourage all of our Scouting families to consider taking a few moments to plant and nurture a tree in honor of the memories your family has built through Scouting. The tree can serve as your family's living Scouting legacy for many years to come. Each time you see your tree, you'll be reminded of the fun experiences your family has shared! Norwela Council will share in this celebration by planting a tree at Garland Scout Ranch, tentatively planned in conjunction with Cub-o-ree in March. Many exciting events are being planned in the Norwela Council to celebrate the 100th year of scouting, visit [Norwela.org](http://Norwela.org) for information on local and national events. We welcome all volunteers who would like to help with the 100th Anniversary Celebration, please contact the office, 868-2774.



## Norwela Council, Boy Scouts of America: 2010-2014 Long Range/Strategic Plan

The Steering committee and seven task force committees have begun to meet and discuss the Long-range strategic plan for 2010-2014, the plan should be complete by March, 2010.

The Steering Committee Chairman is Wynn Lawrence. He spoke to the Council Board and had this to say about long-range strategic planning, Long-range strategic planning enables councils to develop the best vision they can of what their council should look like in the future: Where an organization has been, what an organization intends to be in the future, and how it will get there. Strategic planning helps to determine how the council will move toward that desired future.

It is in contrast to annual operational planning in which councils develop yearly goals, program plans, and budgets. Your annual plan will include the planned items for each year of the strategic plan. You can't always prepare the future for our youth, but you can help prepare the youth for their future. Strategic planning plays an important part in guiding our way.

The seven task force teams include these areas Quality Programs, Membership and Training, Resources & Finance, Manpower, Unit Growth, Marketing, Scout Reach, Properties & Technologies. If you would like to serve on one of these task force teams, contact Bobby Madison, 868-2774.

## Council Annual Business Meeting

The Council Annual Business Meeting will be held Thursday, January 21, 2010, beginning at 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm at the Petroleum Club in Shreveport. All Council Members at large, Advisory Board members, and Charter Organization Representatives are invited to attend as these members have voting rights.

At the 2010 Council Officers and Executive Board meeting, the slate of officers will be presented by the Council Nominating Committee and elected by active members. The 2010 Annual Report will also be presented.

Visit our website at [www.norwela.org](http://www.norwela.org)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Scout-o-rama

Scout-o-Rama was held October 24 at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier, the first in 10 years in this Council. 125 Boy Scouts, Crew members and Cub Scout participated by showing the public various Scout skills. The history of the pinewood derby was demonstrated by Pack 176, Monkey fists were made with Pack and Troop 330 and Troop 5 showed knots tying skills. Irving gondoliers Greg Mohr, an Eagle Scout, and Matthew Schenk competed a gondola row at the Cross Lake Patrol pier in Shreveport in a Venetian-designed gondola named "Rosa." The gondola row was designed to raise awareness of the Council's Scout-O-Rama. Irving chose to support the event because the BSA and National Scouting Museum are based in Irving. The Scout-o-rama kicked off the 100th Anniversary of Scouting for the Boy Scout division. This was a huge success.



### 2009 Mudbugs Scout Night

Saturday, November 14 · 7:05 pm

Century Tel Center, Bossier City

Calling all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Crews to join us for Scout Night with the Mudbugs. The unit that buys the most Mudbug tickets for this night's game, will get to do the opening flag ceremony. Plus, one lucky Scout will have their name drawn and get to participate in the puck drop to start the game. Tickets are available at the Scout Office and have been discounted to \$9 and \$13.

### Webelos University

Saturday, November 14, 2009

525 McCormick Street, Bossier City

Webelos University is an opportunity for Webelos to complete three Activity pins, and master Rank requirements while having fun with other Scouts. Some of the classes will fulfill requirements for the "A Year of Celebration-A Century of Making a Difference" commemorative patch. For a complete list of pins being offered and to get a registration form, visit [www.norwela.org](http://www.norwela.org).

The investment for this one day university is \$5.00, with some classes requiring a small materials fee. Registration forms to be submitted to the Scout office. Class time 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. Deadline is November 6.

## CAMPING REPORT

### Boy Scout Winter Camp - Camp Turkey

November 21-24, 2009

This Boy Scout camp is very popular and is filling up quickly-it is a "First Come-First Served" camp. This year the camp will offer several merit badges and Trail to First Class. All participants of Camp Turkey must be registered Boy Scouts. The cost for camp is \$120-due in full at registration with a current medical form. Registrations are being taken now at the Council office. Registration forms are available on-line or at the office.

## TRAINING

### Rechartering Your Scout Unit

Re-charter packets are ready for pick up. Deadline for submission is December 18, 2009.

What is re-charter? The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) requires each Scouting unit – whether Pack, Troop, Crew or Post – to renew its Charter annually. This assures that the Chartered Organization still is using Scouting's programs to serve youth and assures that the unit roster is up to date at least once a year. We refer to this annual renewal as "RECHARTERING".

What else happens during re-charter? In addition to renewing the unit charter, re-charter time is when all youth and adult members (leaders) renew their membership in BSA. Member renewals are most of the work. If your unit collects all or part of its member dues or fees on an annual basis, that collection often takes place at re-charter too. Because most units in a district re-charter at about the same time, your district may use this time to complete other tasks involving your unit, such as working toward requirements for the Centennial Quality Unit Award.

What is the process? Briefly, it goes like this: Attend your District's Re-charter Workshop, Inventory your members and collect fees: Collect BSA registration fee, Boys Life subscription fee (if subscribing), and Council accident insurance fee from each member that will be continuing membership, Update the unit roster: The re-charter process uses a unit roster in a special format to provide an updated list of members and to provide BSA with the signatures to approve the renewal. The best way to update your roster is using an Internet-based application called Internet Re-chartering (IR, for short), Obtain signatures on re-charter roster, Calculate insurance, new member fees, Turn in all paperwork. For information on where to get your re-charter packet, IR or other specific information, see District News in this newsletter or contact the District Executive listed.

### Every Boy Deserves A Trained Leader

#### Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

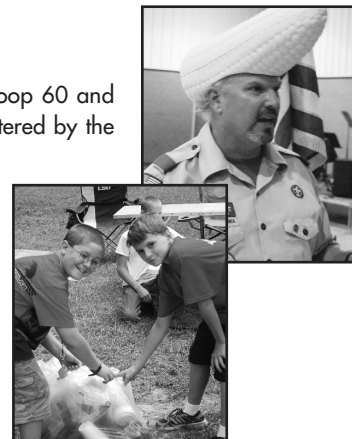
The first Saturday of each month from 9:00-1:00 at the Council Office. To complete your Fast Start training go to website [www.norwela.org](http://www.norwela.org). For more information call the Scout Office, 868-2774.



## NETAMI DISTRICT NEWS

### Punching Another Woodbadge Ticket

On August 30, Boy Scouts from Troop 60 and Venture Scouts from Crew 60, chartered by the First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches, Louisiana, helped Scouter Joe Rhodes his Wood Badge service project. They spent the day cleaning up a campground in the Kistachie Wilderness Area near Winnfield, Louisiana. This is yet another example of Scouts helping to preserve our National Wilderness Areas.



## BOSSIER DISTRICT NEWS

**District Chairman - Bill Altimus - 965-2329**  
**District Executive - Jill Grigsby-Lucero - 230-6956**  
**District Commissioner - Richard Buchanan - 564-7865**

### District Committee

The Nominating Committee for Bossier District has begun the process, please watch for a nomination form via mail or email, complete and return to Jill Grigsby. It is my goal to have a full and functioning District Committee going into the new year.

**Norwela Website:** www.norwela. And sign up for e-news, get information not yet posted anywhere else.

District Committee Meetings and Round table-1st Tuesday of the month-Bossier United Methodist Church 6:30 pm.

District Commissioner Meetings-2nd Thursday of the month-Christ the King Catholic Church, Bossier City, 6:30 pm

### Save the Date:

Tuesday, December 1-District Recognition Dinner-6:30 pm- Christ the King Catholic Church-\$3/person/\$5 couple/\$10 family plus bring a pot luck dish to share (bring a dish that would be enough to feed your family)

Saturday, December 12-Benton Christmas Festival-Benton Heritage Square  
Monday, December 14, Troop 64 Open House, Webelos invited to visit Troop-Bossier UMC, John Wesley Blvd and Old Minden Road

## CHEROKEE DISTRICT NEWS

### Dates to Remember

November 5, 2009	District Committee Meeting W.C. Raspberry Scout Center 6:00 pm
November 6- 8, 2009	Scoutmaster Outdoor Leadership Skills Training - Garland Scout Ranch
November 7, 2009	Fast Start Cub Scout and Den Leader Training - W.C. Raspberry Scout Center 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
November 14, 2009	Webelos University for 1st & 2nd year Webelos Christ the King Church 425 McCormick Street, Bossier City
November 21- 24, 2009	Winter Camp (Camp Turkey) Garland Scout Ranch
December 18, 2009	Council Holiday Bash

### Program & Events

The 12th Annual Whitney Young Jr. Service Award Reception will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at Savoie's the Catering Place. Nominations for the District Award of Merit, Spirit of Scouting Award, and the Whitney Young Jr. Service Award are being accepted now. If anyone wishes to nominate a volunteer please turn them in before Friday, December 11, 2009 at the W.C. Raspberry Scout Service Center in attention to Judge Carl E. Stewart.

### Fun News

Welcome to the Scouting Family Peaceful Rest Baptist Church Pack & Troop 89 and Westwood Elementary PTA Pack 57. Both chartered organizations expect to make a major impact in the communities by participating in all the council programs as well as implementing their own community projects. Thanks to all who came out and supported the council and represented the Cherokee District at the annual Norwela Council Akela Family Camp held October 16- 18 at Garland Scout Ranch.

## CADDO DISTRICT NEWS

**District Roundtable Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at Kings Highway Christian Church**

### Dates to Remember

November 6-8	Scoutmaster Webelos Outdoor Skills Training
November 7	Cub Scout Leader Training
November 7	Popcorn Pick-up
November 12	Roundtable
November 14	Webelos University
November 21-24	Camp Turkey
December 4-5	Sci-Port Lock-in
December 10	Roundtable
December 17	Council Holiday Bash

### Roundtables

Visit Roundtable and learn a lot. Roundtable is an educational meeting for leaders to learn about how to run meetings and have fun things to do. It is also a wonderful time for fellowship and planning of future activities. Make sure to attend or you will miss out on a lot!!!!

### Training

The Fall Recruiting Drive and Coordinated School Nights began in August. Please start planning now for your new leaders to get trained. A trained leader will put on a better program as well have a higher retention rate. We will be holding training at the Scout Service Center the first Saturday of each month this fall.

### Commissioners

A special thank you goes to the Commissioners and Cub Leaders for their help in the Coordinated School Night. With their help we were able to recruit over 200 new boys in to Cub Scouting on the first night of Fall Recruitment. With their continued help we will achieve our goal of 450 new Cub Scouts this Fall.

## YATASI DISTRICT NEWS

### November

2	Commissioner Meeting
5	District Committee Meeting
12	Roundtable Meeting

### December

3	District Committee Meeting
7	Commissioner Meeting
10	Roundtable Meeting

### January

4	Commissioner Meeting
7	District Committee Meeting
14	Yatasi District Banquet
16-17	Yatasi Family Trip

On Saturday, August 8th, at the Minden's St. John's Episcopal Church, a Commissioner Basic Training course was conducted. Steve Bryan (District Commissioner), William LeBlanc, and Doyle Williams completed the training for Yatasi District. Paul List completed the training for Caddo District. Please welcome our new unit commissioners! If you are interested in becoming a Boy Scout Commissioner, or if you just have questions, call Grant Frederick, 617-8163.

## Silver Bear Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted at the Council Office for The Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it. Nominations will be accepted until January 15, 2010 and awarded at the Council Recognition Banquet in March. The nomination form is available at [www.norwela.org](http://www.norwela.org).

## Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food was held in September throughout neighborhoods across the Council, a total of about 5,000 lbs was collected. Scouting for Food is the Norwela Council Boy Scouts of America's partnership with the Northwest Louisiana Foodbank. "Thank You" to all Scouts and volunteers who have participated in helping make this Good Turn project get off to a strong start. If your unit still has food to turn in, please take it directly to the Northwest Louisiana Foodbank. For more information, contact Talmon Butler, 450-9107.

## Cub Mobile 2009

A total of \_\_\_ cub mobiles raced under the clear sunny skies on Saturday, October 3 at the First Presbyterian Church on Jordan Street. The participation was outstanding this year, 150 racers with about 500 spectators. Jeff LaFleur and Wade McCutcheon headed- up the race this year - *what a great job!*



### Race results are as follows:

1st Place	Anthony Leon	Pack 176	Bear
2nd Place	Ethan Winstead	Pack 9	Bear
3rd Place	Caden Parr	Pack 9	Wolf
4th Place	Whit Emory	Pack 176	Webelo

If you missed the race this year, you won't want to miss it next year! Get your plans drawn and build a car-See ya' at the races!! Go to [www.norwela.org](http://www.norwela.org) to look at photos taken during the race.



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