



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
The North Florida Council



**DECEMBER
DISTRICT
CALENDAR**

- Dec 2 ROUNDTABLE
- Dec 9 OA
- Dec 11-12 Webelos Akela Weekend
- Dec 16 Commissioners Mtg
- Dec 21 Dist Business Mtg
- Jan 6 Roundtable
- Jan 7-9 OA Fellowship
- Jan 18 Dist Committee
- Jan 20 Commissioners Mtg.
- Jan 29 University of Scouting

Black Creek District

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010

Letter from the Key 3

The last newsletter of 2010 has finally arrived. Scouting has made great strides this year as we passed milestones in membership growth and activities attendance; Scouting is truly alive and well in Black Creek. It remains to be seen just how many Eagle Scouts earned their rank this year or how many boys cross over to Boy Scouts in the Spring, but all signs point to a strong program that is keeping young people engaged and learning the lessons of the Scout Oath and Law. We recently enjoyed our District Awards Dinner, and congrats again our District Award of Merit recipients: Alison Duvall, Ray Jeter, and Terri Dollinger. So many volunteers have given generously of their time and treasure to make this a successful year for Scouting. Thank you all for all that you do, and please remember to keep everyone engaged over the holidays. Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday and a Happy New Year—the Key 3.

Bill Larson, Chairman Bob Eiswerth, Commissioner Ward Bramlett, Director

Ward's Words

Thanks to everyone that worked to put together a great District Awards Dinner. Another special thank you to all the 'Spark-Plug' award recipients - that you received this award means that your impact on the Scouting program has impressed some of your peers. What you do either directly or indirectly changes lives in a positive way and has an immeasurable impact on our community now and for years to come. It is difficult to measure our success sometimes, but just imagine our world without the leaders that Scouting has built; and know that you are part of that building process!



Cub Scout Update

If you are not planning on attending Webelos Akela Weekend - Get on the Ball!! It is for Webelos I & II and can help you learn more about the world of Boy Scouts. You may even find the perfect troop for the next step in your Scouting journey. Webelos Akela Weekend is Dec 11-12 at Camp Shands.
www.nfscouting.org to register.

Scout Sunday?????

Help your church plan for 2011 - Talk to your Pastor or Pries about Scout Sunday!! Mostly observed on 2nd Sunday in Feb..this year February 14th. What to do:

- Scouts wear uniforms and sit together
- Scouts volunteer as ushers
- Scouts read scriptures / lead prayers

Below: District Scouters Al Roby, Dr. Jerry Linder and William Smith receive the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.



Activities Update

Hello Black Creek Scouters! The number of scouts in the district is up and so far the attendance at the events within the District has been high. With more Scouts in scouting the need for VOLUNTEERS are even greater. Get those parents who have been watching from the sidelines as their scouts enjoy the programs to get in the game. Anything they can do to support not only the units but the district from being a merit badge counselor to being part of an event committee will be greatly appreciated. The talent is out there we just need to help them to step - up and help. We have some key events coming up for you to plan to attend and bring along the volunteers:

- Webelos Akela Weekend- December 11th - 12th, 2010**
Volunteers needed for Activities/Support
- Merit Badge Fair March 18th - 20th, 2010**

Training Information

University of Scouting

is coming up fast!!! And in our Back-Yard!!
OPHS, January 29, 2011
www.nfscouting.org to register

2010

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Commissioner's

Note

It's December and the Christmas season is almost upon us! It's also time to finish up and turn in you Unit Recharter package if you haven't done so already. The original due date this year for all of our units to turn in their Recharter package is the December Roundtable Meeting (2 Dec 2010), so if they haven't been turned in yet - please make every effort to get them completed, signed and turned into Council! Please contact your Unit Commissioner or myself - the District Commissioner - if your Unit hasn't received their package yet. Your Unit Commissioners are there to answer any questions and assist in getting ALL the Units to officially (and completely) input their Recharters back in on time this year! Also, our Unit Commissioners will be asking all of our Units to complete the Centennial Quality Unit Form during December as well and getting those turned into our District Director (Ward Bramlett) - please make every effort to complete these forms now and get them turned in now. Our ultimate goal this Centennial year is 100% On-Time submission of the Quality Unit Forms from all of our Black Creek District Units. Have a happy, safe and blessed Christmas!



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**DECEMBER
CALENDAR**

4 - OA Workday at Echowokotee
11 - 12 - Webelos Akela Weekend
20 - 23 Webelos Winter Blast at Camp Shands
26 - 31 - Venturing, Sea Scouts and Boy Scout Winter Blast at Camp Shands

**JANUARY 2011
CALENDAR**

1 - Gator Bowl Service Day
7 - 9 - OA Winter Fellowship
29 - University of Scouting

February 2011

4 - 6 - Climbing Instructor Training
5 - Engineering MB
5 - Trail to Eagle
11 - 13 - Traditional Wood Badge Weekend I
17 - 19 LDS Wood Badge Weekend I
19 - Trail to Eagle
26 - CPR Training

**MAY 2011
CALENDAR**

13 - 15 Boy Scout Camporee at the Kenyon property in Clay County
Complete leaders guide on the web at www.nfccamporee.org

Council Program

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Shawn Cullen gets encouragement from his dad Tim Cullen as he takes aim at a BB target during the Frog Jog Family Campout in November. Many parents and children enjoy quality time together through Scouting.

2011 University of Scouting

Don't miss the 2011 University of Scouting to be held at Orange Park High School on January 29, 2011. Registration is open now for this event either online, by mail or at the council office.

The University of Scouting is an annual training extravaganza that offers supplemental training for all Scout leaders, potential leaders, parents and youth Webelos II rank and older. Some of the best instructors are available and will help you enhance your leadership skills and show you what Scouting is all about.

For more info check the council website at w.nfccscouting.org

Winter Blast-Free Hoodies-Camp Shands

Venturing Sea Scouts

Will be held Sunday December 26 - Friday December 31. Cost is \$200 for all youth participants. Equestrian is \$45 extra and Kodiak is \$70 and will be offered in the evenings. Special courses also for Sea Scouts. Complete Leaders Guide available at www.campshands.org.

Boy Scouts

The traditional program will be held Dec. 26 - 31, 2010. Sign up with your troop or as an individual. Merit Badge sign ups are now available for paid participants. Complete Leaders Guide available at ww.campshands.org.

Webelos

Webelos camp will be held Deember 20 - 23, 2010. Scouts have a chance to earn up to 4 activity badges and 4 belt loops. Sign up with your den or pack or on your own. Complete Leaders Guide available at www.campshands.org.

Gator Bowl Service Day

Attention Troops, Crews and Posts. This is your chance to provide a great service and have fun on the same day. Sign your Unit up for the 2011 Gator Bowl-Scout Service and Fun Day! Each Scout that participates gets a ticket, parking, meal voucher, and a gator bowl patch. Space is VERY limited so contact so find more information click on the calendar on January 1, 2011 at www.nfccscouting.org.

Webelos Akela Weekend

First and Second Year Webelos don't miss out on your chance to camp out with a Boy Scout Troop and learn Scout skills on Dec. 10 - 12, 2010 at Camp Shands. More info on our web-

Plan now for Summer 2011

- Sign up for programs at Camp Shands now www.campshands.org
- River Quest - Return to the River (June 19 - 25 & June 26 - July 2)
- Sea Base Scuba Adventure - Still has openings.
- Philmont - Slots remain for adults and youth.
- Aquatics Camp - See us on Facebook and become a Fan!

Dolphins Survive Tigers, Bears, Wolves, and Camels?

November 13, 2010 - The Jacksonville University Dolphins Football team hosted over 50 Scouts from all over the North Florida Council for Scout Day.

The Scouts had the opportunity to form a human tunnel as the JU Dolphins took the field. Scouts got free admission to the game, and a food voucher.



The Dolphins captured the Pioneer League title by defeating the Campbell University Camels 31-24.