



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
The North Florida Council



**JANUARY
DISTRICT
CALENDAR**

- Jan 6 ROUNDTABLE
- Jan 7 - 9 OA Fellowship
- Jan 18 District Committee Meeting
- Jan 20 Unit Commissioner Meeting
- Jan 29 University of Scouting OP High School
- Feb 5 Eagle Dinner
- Feb 11-13 Woodbadge Training

Black Creek District

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Letter From the Key 3

Happy New Year!! As we head into 2011, please take a moment to welcome back all the families in your Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop, Crew or Ship. Thank you to everyone for working through the recharter process so that we can get back to the fun and exciting activities of Scouting. We have great things going on this year and we need to be sure to include all our new Scouts and their families in the fun. We have the Council Camporee coming up in a couple months, as well as our biggest district event, Black Creek Merit Badge Fair. Don't miss out on University of Scouting and be sure to check out blackcreekbsa.org and nfcscouting.org to stay up on all activities.

All the best in 2011 and we'll see you at camp!!!

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

Black Creek District Adult Recognition Dinner-November 2010



District Director recognizing outgoing District Committee Chair, Bill Larson, for his 2 years of service.

Award of Merit Recipients

(left to right)

Terri Dollinger, Raymond Jeter, Alison Duvall



“Spark Plug” Recipients Adults recognized by their unit for their achievements within their unit and with their boys.

Scout Sunday

As your church sets plans for 2011, please speak with your Pastor or Priest about Scout Sunday which should be observed on February 14, the 2nd Sunday in February.

To improve Scouting presence on Scout Sunday, the following can be done:

- Ask Scouts to wear uniforms and sit together
- Invite Scouts to serve as ushers



New 2010 Crew, Pack and Troop leaders.

Happy New Year to all Scouts, Scouters and volunteers in Black Creek District! Last year was a huge year for our District and it will be even better in 2011! Thank you for all you do to have made and continue to keep our program so successful! If you haven't completed your recharter yet, please do so and get it turned in at this time. Also, don't forget to complete the Centennial Quality Unit Form, if your Unit hasn't already. Get with your Unit Commissioner if you have any questions in completing the final input on your form to prepare it for being turned in. Our Unit Commissioners will be making more visits to their respective Units this year - please let me know if you would like to request a visit for a certain date or special occasion. Also, don't forget to register and participate in the upcoming University of Scouting! There will be a lot of excellent classes and programs offered again this year! Have a wonderful, happy and blessed New Year and let's all work on making our Scouting program even better in this new year!

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JANUARY 2011

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

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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Venturers enjoy the Chapel at Camp Shands during a Venturing Super Weekend. The next

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 www.nfccscouting.org.

Plan now for Summer 2011

Venturing

Venturing week at Camp Shands: July 17 - 23
National Youth Leadership Training open to Venturers July 17 - 23

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Camp at Camp Shands: June 12 - 18, July 3 - 9, July 10 - 16
NRA Shooting Camp at Camp Shands: July 17 - 23
Life to Eagle Week at Camp Shands: July 24 - 30
National Youth Leadership Training: July 17 - 23, 2010
More info and all leaders guides at www.campshands.org
Merit badges offered all summer at Aquatics Camp at Camp Echocotee: www.aquaticscamp.org

Cub Scouts

Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Shands: July 17 - 23
Cub Scout Day Camp in MANY locations throughout our Council!

2011 Boy Scout Camporee

The North Florida Council Camporee will be held May 13 - 15, 2011 on private property off of Sharron Road in Clay County. Enjoy mountain boarding, mountain biking, spar pole climbing, climbing wall, knife throwing, tomahawk throwing, disc golf, geocaching, 3D archery and more!
This camporee is for Boy Scouts and Troop Leaders. Eagle Scouts, Venturers, and adults may apply for staff. More info can be found at www.nfccamporee.org.

Climbing Instructor Training

Adults sign up to be a part of our team to ensure climbing opportunities for your Unit. More information is on the council website at www.nfccscouting.org.

High Adventure

- River Quest - Return to the River (June 19 - 25 & June 26 - July 2).
- Sea Base Scuba Adventure - Openings still available.
- Philmont - Slots still remain for adults and youth. More information on the council website.