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COMMUNITIES SERVED BY OUR COUNCIL

Alma	Lower Peach Tree
Arlington	Loxley
Atmore	Magnolia Springs
Axis	Malcolm
Bay Minette	McIntosh
Bayou La Batre	Milry
Bon Secour	Mobile
Bucks	Montrose
Calvert	Mount Vernon
Campbell	Orange Beach
Carlton	Perdido
Chatom	Pine Hill
Chickasaw	Point Clear
Churchula	Prichard
Citronelle	Robertsdale
Coden	Saint Elmo
Coffeeville	Saint Stephens
Creola	Salitpa
Daphne	Saraland
Dauphin Island	Satsuma
Deer Park	Seminole
Dickinson	Semmes
Eight Mile	Silas
Elberta	Silverhill
Fairhope	Spanish Fort
Foley	Stapleton
Frankville	Stockton
Fruitdale	Summerdale
Fulton	Sunflower
Gainestown	Theodore
Grand Bay	Thomasville
Grove Hill	Tibbie
Gulf Shores	Vinegar Bend
Irvington	Wagarville
Jackson	Walker Springs
Leroy	Whatley
Lillian	Whistler
Linden	Wilmer



SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

The 2012 Scouting for Food Drive can definitely be considered a success, by the Scouts, Scout Leaders and community partners that helped to make it our biggest campaign ever, collecting nearly 20,000 pounds of food for needy families right here in Southwest Alabama!

Over 100,000 Scouting for Food bags were distributed throughout the Council. Hopefully you saw WKR5 news anchors promoting the campaign this year. Special "thanks" goes out to Greer's Market and Food Tiger Stores, as well as the Bay Area Food Bank. Without these community partners, Scouting For Food would not have been such a great success!

Hopefully by instilling in our Scouts the values that it takes to make our community a better place, they will keep doing "a good turn daily" throughout their lifetime.



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DISTRICT NEWS

Spanish Trail District

JANUARY

- 3 Roundtable Meeting/OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church (Room C211)
- 5 Order of the Arrow Annual Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Fairhope Baptist Church
- 12 Boy Scout JLT - Troop 47 Scout Lodge, Fairhope
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed, Scout Service Center Closed
- 22 District Key 3 Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Mars Hill Cafe
- 24 District Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Mars Hill Cafe

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 7 Roundtable Meeting/OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church (R C211)
- 7-10 Venturers & Explorers Ski Trip, Gatlinburg, TN
- 11-12 Mardi Gras, Scout Service Center Closed
- 18 President's Day, Scout Service Center Closed
- 19 District Key 3 Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Mars Hill Cafe
- 21 District Committee Meeting & Recognition Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Council/District Program Committees Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church

ROUNDTABLES: The Spanish Trail District Roundtables are held on the 1st Thursday of every month from August until June at 7:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, Room C211. These meetings are open to all unit leaders, parents, commissioners, and committee members. Don't let your unit be left out. It is a great source for getting information on upcoming events and for networking with other leaders.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING: You can support the greatest youth program in the world. Scouting needs your help. Giving to the Friends of Scouting Campaign is your opportunity to make a tax-deductible financial investment to Scouting and it assures that we continue to have a quality program. Please take time this year to give to the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Be Reverent.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: A special thanks goes to our Scouting for Food Chairman, Rick Griffin. Thanks go also to his staff, the members of the Order of the Arrow Chapter, lead by Joshua Lessley, and all the volunteers, all the units and especially all the scouts that helped with the Scouting for Food Campaign for 2012. It was a great success. You all proved that Scouting is helpful, especially for the needy at this time of the year. Remember, you did make a difference for somebody. This was indeed a "Great Job" done by all.

CUB SCOUT FAMILY OVERNIGHTER: We had over 450 people campout at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park on November 16-17, 2012. Cub Scouts and their families from all over the Mobile Area Council had a wonderful time. Thanks to Renee LaBoe and all her staff for their hard work for making this a safe and eventful campout. Our Order of the Chapter did another great job helping out at this event. This was yet another great job.

DISTRICT BANQUET: Our District Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. It is to recognize the great job that the unit leaders do for the youth of the Spanish Trail District. Presentation of the Journey to Excellence Unit Awards, National Summertime Pack Awards, 100% Boy's Life Award, National Outdoor Challenge Awards, Veterans Awards, Training Awards, New Unit Organizer Awards, Unit Leader Award of Merit Awards, and the District Award of Merit will be made that night. Don't miss this great evening of fun, food and fellowship.

OA CHAPTER MEETING: Our OA Chapter is going strong! They meet on the first Thursday of every month at Christ United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. and are for any OA member, youth and adult. They cover many different things such as upcoming events, programs, plus valuable training too. Come on out and have some good fellowship.

COMMISSIONERS: We are looking for unit commissioners and roundtable staff commissioners. If anyone is interested in being a commissioner, please contact Ed Stephens at 476-4600.

Choctaw District

JANUARY

- 1 Council Office Closed - New Year's
- 3 Boy Scout / Cub Scout Roundtable, LDS Church, 7 p.m.
- 5 OA Lodge Banquet, Fairhope Baptist Church
- 12 Boy Scout JLT - Troop 47 Scout Lodge, Fairhope
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Council Office Closed
- 31 District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 7 Boy Scout / Cub Scout Roundtables, LDS Church, 7 p.m.
- 7 Camp Card Kick-off
- 7-10 Explorer Ski Trip
- 11-12 Mardi Gras - Scout Office Closed
- 18 President's Day - Council Office Closed
- 21 Choctaw District Committee Meeting, LDS Church, 7 p.m.
- 23 Choctaw District Banquet, Saraland United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Council Program Committee Meeting

DISTRICT BANQUET: The 2013 District Banquet will be Saturday, February 23rd, at Saraland United Methodist Church. We will be recognizing the efforts of our adult leaders and volunteers. We will also be presenting the Journey to Excellence awards, camping awards, Veteran's awards, training awards and the District Award of Merit.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING: Don't miss your opportunity to have an impact on a number of young boys and earn your 2013 Friends of Scouting patches by attending your Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor this spring. Participating in the Friends of Scouting campaign is a great way to show your pride in the best youth training program in the world and helps assure the continuing quality of the program in the Mobile Area Council.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Thanks to all those who helped with this project. The Mobile Area Council collected nearly 20,000 pounds of food at all collection sites. This was a great success to help those that are in need.

SCOUT ROUNDTABLES: The Choctaw District Roundtables are held on the 1st Thursday of every month from August until June at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 5520 Ziegler Blvd. (corner of University at Ziegler). This meeting is open to all unit leaders, parents, commissioners and committee members.

Baldwin District

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day, Office Closed
- 3 District Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Fairhope First Baptist Church
- 5 OA Lodge Banquet
- 10 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HBK, Fairhope
- 12 Boy Scout JLT - Troop 47 Scout Lodge, Fairhope
- 17 District Commissioners Meeting, 6 p.m., Robertsdale Methodist Church
- 21 Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scout Sunday and Scouting Anniversary Week Begins
- 7 District Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., Fairhope First Baptist Church
- 7-10 Exploring/Venturing Ski Trip, Ober Gatlinburg, Tenn
- 11-12 Mardi Gras, Office Closed
- 13 District Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., HBK, Fairhope
- 18 President's Day, Office Closed
- 20 District Commissioners Meeting, 6 p.m., Robertsdale Methodist Church
- 21 District Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Fairhope Methodist Church
- 25 Council/ District Program Meeting, Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church, Spanish Fort

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING: A timeless investment in Timeless Values. Scouting needs your help. Giving to the Friends of Scouting Campaign is your opportunity to make a tax-deductible financial investment in Scouting, and it assures that we continue to have a quality program for our Youth. Please take the time this year to give to the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

ROUNDTABLES: The Baldwin District Roundtables are held the 1st Thursday of every month from August until June at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist of Fairhope (on the corner of Section Street and White Street). This meeting is open to all unit leaders, parents, commissioners, and committee members. Don't let your unit be left out. It is a great source for training, getting information, and for meeting other leaders.

DISTRICT BANQUET: Our District Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. It is to recognize the great job that the unit leaders do for the youth of the Baldwin District. Presentations of the Camping Awards, National Summertime Pack Awards, Veterans Awards, Training Awards and the District Award of Merit will be made. Don't miss this great evening of food and fellowship.

2013 Maubila Scout Reservation Summer Camp - Unit & Campsite Reservations				
	FULL	*FULL*	*FULL*	
Campsite	Week 1 June 9 - 15	Week 2 June 16 - 22	Week 3 June 23 - 29	Week 4 Camp Challenge June 30- July 3
Shawnee	Troop 3	Troop 97	Troop 371	
Chickasaw	Troop 610	Troop 221	Troop 77	
Natchez	Troop 20	Troop 47		
Seminole	Troop 121	Troop 42	Troop 82	
Tuscarora	Troop 12	Troop 87	Troop 600	
Ocoee	Troop 85 Troop 505	Troop 49	Troop 98	
Catawpa	Troop 2	Troop 76	Troop 88	

DISTRICT NEWS



Cloverleaf District

JANUARY

- 1 Office closed - New Year's Day
- 3 District Roundtable - Ebenezer Baptist Church
- 5 Woa Cholena Lodge Banquet
- 12 Boy Scout JLT - Troop 47 Scout Lodge, Fairhope
- 21 Office closed - MLK Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 11-12 Office closed - Mardi Gras
- 18 Office closed - President's Day
- 23 Cloverleaf District Banquet
- 25 Council Program Committee Meeting

ROUNDTABLES are held the first Thursday of every month at Ebenezer Baptist Church at 7 pm. They are for any registered adult and parents are welcome, too. We cover many different things such as upcoming events, new policies and programs, plus valuable training, too. Come on out and see us, learn some great Scout stuff and have some good fellowship.

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT applications are available at our website. If you'd like to nominate someone for the award, please download the form and get it turned in to Vann Young, or at the Scout Service Center by January 31, 2013.

Maubila District

JANUARY

- 1 Office closed - New Year's Day
- 3 District Roundtable - Jackson U.M.C.
- 5 Woa Cholena Lodge Banquet
- 12 Boy Scout JLT - Troop 47 Scout Lodge, Fairhope
- 21 Office closed - MLK Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 7 Maubila District Banquet, Grove Hill, U.M.C., 6:30pm
- 11-12 Office closed - Mardi Gras
- 18 Office closed - President's Day
- 25 Council Program Committee Meeting

THE ANNUAL DISTRICT BANQUET will be held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Grove Hill United Methodist Church at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and we ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert. The Maubila District will provide the entrée and drinks. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and see who was selected for the annual District Award of Merit.

Congratulations to our Eagle Scouts. 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout Award, and attaining the high rank of Eagle is not only an honor for the Scouts who worked hard to achieve this rank, but also reflects back on the Troop who is giving our Scouts a quality program and teaching leadership skills. As an Eagle Scout, the Scouter has made a difference, and is now a part of the elite group of young men who have demonstrated what Scouting represents. Our Eagle Scouts are:

Eagle Scout	Unit
Grant Alan Coley	87
Jay Reynold Spafford	143
Marion Dakotah Holcombe	292
David Nelson Eves	36
William Harris Mayberry	36
Steven Kurtis Imle	109
David McKay Crosswait	78
Christopher Lee Jennings	177
Grady Hamilton Edmondson	1
Ryan Patrick Griffin	29
Denman Thomas Mims	87
Andrew Stockton Williams	87
Hunter Douglas Miller	292
Michael Aubrey Hare, Jr	77
Michael Edward Daves, Jr	87
Garrett Paul Hutchins	32
James Sudduth Alexander	3
James Brewer Ayres	87
Ethan King Andrews	87
John Mason Arnold	87
Trevor Kingsley Graham	28
Bakari Devon Walker	283
Jonathan Alexander Dennis	33
Daniel Lucas Sanders	36
Blake Logan Wood	121
Alexander Charles Henderson	47
John McIntyre Dyess	76
Lance Daniel Raynor	143
John Michael Anthony Harwood	143
Graham Robinson Lowing	2
Blake Whitmore Nelson	87
Eric Christopher Meisner	28
Michael Christopher Stelly	121
Zachary Bradley Peavy	33
Brandon James Harrison	29
Michael Brian Stewart	143
Josef Sterghos Straughn	227
Bradley Scott Helms	177
Colton Nathaniel Holcombe	292
Bart Allen Jeffrey, Jr.	109
Ryan Zachary Thomley	42
Thomas Earl Preston Levens	12
Richard Taylor Gartman	121
Luke Steven Westerfield	143
Adam Jadon MacDonald	82
Travis James Pittman	82
Samuel Flynn Escobio	227
Jennings Weatherford Halliday	227
Christopher James Smillie	227
Brent Cameron Smith	121
William Leif Konrad	147
Jean-Luc Howle	12
Joshua Chance Goraum	2
Denton Lucas Hubbard	104
John Hampton Cline, Jr	109
Ross Paris-Harbisson	87
Anthony Winston Hall	227
Brandon Daigle Knickerbocker	227
Matthew Ryan Beck	32
Richard Marvin Metts	32
Eric Palmer Peterson	227
Andrew Long Stokes	292
Joseph Duncan Leathers	292
Tyler Matthew McIlwain	292
Zachary Ladarius Evans	283
Connor David Irion	177
John Alan Walker	82
Tyler Anthony Pharez	47
Garett Andrew Pharez	47
Matthew James Hartigan	47
Nicholas Samuel Jones	2
Jacob Thomas Fink	2
Joshua Daniel Lessley	121
John Anthony Lessley	121
Jarred Anthony Graham	121
Ryan Christopher Turner	121
Aaron Chase Eubanks	529
Bryant Stephen Volovecky	143
Jarvis LaBarron Henderson	Ship 1
Phillip Reilly Irion	177

THE MOBILE AREA COUICL IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS 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.

The Mobile Area Council is accepting nomination forms for the Silver Beaver Award to be presented at the Council Recognition Banquet in May 2013. The deadline to submit anyone for the Silver Beaver Nomination is Friday, February 1, 2013. The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form is available on-line or at the Mobile Area Council Service Center. If you would like to nominate anybody for this award please contact the Scout Service Center at 251-476-4600.

VOICE OF THE SCOUT

"Voice of the Scout" is part of our Journey to Excellence. A Survey will be sent to a randomly selected group from our National Office for your input regarding your Scouting experience. It you are selected then it is very important that you respond to the survey.

Our goal is to have at least 65% of the Scouting family in the Mobile Area Council in the

Boy Scouts of America database. Therefore, it is important that your email address is added to the MyBSA database. Make sure that you are added to the database by completing one of the information forms and turning it into your District Chairman, District Executive, District Commission, or the Mobile Area Council Service Center.



Look for an email with the survey link in the Spring! Share the news with our Scout families!

The results you help provide will drive us toward delivering more value to Scouting for the years to come!

WINTER CAMP

What a time we had at the Boy Scout Winter Camp this year. We had over 200 Scouts and over 50 adults at Maubila Scout Reservation from December 27th - December 30th. The New Search & Rescue merit badge was a big hit thanks to Luther Pebbles. We had some late nights at camp with the Chess Tournaments going on every night. Food service was Great, food was ready on time and plentiful. Thanks to Sheri Amerson and her staff for a Great Job. This year was a Great Success because of Paul Hendrix's Youth commissioner staff. They came up early to set camp up, keep fires going, cleaned bath house, and most of all kept our camp running smooth which made everything better, THANKS GUYS. Looking forward to next years winter camp.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SCOUTING'S ANNIVERSARY MONTH

As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 103rd year on February 3, 2013 we salute the countless volunteers who have donated their time and energy to share the ideals of Scouting with our young people. Scouting has a lot to offer young people; leadership skills, character education, a sense of responsibility, learning, fun and so much more!

During the month of February, Cub Scout Packs across the country will be holding Blue & Gold Banquets – birthday dinners for Cub Scouting. In nearly all Packs, the banquet is a highlight of the program year. It brings families together for a meal and an evening of fun and inspiration. If your Cub Scout Pack has not held a Blue & Gold Banquet, please contact your District Executive and he will help you with this anniversary event for February.

Boy Scouts of America Junior Leader Training

A special leadership training seminar for Scouts approaching the First Class and above ranks.



When: Saturday, January 12, 2013, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Troop 47's Dantzler Memorial Scout Lodge in Fairhope (near the intersection of County Roads 44 & 13)

Fee: \$5.00 for materials and lunch

Contact Dave Hale at 251-928-4244 for reservations and more information. Adults are encouraged to participate as instructors.

CAMP CARD TIMELINE

Get ready for another exciting year for the Camp Card Campaign. Here are key details and a timeline for the spring project.

February 2, 2013 District Camp Card Kick Off & Camp Card Distribution
 May 3, 2013 End of Sale ALL ACCOUNTS NEED TO BE CLOSED OUT

Commissions & Rewards

Units will receive 50% commission for all Camp Cards sold if their accounts are closed out on or before May 3rd. Units closing out AFTER May 3rd will receive a 40% commission. In addition to the commissions that can be applied to a Scout's Camp Fees, your Scouts can earn a Campership!

SCOUTS

SELL THIS	THEY GET THIS
100 Cards	Mobile Area Council District Cub Scout Day Camp
100 Cards	Cub Scout and WEBELOS Resident Camp @ Camp Pinetreat

150 Cards Boy Scout Winter Camp @ Camp Maubila
 200 Cards Boy Scout Summer Camp @ Camp Maubila
 In addition to the Camperships...Your Scouts and Unit can earn these !!!

WEEKLY DRAWINGS FOR CAMPSHIPS

Scouts who sell 10 or more Camp Cards in the present week can mail or fax their Weekly Camper-ship Drawing Form in each week to the council office and be eligible for a Weekly Prize Drawing for a Camp Scholarship to a Mobile Area Council Camp Program. Details including dates & times, when the forms are due are listed in the Camp Card Sales Calendar.

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - ONE WINNER FOR THE COUNCIL

On May 4th, we will conduct a Grand Prize Drawing from all of the Weekly Prize Drawing Forms submitted...the winner will receive a Campership and a \$100 Gift Card for the Mobile Area Council Scout Shop.

Leader's Guides with details will be distributed at your February District Roundtable...Don't miss it!

2013 FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

Thanks to dedicated volunteers like you, we have been able to deliver the world's greatest youth program to thousands of youth since 1925 here in Southwest Alabama. If you have been a member of the Mobile Area Council for a couple of years, you have seen the changes and improvements to our programs. All of these improvements have been possible because of the tireless efforts of more than 1,350 adult Scouters and parents in the Mobile Area Council and the financial support of the community including the parents of Scouts. In order for Scouting in our community to continue to improve, as we have in the past, we need your continued support of our Friends of Scouting Campaign. We are asking you to schedule a time for a 7-9 minute presentation to the parents of your

Scouts about our 2013 Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. The best time for this presentation is when most parents will be present, such as at a Blue & Gold Banquet or at a Court of Honor. The 2013 campaign kicked off at December's Roundtable and will continue in the months of January through May. Recruit a leader or parent in your unit to serve as the Family Friends of Scouting Leader. Make sure your unit has a copy of the Leader's Manual.

Also, please let your District Executive know the place & time of your Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet or Troop's Court of Honor. With your help, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of youth throughout Southwest Alabama.

2013 SPRING FUN WITH SON AT CAMP MAUBILA SCOUT RESERVATION

If you think you have already been to a great Cub Scout Family Camp...you haven't seen anything yet! Come on out to the Spring Cub Scout Fun with Son Adventure Campout on April 5-7, 2013 at Camp Maubila Scout Reservation! Cub Scouts and their families will have an exciting weekend doing things like; Shooting Sports,

Boating, Fishing, Creepy Crawly things, Nature, and much more!

You can come out for the whole weekend, for just one night, or just for the day on Saturday. Enjoy dining with us in our Dining Hall (less stuff you need to bring) or cook your own meals. The Camp Trading Post will be

open with "Scout Stuff" from our National Scout Shop, and you can get a drink or a snack. You will receive a registration flyer in the mail or you can download it from our council web site (www.bsamac.org). Don't just hear about the adventure...experience it for yourself!