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COMMUNITIES SERVED BY OUR COUNCIL

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| 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 |



NEW CAMP CARD OFFERED FOR 2015

The Boy Scout Camp Cards for 2015 will be different and will even include more great discounts for vendors, restaurants, and businesses specific to your area.

With inputs from last year, a Camp Card Task Force was formed and met in October 2014 and came up with a different type of card. The improved card includes more name brand vendors in our area. The 2015 Camp Card Kickoff meeting, with representatives from the Council and Districts, was held on December 11, 2014.

Baldwin County Camp Card



Mobile County Camp Card



The Unit Leader Training will be held at 6:30p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Bass Pro Shop in Spanish Fort. This is a great opportunity for your unit and Scouts to earn more money in the spring to help earn their way to camp. Contact your Unit Leader to get your Camp Cards. For more information and details about the Boy Scout Camp Card, go to the council's website (www.bsamac.org), or call Ed Stephens at the Council Service Center (251) 476-4600.

NEW FIVER RIVERS DISTRICT CREATED TO SUPPORT SCOUTING IN MOBILE COUNTY

The mission of any Boy Scout Council is to provide service to units and youth. How you go about doing that is up to the council volunteers and the operating structure of a council.

Back in the early fall, the Council President Phil Webb and Council Commissioner Bob Ware hosted a meeting at the Boy Scout Office with representatives from all five districts, either the District Chairman or District Commissioner (the top volunteers of the district) or both, to get their input & direction as we move forward providing service to our units. This "District Operations Task Force Committee" was formed to discuss district operations with our current staff size and how best to move forward as a council. What remains the same? Baldwin District: the employee to offer direct support to Baldwin County units will now be Senior District Executive Ed Stephens. Maubila District: part time staff member Peet Wert will continue to provide direct support to the nine units in Washington & Clarke Counties.

What will change? Mobile County Districts will become one district: Choctaw, Spanish Trail and Cloverleaf will come together and form a new District, known as Five Rivers District. The employee to offer direct support to units in Mobile County will be the field staff member with the most Scouting experience for this new larger district, Senior District Executive Cary

Wilson. A timeline was created for implementation. Over the next several weeks in the month of October, the members of the three District Committees and District Commissioner Staff's came together and gave direct leadership thru the annual nominating committee process. This process will be led by Merlin Miller, the District Chairman of the new district and Scott Mueller, the new District Commissioner. An announcement was made at the November Roundtable for the future meeting location and people were given a chance for input for the new district name. The new District met for the first time at December's Roundtable. From a unit leader's point of view, other than monthly roundtable meetings, everything else will feel and remain the same. Here is a sample of the new district events: We project that the new District Roundtable meetings will grow to 50+ Scouters (Better experience for the Scout Leaders). The first Five Rivers District held on December 4th had over 70 people in attendance. The New District Camporees will grow to 11-13 troops for each of the two events a year, the one event in the spring and one event in the fall (Better experience for the Scouts.) The event is scheduled to take place on March 5-7 at Boy Scout Camp Pinetreat. Other events, such as, Cub Scout Day Camp for Mobile County Scouts is already done together as one camp with 140+ Cub Scouts in June.

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CAMPING & ACTIVITIES

CS DAY CAMP & RESIDENT CAMP

Don't miss the FUN and EXCITEMENT of ALL 3 of the Cub Scout Camps! This is a FUN-FILLED outdoor program with exciting activities not regularly found in den or pack activities. These activities include skills, crafts, games, bb's archery, advancement and MUCH MORE!!

Information on price and registration forms will be mailed out in April 2015. Save the Date and get ready for some FUN!

Once again this year we will have two camps in Baldwin District, there will be one camp in Foley and another camp in Daphne, the week of June 8-12, 2015. The Mobile County Day camp will take place the week of June 15-19, 2015. The early bird fee will be \$70 if paid by May 15, 2015 or \$80 after the 15th of May. Or a Scout can sell 75 Camp Cards for a Day Camp Scholarship. Our theme this year is PIRATES!

Cub and Webelos Resident Camp will take place at Camp Pinetreat on June 25th - 28th, 2015. Your Scout can enter the world of Jurassic Pack at Resident Camp this summer. Early bird Camp fees will be \$135 if paid by 5 p.m. May 22nd, this includes the fees for one Scout Parent. The fee will increase to \$150 after the 5 p.m. May 22nd deadline, for one Scout and one Scout Parent. An addi-

2014 COUNCIL CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP WEEKENDS

Great Success and Fun

Over 1,000 people attended one of our three Cub Scout Family Camping Weekend events held at Boy Scout Camp Pinetreat in September and October 2014. This was the very first camping experience for a lot of our new Cub Scout families.

This two-day scouting activity was designed for a cub scout and his family to spend time together and to do all sorts of fun outdoor activities. Each weekend event had a different theme; Sports, Shooting Sports and Halloween / Fall Festival.

Everyone had fun and learned

a lot. Thanks to Rick Griffin and his staff of volunteers for such a great event. We hope to see you again for our upcoming Spring Family Camping Weekend at Camp Maubila and or our Fall 2015 Family Camping Weekend at Boy Scout Camp Pinetreat.

THE MOBILE AREA COUNCIL IS ACCEPTING NOMINATION FORMS 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 serviced. 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 on May 12, 2015.

The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form is available on-line or at the Mobile Area Council Service Center and the form is due by February 6, 2015. If you would like to nominate anyone for the award please contact the Scout Service Center at 476-4600.

2014 POPCORN SALES CAMPAIGN COUNCIL BONUS PRIZE WINNERS

COUNCIL TOP 3 SALESMEN (MacBook Air Laptop Winners)

(11 inch LED - backlit Widescreen Notebook 4 GB memory)

- Dale Feng, Troop 2
- Michael Smith, Troop 2
- Cody Wallace, Troop 47

TOP FAMILY SALES FOR THE COUNCIL (\$200 Visa Gift Card)

Feng Family with Troop 2

WEEKLY DRAWING WINNERS

\$25 Visa Gift Card - Tyler Chaney, Pack 129

- \$50 Visa Gift Card - Jamar Mathews, Troop 81
- \$75 Visa Gift Card - Aiden Simon, Pack 133
- \$100 Visa Gift Card - Tucker Watkins, Pack 87
- iPod Touch - Taylor Cazalas, Troop 2
- Kindle Fire - John David Faralli, Troop 2
- Xbox One - Michael Smith, Troop 2
- iPad Mini - Johnny Phillips, Pack 17

Over 50 youth qualified for the \$600 Club and will receive a Skylight Rocket.

Over 25 youth qualified for the Kernels Club (Big Kahuna's WaterPark)

Visit: www.bsamag.org

POPCORN SALES ...AT BIG KAHUNA'S

The Scouts who qualified, by selling \$1,100 or more in popcorn sales, will be going to BIG KAHUNA'S Water Park on Saturday, May 9th.

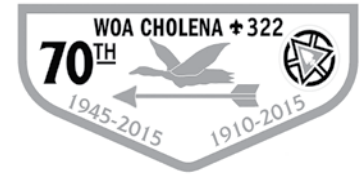
This will be a full day of water fun activities with over forty water attractions, which include



a wave pool, water slides, and a lazy river. Information will be mailed out to those scouts that qualified in April.

Get ready for some Great Fun and Adventure in beautiful Destin, Florida.

DISTRICT NEWS



Five Rivers District

JANUARY

- 1 Council Office Closed - New Year's
- 8 Cub Scout / Boy Scout Roundtable, Christ United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting, Christ United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 15 OA LEC Meeting
- 17 OA Banquet
- 19 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 22 District Committee Meeting, China Doll, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Senior Bowl
- 26 Council Camp Card Kickoff Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Bass Pro Shop
- 29-1 Venturers & Explorers Ski Trip, Gatlinburg, TN

FEBRUARY

- 5 Cub Scout / Boy Scout Roundtable, Christ United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 5 OA Chapter Meeting, Christ United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 8 Scout Sunday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Office Closed - President's Day
- 17 Office Closed - Mardi Gras
- 19 North Mobile Golden Eagle Dinner at Steele Creek Lodge
- 20-22 OA LLD Training at Camp Pinetreat
- 23 Council Program Committee Meeting
- 26 District Committee Meeting, China Doll, 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING: Don't miss your opportunity to have an impact on a number of young boys and earn your 2015 special edition Guy Harvey scouting patches by attending your Blue & 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 support the continuing quality of the program in the Mobile Area council. This will also help your unit qualify for the Gold Card unit and have FREE camping at Camp Maubila or Camp Pinetreat.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Thanks to all who helped with this project. The Mobile Area Council collected over 22,000 pounds of food at all collection sites. Kudo's to Eliscia Edwards, Tom Neal and Rick Griffin for chairing and manning a site. This was a great success to help those that are in need.

DISTRICT BANQUET: The 2015 District Banquet will be Thursday, March 12th at Creekwood Church of Christ, 6:30 p.m. 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 Merits.

ROUNDTABLES: The Five Rivers District Roundtables are held on the 1st Thursday of every month from August until June at 7 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church. These meetings are open to all unit leaders, parents, commissioners and committee members. It is a great way to get the latest happenings in the Council and District.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BSA!

In February 2015, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 105 years as one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The official birthday of the Boy Scouts of America is February 8th.

Scout Sunday is February 8, 2015. Make sure you have made arrangements with your faith based chartered organization or your church, parish or temple to celebrate this date.

In February, most Cub Scout Packs have what is known as a Blue and Gold Banquet. This is a birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout Packs to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and Cub Scouting in 1930. For the Packs that are following the Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide, this is the time that most scouts are ready to advance, therefore, an ideal time for advancement recognition. Make sure your Pack is having their Blue and Gold Banquet.

Baldwin District

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Observed, Scout Service Center Closed
- 8 Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fairhope First Baptist Church
- 10 JLT Training, Troop 47 Lodge, Fairhope
- 12 District Key 3 Meeting, 6:30 a.m., Julwin's
- 15 OA LEC Meeting
- 17 Order of the Arrow Annual Banquet
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed, Scout Service Center Closed
- 22 District Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ruby Tuesday's, Fairhope
- 24 Senior Bowl, Ladd-Pebbles, Mobile
- 26 Council Camp Card Kickoff Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Bass Pro Shop
- 28 South Baldwin GED Table Host Meeting, 12:00 noon, Wolf Bay Lodge, Foley
- 29-31 Venturers & Explorers Ski Trip, Gatlinburg, TN

FEBRUARY

- 1 Venturers & Explorers Ski Trip, Gatlinburg, TN
- 5 Roundtable Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fairhope First Baptist Church
- 11 Eastern Shore GED Table Host Meeting, 12:00 noon, Rock Creek Country Club
- 16 President's Day Observed, Scout Service Center Closed
- 17 Mardi Gras Observed, Scout Service Center Closed
- 23 Council/District Program Committees Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Spanish Fort Presbyterian Church
- 26 South Baldwin Golden Eagle Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Gulf Shores Civic Center

ROUNDTABLES: The Baldwin District Roundtables are held on the 1st Thursday of every month from August until June at 7:00 p.m. at Fairhope First Baptist Church. 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.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: A special thanks goes to our Scouting for Food Chairman, Alan Bishop. Thanks go also to his staff, the members of the Order of the Arrow Chapter, and all the volunteers, all the units and especially all the scouts that helped with the Scouting for Food Campaign for 2014. We collected over 22,000 pounds of can goods for the Bay Area Food Bank. 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 100 people campout at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park on November 14-15, 2014. Cub Scouts and their families from all over the Mobile Area Council had a wonderful time. Thanks to Renee LaBoe, Rick Griffin and their staff for their hard work for making this an eventful campout. Our Order of the Arrow 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, March 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. It is to recognize the great job that the unit leaders do for the youth of the Baldwin District. Presentation of the Journey to Excellence Unit Awards, National Summertime Pack Awards, 100% Boy's Life Award, 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.

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.

Maubila District

JANUARY

- 1 Council Office Closed - New Year's
- 8 Cub Scout / Boy Scout Roundtable, 7 p.m.
- 15 OA LEC Meeting
- 17 OA Banquet
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2016 COUNCIL PHILMONT TREK

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the Old West; horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history. Philmont also provides exciting challenges for today like: rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting and much more in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving outdoor fun.

The Mobile Area Council will be hosting a Council Contingent to the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico in the summer of 2016. Our contingent will consist of three crews of 10, or a total of 30 participants.

The Contingent Adult Leadership will be selected in the spring of 2015. All interested leaders will need to complete a Mobile Area Council High Adventure Adult Leader Application and submit it to the Council Service Center by the deadline to be considered. The Adult Leader Applications will be available at Roundtables, the Council Service Center and on line in February 2015.

Youth applications, with a payment plan, will be available after the selection of the adult leadership in the summer of 2015.



NEWS & NOTES

From the Desk of Your Scout Executive...

The year 2014 was a GREAT YEAR for the Mobile Area Council! Here is a quick highlight of just a few of our "success stories": This past spring, for the SIXTH year in a row, we held our four "Golden Eagle Dinners" or "Celebration of Scouting" events across Southwest Alabama. Collectively, over 900 Friends of Scouting supporters attended these community events. That's now 24 events! For this coming year, you can help make our Golden Eagle Dinner a success by serving as a Table Host for the

event. Please contact your District Executive and volunteer to help. In May, we had over 400 people attended the Council Banquet at the University of South Alabama in the Mitchell Center—we packed that basketball arena floor again! Boy Scout Summer Camp attendance was up again and we celebrated the 50th anniversary of summer camp at the Maubila Scout Reservation and during the late summer we sent three crews to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. In the fall, we had another

successful Scouting for Food drive that collected over 20,000 pounds of food for the Bay Area Food Bank. Thank-you to Greer's for being our event sponsor each year! As many Scout Leaders have heard me say at Unit, District and Council level meetings & events, these are very exciting times for Scouting here in Southwest Alabama. I encourage you to be involved in helping the Mobile Area Council grow. Please support this year's Family Friends of Scouting Campaign at the unit level. Once again,



*Council Scout Executive
Michael Hartigan*

THANK YOU for helping to change the lives of our youth for the better thru the aims and methods of Scouting... In Scouting, Michael



Congratulations to our Eagle Scouts. 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 part of attaining Eagle the Scout must do an Eagle Service project that benefits a Church, School, Non-Profit Organization or the Community. Through his demonstration of leadership skills with others he 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
John Dillon Fleming	1
Matthew Connor Bishop	47
Jarrett Mitchell Styron	97
Mark Westergaard Helms	177
Nicholas Cody O'Farrell	49
Daven Jerome Ervin	227
Matthew Preston Lawrence	47
Paul Cameron Bruemmer	36
Jack Benjamin Beckner	171
Andrew Keith Batten	147
Gaston Leon Jones, III	47
Zachary Perkins Taylor	2
Ross Elliott Campbell, II	113
Kyle A Davidson	76
John David Faralli	395

SUMMER CAMP 2015

We are planning for a GREAT fifty-first year of Summer Camp at the Maubila Scout Reservation! This year we have three great weeks of Scouting experiences for your Unit to participate in, starting with Week 1 (June 14 - June 20). This week is almost a sell out! Week 2 (June 21 - June 27), has openings still available and we would love to see your unit.

Our third week of Summer Camp (June 28 - July 4) is full of opportunity! If there is a campsite that your unit has always wanted to utilize for the week, this is your chance! Give the office a call at (251) 476-4600 and Pam McLeod, our Event Secretary, can help your unit begin to plan the Summer Camp Experience for this upcoming Summer.

WEBSITE

Have you had a chance to visit our Council website in the last year? We have changed our format and it looks similar to other Councils throughout the nation, with personalized touches that are unique to the Mobile Area Council.

The first thing you will notice is the scrolling and changing banner with items that we think will be of interest to you and your unit. If you ever need a registration form for an event, simply go to our Events tab and find the event you are looking for and download the registration form! You can do the same for any Council Trainings and OA events. Also, check out the tabs that are there to take you to specialized items unique to our Council.

We are working on getting our calendar more interactive, which means allowing you to go to our calendar to download a registration form, but we haven't made it there yet. Our Council website is a continuing work in Progress. If you have noticed, the Council Calendar has a different look from the one you were given at the August and September Roundtable, this is the first step to our interactive calendar.

Since the implementation of our new website design, we have gotten calls from units looking for our Insurance forms and information. Here is a step by step guide to locate this information on the Council website. Go to the "About Us" tab, on the left-hand side submenu you will see "HSR Insurance," this submenu will bring you to all of the forms and information that you may need for the supplemental health insurance that is provided as part of your membership fees. This insurance is there as a supplement to health insurance if a BSA member is injured during an approved Scouting activity.

Maubila Scout Reservation Summer Camp - Unit & Campsite Reservations 2015

Campsite	Week 1 June 14- June 20	Week 2 June 21 - June 27	Week 3 June 28- July 4
Pawnee	Troop 406		
Shawnee	Troop 3	Troop 29 Troop 97	Troop 88
Chickasaw	Troop 174 Troop 171	Troop 221	
Natchez	Troop 78	Troop 47	
Seminole	Troop 90	Troop 82	
Wichita	Troop 292	Troop 147	
Tuscarora	Troop 12	Troop 600	
Ocoee	Troop 85 Troop 505	Troop 49	
Catawpa			