

# DISTRICT NEWS

# Cherokee

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The District Committee, as well as all of Cherokee District, would like to recognize our new **District Chairman**, a long time Scouter in Cherokee District: **Sheri Robson**. Sheri is a member Troop 343 in Athens and a Vigil Member of Mikinakawa Lodge, Order of the Arrow. We are honored to have her leadership and look forward to a productive year.

Cherokee District celebrated the 2009 Scouting year at the **Annual District Awards Dinner** on January 19th at Camp Cherokee in the beautiful James Tarr Dining Hall. District awards were given out, including the District Award of Merit to Terry Glendenning, District Activities Chair, and Collette Shelton, Pack 379.

The Eagle Scouts of 2009 were honored by the American Legion. Charles Luna presented certificates to those in attendance: David Kresnik Troop 339, Travis Kuykendall Troop 339, Dakota Gilliland Troop 342, Alex Dixon Troop 390, and Wesley Fay Troop 390. Texas Society--Sons of the American Revolution representatives presented their Eagle Scout Scholarship of \$1,000 to First Place winner, Taylor Franklin, Eagle Scout from Troop 390. The second place winner, Michael McCluskey from Troop 343, was presented with a check for \$200. Brody Brown, Pack 390, was recognized as the top popcorn salesman for Cherokee District. Guest speaker, Texas Senator Bob Deuell, spoke to the group about the importance of Scouting.



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**Oak Leaf Training** was held January 30-31 at Camp Cherokee. Thirty-seven participants endured the cold winter weather, while learning leadership skills through games, team building activities, and training sessions. Presentations included Boy Led Servant Leadership, Leave No Trace Camping, Dutch Oven Cooking, and EDGE. This training was put on by Canupa Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. Jacob Smyth, Canupa Chapter Chief, led the course as Senior Patrol Leader. Youth leadership was provided by 20 youth staff members. David Johnson, Course Director, led the adult staff in the course. The patrols entertained everyone with skits on Saturday evening campfire. The course ended Sunday morning with an awards ceremony. The patrols gave their yells as they were recognized. Each participant received a patch, friendship knot, Patrol Leaders Handbook, Leave No Trace card, and certificate. After a great weekend of fun, the participants headed for home ready to bring back their new found knowledge to their troops.



## Upcoming Events:

The **Spring Camporee** will be held at Arc Ridge Ranch in Ben Wheeler, Texas the weekend of March 26-28. The event is hosted by Troop 342 with help from Troop 363. The theme is Ninja Academy! Events will be Scout skills related to the theme. There will be an Iron Chef Dessert competition. There will be a large array of miscellaneous ingredients from which each competitor can choose three. Any other ingredients can be added by the competitor. The Order of the Arrow Callout will close the Saturday evening campfire, followed by the Brotherhood Ceremony.

The **Scout Show** will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ball Park in Arlington. All packs, troops, and crews are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to learn, earn, and have some fun!!!

