

Committee Chairmen's Corner

Jeff Stone

I marvel at everything that our boys have accomplished this year. The troop sent boys to two different summer camps (Euchee and Daniel Boone). Troop 608 took more than 25 people to the "mecca of Scouting" BSA's Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimmaron, NM. Our troop was well represented (by Scouts and Scouters) at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. We had a delightful summer cookout at our summer Court of Honor. We saw three of our older scouts "plan, develop and give leadership to others" in their Eagle Scout Service Projects. We have an ambitious merit badge program as part of our troop meetings.

We have watched the transition from one group of boy leaders to another following our summer elections. Another outstanding fall/winter program is underway and included the Fall District Camporee planned by Troop 608 and our seventh program since July 2000 at one of BSA's three National High Adventure bases (with plans already underway for an eighth visit during Christmas season of 2005). This fall, we watched with bittersweet emotions as several of our older scouts, including at least five Eagle Scouts (Doug Watson, Peter Simms, Matt Couch, Ted Werre and Taylor Biggs), have "aged up" and shipped off to college.

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Notes & Reminders

- **Mistletoe Giveaway** - Creighton Road Wal-Mart 8:00 am, December 11.
- **ASM/Committee Retreat** January 22, 2005 at the home of Jim and Michelle Schmitz.
- **USS Alabama, Dec 10**
- **No meeting 1/3/05**
- **We need your newsletter contributions!** Email to shawn@henning.ws. Send photos in .jpg format and at least 200 dpi.

Outdoor Chair

Marybeth Gillette

Troop 608 went to Camp Euchee for fall Camporee and had a great time playing and working to clean up the debris from hurricane Ivan. The Webelos tagged along and I've been told they had a wonderful time and are eager to cross over to Boy Scouts. The camping experience was properly completed with rain on departure.

In November the Scouts chose to work at the Greek Festival instead of going camping. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, especially those who participated in Mrs. Werre's Greek dancing lessons.

On December 10th and 11th we will be going to the USS Alabama for an overnigher. The Webelos have been invited to join our excursion.

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