

## Chairman's 2004 Review

**From back cover** - We look forward to welcoming home an alumni Eagle Scout from the deserts of Iraq where he has been serving the cause of freedom as member of the United States Marines (I hope each of you will join me in thanking Robert Belford for his courage, sacrifice and service in defense of our country and the cause of freedom).

None of this would be possible without ready, willing and able adult volunteers. In addition to our wonderful, hardworking Scoutmaster and his enthusiastic and committed cadre of hardworking ASMs who work directly with our boys, we are blessed with a hardworking group of committee members that work behind the scenes to make the troop "go." Our committee members set the policies for our troop, handle the administrative duties, serve as merit badge counselors and conduct all Boards of Review, a required element for ALL rank advancement by our boys. In addition, several of our committee members are active participants in our troop's outdoors program. All of these positions are vital to the success of our troop. With more than 70 active scouts, we simply cannot have "too many" volunteers. If you are not already involved, please step up and volunteer to help. Our continued success at delivering a quality program for all of our sons depends on it.

I congratulate each of the boys for their accomplishments as represented by the many awards, merit badges and rank advancements that will be celebrated at our December Court of Honor, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of the adult volunteers already actively supporting our program, and I extend a warm welcome to all new volunteers willing to step forward to help make our outstanding program an even better and continuing success.

## Boy Accounts

Many of you may not know or may have forgotten about boy accounts.

Several times a year (especially Popcorn Season) the boys have the opportunity to earn \$\$Money through sales. The profits are put into separate "savings" accounts for each participant.

This \$\$Money is then used towards summer camps and High Adventure trips, like Sea Base, Northern Tier and Philmont.

These trips are very expensive and it sure is nice to be able to cash out the savings and spend it towards them.

If you are not sure how much \$\$Money you or your son has, ask Mrs. Gudinas.

## Merit Badge Nights

Scouts continue to work on merit badges at meetings. Right now, we are working on Communications, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Citizenship in the Community, Space Exploration, and American Cultures. We are able to work on this last badge because of the involvement at the Greek Fest. If you have an interest, the desire or the skills to assist our Scouts in achieving a merit badge, either towards the goal of Eagle, or just for fun, please contact Betsy Werre.



Tommy Jacobson Working On his Aviation Merit Badge.