



THE EAGLE FLIGHT PLAN

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WHAT'S GOIN' ON???

RE-CHARTER AGREEMENTS
DUE 12/31/2008

Scouters,

With the New Year just a few days away, everyone starts thinking of New Year's Resolutions. Has your unit made its New Year's Resolutions? I don't mean resolutions that you hope you fulfill, but are not really dedicated to upholding. I mean those unit resolutions that the leaders in your unit will commit to upholding. Things like your Quality Unit Goals, Friends of Scouting goals, getting your leaders to training, holding regular meetings that the boys consider valuable, etc.

The district not only wants you to set these goals, but to achieve them also. We try to help you with these goals by holding Roundtables that convey important information. We have a District Activities Committee that tries to supply an ample number of district ran events that will help to supplement your unit's program. We have a Membership Committee that is available to help your unit learn how to recruit new members.

QUALITY UNIT 08/09

DUE 12/31/2008

We have an Advancement and Recognition Committee that helps set standards for advancement and helps you to recognize your leaders at our District Banquet, via the uniform knots that they can earn; they even can help you learn of other recognition for leaders and youth. We have a Training Committee that puts on the training that your leaders need to put on a better program and do their jobs better. We have a Camping Committee that helps monitor the outdoor program within your unit, but also has put on some great camping adventures last year.

RECHARTER 2009

DUE 2/12/2009

We even have a Finance Committee that helps with the financial aspects of keeping our district and council funded to be able to put on the above programs. We encourage you to take advantage of the service of these committees to help make your unit's New Year's Resolutions be fulfilled. Last, but not least, we have a Commissioner Corps that will help your unit whenever it has questions or problems. They are your unit's friend. Let them help you, ask them for help, advice, and guidance.

January 3^d

OA: Manu Lodge Banquet

While you are at it, be sure to thank you to the volunteers that make these committees function. Without them, we would not have most of the great units we have. I would like to personally thank each and every District Committee Chair, Committee Member, and Commissioner for their volunteering to give that little bit more to make our district and units stronger. Thank you all for your dedication to Scouting, your community, and to others. You are the glue that binds our district together and makes our (your) units stronger. Thank you one and all.

January 8th

District Committee Meeting

7:00 @ First United Methodist

Church

Happy New Year

January 8th

Bob Porter

Eagle Project Approval

Eagle District Committee Chair

7:00 @ F.U.M.C.

January 10th

LFC Eagle Recognition
Banquet

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER: District Commissioner, Mike Flowers

January 10th

Pinewood Derby Clinic

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm @ Holy
Trinity

I would like to start the New Year by offering a challenge to each Pack, Troop, and Crew. Plus all the individual scouts and scouters in **OUR LOCAL UNITS**. My challenge for 2009 is a goal so simple, it might seem foolish to some. I would like to challenge our perception of **OUR LOCAL UNITS** and **OUR DISTRICT**. When I speak to various leaders, boy and adult, they speak of **THEIR LOCAL UNIT** as us. When they speak of **THE DISTRICT**, they speak of them.

January 15th

District Roundtable

7:00 @ F.U.M.C.

My goal in 2009 is to introduce the concept of **OUR DISTRICT** that is nothing more than an extension of **OUR LOCAL UNITS** in the **World Wide Brotherhood of the Scouting Movement**. Our human nature tends to want ownership of our small piece of this world, and it excludes those who could share our goals and purpose in life. I would like to see **OUR DISTRICT** marshal all the resources that Bob Porter mentioned in his article, to the full advantage for **ALL OUR LOCAL UNITS**.

January 17th

Blazers Hockey Night @ the
Ford Center



January 22nd

Commissioner's Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Eagle District and the units within **OUR DISTRICT** have been blessed in 2008 with tremendous opportunity and success. Bob and I have both preached on the come back of **OUR EAGLE DISTRICT**. We do not want to rest on the past accomplishments, but continue to build the future with our present momentum. This next step needs to be where all hands take hold of the oars and give forth effort not only for those in **OUR LOCAL UNITS** but for **OUR DISTRICT** as well.

January 31st

Merit Badge College

@ Santa Fe High School

I hope you will consider attending **OUR JANUARY ROUNDTABLE, JANUARY 15TH**. The program is **OUR ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION for OUR DISTRICT**. Allow us the time and opportunity to share the great things that are in store for 2009 for **OUR DISTRICT and OUR LOCAL UNITS**.

January 31st

Annual Commissioners
Conference @ LFC Office 8am

Yours in Scouting

Michael Flowers, SR 280

January 31st

Eagle District Commissioner

Woodbadge Reunion

6:00 p.m.

Brenda Humann, our Eagle District Roundtable Commissioner, invites you to our **Monthly Roundtable**. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, at the First United Methodist Church.

The F.U.M.C. is located 1 block west of University Drive on Jackson and Hurd.

Meeting Agenda:

7:00 – Opening Ceremony

Commissioner Mike Flowers

7:25

Cub Scout Breakout Session

Boy Scout Breakout Session

8:40 – Closing Ceremony

TROOP 89: PHOTO OF THE MONTH IN BOYS' LIFE!!!

The December issue of Boys' Life Magazine features a shot of Troop 89 at Philmont about 400 feet away from the summit of Baldy Mountain. Way to go guys!

Congratulations to Mike Penning and Dennis Gleason.

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D.E. NEWS: District Executive, Phillip Mitchell

Fellow Scouters,

You all have done an incredible job in promoting this fellowship that we call the Scouting Movement. Thank you for helping me toward my goal of ensuring that every eligible youth in our community has the opportunity to experience the promise of Scouting.



And we all need to give a special "shout out" to Mr. George Griffin for keeping up with all of our information and making it available on the hippest, most navigatable website the council has ever seen
...www.eagledistrict.org.

As we prepare to go into 2009, consistent communication is imperative! Upcoming editions of the newsletter will be giving recognition to our Eagle Scouts, Class of 2008. We will also have a recap of our year and recognize some of the many Scouters who helped make it great.

What are you doing for Spring Break? Join us at Diamond H Scout Ranch. See the attachment for complete details.

We want to share this with everyone! In order to do so, we need to confirm that the weekly district newsletter is getting into the hands of every registered parent, every leader, every charter organization head and charter representatives, and to every committee chairman.

I need you guys to be my eyes and ears out there and just ask around. See who is not getting it and let me know.

Happy Holidays to you all and Best Wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year!

LET'S TALK POPCORN!!! SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD 11:30 A.M.

Hello All,

Hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas. Last year the Council office scheduled a meeting for the District Kernels to discuss any problems or issues that may have posed problems. We did not get a chance to have a district meeting with all the unit kernels prior to that meeting. Phillip Mitchell and I have discussed it and we would like to have a meeting with all of you prior to this meeting this year.

We would like for everyone who is available to show up for this meeting to give your comments. I understand that everyone has a busy schedule, but the date for this is January 3. Yes, this Saturday.

It will be at the First United Methodist Church where roundtable is held except across the street in the basement where Troop 77 meets. It will be at 11:30. We would like to get somewhat of a head count prior to Saturday so I know how many pizzas to get. Oh yeah, we will feed you too. So in the meantime, please jot down some suggestions, comments, or complaints so we can take them to the council meeting.

Phillip Mitchell

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For a complete list of Commissioners, program chairmen, event information, and more, visit our website:

www.eagledistrict.org

After this meeting, I will not bother you anymore with the 2008 popcorn season.....But remember there is always 2009.

Thanks,

Jeff Lampe

Eagle District Popcorn Kernel

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What is the National Parent Initiative Program ?

Basically it includes the appointment of one parent to act as the "welcome wagon" to all new parents in your Pack and Troop. Their responsibility is to discover what talents they have, what areas they are interested in helping, and basically to get them involved as a parent in Scouting.

Complete details are listed at www.eagledistrict.org. For more details contact Commissioner Joel Rodriguez at jose_cool@prodigy.net.

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The following article was submitted by Gary Goodner, DE for Baden Powell District and I just wanted to share. Enjoy!

There is a very nice article about Rice football player **Travis Mason**, son of LFC President Steve Mason and one of our Baden-Powell District Eagle Scouts.

Travis Mason was recently elected President of Rice University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and will also serve as the Rice representative Conference USA's SAAC. In addition, [David Bailiff](#) has appointed Mason as Student Player Personnel Director. Finally, Athletic Director [Chris Del Conte](#) tapped Mason to head Rice football team's new community outreach initiative.

Travis also acts as a liaison between student-athletes, athletic teams, the Rice College system and the greater Houston community.

"The goals for the next year are to unify athletes across teams and across campus in order to create **several community service projects** and introduce professional development and networking initiatives," Travis Mason said.

Travis earned his Eagle Scout rank in November of 2002. Six years later, he is still practicing the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life as a college player and citizen.

As I often mention when I re-emphasize "**helping other people at all times**," Scouting builds great citizenship and character long after our principles have been taught. It also again proves that "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

Travis is an alumnus of Troop 193 and graduated from Casady School.

Congratulations to Travis and his family as they keep an eye on jersey #76 at the Texas Bowl on December 30th. As a Baden-Powell District, we are all very proud of Travis Mason. Travis is an offensive lineman for the Owls.

For the entire article, check this link out at <http://Travis Mason>