Scouting in Chinquapin:

Recharter was discussed extensively as units were surprised to be dropped after December 31 loosing access to internet advancement, tour plans, eagle applications, etc. For more information on recharter, please contact Ron Lucas at ronl@psisc.com Perry Rainey presented Scouting for Food. Distribution is February 7 with pickup the following week, February 14. Neighborhoods were adopted and bags were distributed. Additional bags are available at the council service center. Perry has expressed an interest to mentor his replacement, so if you are interested in championing this most worthwhile service project, please contact the Chinquapin Program Chair —Laurie Stokes at bsaunit111@yahoo.com During the breakout session, Cubs discussed the upcoming program changes and Boys discussed Journey to Excellence.

Order of the Arrow:

Lodge Leadership Development: During the day of the banquet, the youth leaders attended with their Advisors to plan out the upcoming year and look for areas to improve lodge operations.

2017 OA Dixie: A separate group meet as well on Saturday to begin planning for 2017 OA Dixie which will be held at Camp Barstow celebrating 75 years of Muscogee Lodge. If you are interested in becoming part of the Dixie Host Lodge team, the next meeting will be during Spring Ordeal March 21. For information, please contact Halleck Butts at tschitanekwoakusadvisor@yahoo.com

Banquet: Chinquapin's OA Chapter, Tschitanek Woakus, took home both chapter awards at the banquet. The Ralph E. Grier Chapter Award which is based on a chapter's efficiency in a variety of areas. Topics taken into consideration include camp promotion, unit elections, chapter attendance at lodge functions, chapter meetings, chapter representation at lodge Executive Committee Meetings, chapter-wide competitions (i.e. ceremonies), chapter service, chapter Brotherhood conversion, special chapter activities, and chapter spirit. The Charles Youngblood Service Award is given annually to the chapter that has conducted the most service throughout the lodge year. The total number of service hours given are computed by the numbers shown on the monthly chapter report forms divided by the total dues paid members in the chapter at the end of the year. ---Well Done Chinquapin Arrowmen!!!---

Chinquapin District Calendar was been revamp and is now available on line. We are working on the printer friendly ability. http://www.chinquapindistrict.org/

Chinquapin District Leadership or Staff page is next to be revamped, so look for changes there soon...

University of Scouting, January 24, is a Scout Leader's learning extravaganza. http://indianwaters.org/iwcn/UniversityofScouting.aspx

Wood Badge, March 13-15 & April 17-19, is the embodiment of Scouting spirit, ideas, and service. Like many intense training experiences, it relies on a busy schedule forcing the participants to work together, to organize, and to develop a team spirit to accomplish the tasks and challenges placed before them while renewing their

dedication, spirit of brotherhood, and fellowship in the Scouting. http://indianwaters.org/iwcn/WoodBadge.aspx

Indian Waters Council Banquet is March 19 at TBD

Packs:

New **Cub Scouting Program, January 17 Webcasts**, Program launching June 1, 2015. To ensure you are ready for the transition, navigate to: http://www.Livestream.com/Bsanationalcouncil.

Troops:

Order of the Arrow:

Unit Elections and Camp Promotion: Unit Scoutmasters will be contacted in the next week about scheduling a chapter visit by an election team. Nine Chinquapin Scouts attended training in 2014 to prepare to this years elections. Several others were prepared to conduct unit call outs at chapter meetings. Our goal will be to conduct an election and camp promotion in under 15 minutes at your troop meeting and complete Chinquapin elections by early March. The first OA Ordeal (Induction) will be March 20-22 and Muscogee will only have two Ordeals in 2015.

Wanted: Order of the Arrow Troop Representative: This youth appointed leadership position is the troop's primary liaison with the lodge and chapter. Since leadership positions change with troop elections, please have your OA Rep contact the Tschitanek Woakus Chapter Chief at tschitanekwoakuschief@muscogeelodge.org

Eagle Boards, January 22, at 7pm at Lexington United Methodist. If you can help with the boards, please contact Lori Landrum. Triple79@sc.rr.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, February 27-March 1, Boy Scout adult volunteers interested in enhancing their outdoor skills as it relates to advancing Boy Scouts thru First Class. https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA553&eventID=1731

Feedback is a gift! If you have ideas to improve Chinquapin News or anything thing the District does, please become part of the solution and let us know. We can affect program, but not policy. :-)