

Down the Trail



April 10, 2008

Dear Buckskinners, veterans and rookies alike:

I am excited once again to see spring arrive and to have the opportunity to meet new scouters from around the Miami Valley Council. Wednesday, April 2nd found us at the K-Lodge to begin our the 55th year, where we welcomed the new class of twenty who were formed into four patrols, The Soaring Falcons, Prowling Panthers, Funky Monkeys and the Timber Elks. We are also fortunate to have three additional scouts join us this past week.

For those of you who were not able to be with us on April 2nd, I welcomed the “new scouts” by describing what we would be doing while on The Buckskin Trail and introducing the members of Troop 315. The Buckskin Trail is Troop 315 and vice versa. We are a Boy Scout Troop and operate in that manner, according to the program documents produced by the Boy Scouts of America, such as the Boy Scout Handbook, the Scoutmaster Handbook, the Patrol Leader Handbook, etc. The Senior Patrol Leader, Scott Wheeler, is the ‘boss”, assisted by Greg Neff, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. In addition to Scott and Greg there is an extensive staff of dedicated scouters. These staffers fill positions within the troop structure that are “Youth” within a normal troop, including Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, and Instructor. Troop 315 has a Leadership Team of 6 filling the role of “Adult Leader” within the Troop structure. These positions include Chief Thunderbuck, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scribe, and Chaplain.

Just as with a traditional Boy Scout Troop, you, like an 11-year old scout, have committed to a troop for your scouting future. You have chosen The Buckskin Trail and in turn we (on The Trail) are committed to your learning and continued development as a Leader in your home unit and your community.

The Buckskin Trail is a tradition in the Miami Valley Council that rides on the shoulders of those leaders that have the desire to learn and grow as well as the motivation to pass it on to the next generation.

Welcome to the new scouts of Troop 315 and “welcome back” to all those Buckskinners who continue the tradition of Trained Scout Leadership in the Miami Valley Council.

See ya Down the Trail,

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