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Don't forget to check out the latest Southern Region [news](#) at SRBSA.org!

And remember, if you have a good Scouting story to share, please send it to us at SRWebmaster@netbsa.org.

PHILMONT PDL-2 TRAINING COURSE IN DANGER OF CANCELLATION!

The PDL-2 training course scheduled to be held at Philmont on July 20-26, 2008, is in danger of being cancelled due to low registration. If you are planning on sending any professional(s) to this course, please send the application form(s) to CPD before the May 22nd deadline. A copy of the PDL-2 application form is [here](#).

YACHTMASTER COURSE DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE

Councils wishing to conduct their own boating safety education courses should plan to send a representative to participate in this course director's conference. Please see the [promotional flyer](#) for all pertinent information.

NEW LOCAL TOUR PERMIT

A new [Local Tour Permit form](#) is now available on the SR website. You can also download them from MyBSA – Resources – Health and Safety or via supply order. The form is user friendly and easy to fill in, save to a computer and print. There are two new items that will become mandatory in January 2009: 1) Youth Protection Training must be current within two years, and 2) at least one adult must have completed the Weather Wise Training Module.

The tour permit updates include:

- A single matrix to help units plan for qualified supervision for specified activities such as swimming, boating, and shooting sports, and includes expiration of required training.
- Revised certification requiring more of tour leaders than just having a copy of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* in their possession.
- Space for both phone and e-mail contact information for leaders.

FIRST QUARTER ENDOWMENT REPORT

[Here](#) is the First Quarter Endowment Report. If you have any questions, please contact Patrice Eulin at (770) 514-5031 or PEulin@netbsa.org.

FOS REPORT

[Here](#) is the FOS Report for the Month of April. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Watkins at (770) 514-5023 or Miwatkin@netbsa.org.

SELLWISE RUMOR

There has been a rumor going around that SellWise in councils will be replaced by another product. THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THAT RUMOR. There are no plans to replace SellWise in councils in the foreseeable future. Supply Group is moving to JDA, but that is only Supply Group.

BACKUP PC CHARGE

We have mentioned this before, but it never hurts to remind of something like this again if you have the **PC Charge (PCC)** software for processing credit-cards with Sellwise.

Several councils did not have their TID back up file. After their server crashed (and they reinstalled Sellwise and PC Charge onto a new machine), they could not process credit cards for over two weeks. Due to extremely high

security in the credit card industry, it is not a short or simple process to get PC charge running again without your TID file.

Please do this backup 1st thing tomorrow (see [here](#)) to a medium that you can use in the future. Consider using a USB thumb drive, Zip disk or your office file server. Copy it somewhere. It contains 42 files (only 8kb). 1 minute now will save weeks of heartache later.

We never know when a computer is going to crash or vandals break in and take it.

P.S. in exasperation one council moved to Mercury Pay, another FINALLY got the right numbers into the right place, with the right people helping, in the right time zone (but it took 2 weeks). Remember there is a \$115.00 annual support fee on PCC.

Please do yourself a favor and do this right away!!

OKEFENOKEE AREA COUNCIL GOLDEN EAGLE DINNER PLAN A HUGE SUCCESS

The Okefenokee Area Council headquartered in Waycross, Georgia, recently held its 4th annual series of Golden Eagle Dinners throughout the council territory. Their effort has grown from the original 2 dinners to 6 this year. All 3 districts as well as the council participate in the highly successful plan. In 2004, the council was raising \$147,000 in FOS and taking all year to do it in the traditional IC5 campaign. Under the leadership of Scout Executive Michael Hartigan, the council adopted the Golden Eagle Dinner plan that raised \$294,000 this year. The council hit its 12/31 goal on April 29. Included in this year's totals is \$12,000+ in new money!

One of this year's dinners was chaired by Gary Colberg held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center Atlantic Room and honored Georgia State Representative Jerry Keen for his dedicated service. Over 300 people and community leaders were in attendance including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers who help recognize table hosts and the honoree. This particular dinner raised \$156,598 in one night.

For more details, please see [Southern Region News](#) online.



Pictured left to right: Gary Colberg, President/CEO Southeast Georgia Health System and Dinner Sponsor; Charles Laurens, Council Commissioner; Nathan Potts, Eagle Scout and MC; State Representative and Honoree Jerry Keen; and Michael Hartigan III, Scout Executive.