Caddo Sheriff's Camp kicks off on Sunday

Friday, June 10, 2016

Nearly 100 Caddo Parish boys will enjoy a Boy Scout-style wilderness experience beginning Sunday when they depart for the 29th annual Caddo Sheriff's Camp at Kinsey Scout Reservation.

Sheriff's Camp is an overnight activity for boys ages 9-12 who may not otherwise have an opportunity to attend camp this summer. Potential campers are identified through Caddo schools and are recommended based on good grades and conduct.

Camp is free and is funded through private donations raised by Sheriff Steve Prator.

It's operated in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, Norwela Council. BSA provides food, tent lodging, and a fun-filled program that includes fishing, swimming, target shooting, archery, arts and crafts, and team sports.

Caddo deputies also serve as mentors at the scout ranch. This year they will be joined by Shreveport Police officers and Probation and Parole.

"Many of our deputies return to camp each summer because it's as much fun for them as it is for the boys," Prator said. "It's a great way to introduce the campers to scouting and for law enforcement to interact with them in a positive way."

The boys will return home on Wednesday afternoon.

Note to Media:

Media Day will be held at the scout ranch on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the dining hall. Media Day activities include:

- Remarks from SheriffPrator
- Remarks from BSA Scout Executive/CEO Sedrick Robinson
- Interview opportunities with the campers
- Demos by CPSO K-9, Mounted Patrol, and SRT

  Campers will be involved in various activities before and after lunch if you would like to get shots of them in action. You are welcome to visit camp at any time to cover this story, but Sheriff Prator and camp organizers will be available only on Media Day. If you plan to visit at a time other than the designated day, please contact Cindy Chadwick at 422-4101 in advance.