



**Old Kia Kima Preservation Association**  
6160 Greenlee St., Arlington, TN, 38002

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Dear Old Kia Kima Supporter,

We have a great deal for which to be thankful! At our reunion in September, we dedicated the final restoration project-- the hospital. It is now more than fully restored because it has complete (indoor) bathroom facilities. My how things have changed.

Just prior to our reunion, over 60 Miramichee "girls" were in camp for their, now annual, get together. Their numbers are growing and many of them have become members of OKK.

We are actively engaged in a riverbank stabilization project for which we have qualified for a \$25,000. WHIP matching grant. This effort involves partnering with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the USDA Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Corps of Engineers and finally, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Hopefully we'll be able to begin work in the late spring 2008.

And, finally, camp utilization is at a record high. During 2007, 709 youth and adults enjoyed our wonderful place on the South Fork River. That exceeds our previous high number in 2005 by 122. We're getting more Cub Pack use and they do family camping. The weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup>, there were 85 in camp followed by 89 the next weekend. Utilization is what we're about, but with increased use comes increased operating costs. Electricity and water bills go up and our liability insurance premiums are tied to camper days.

Looking forward to 2008, reservations are already booked for five weeklong uses. Boy Scout Troops from Beldon, Mo., Nashville, TN., and two from Michigan as well as our first Girl Scout Troop will utilize our camp. How good can it get?

To each of you, thanks for your past support and please continue that generosity by sending a tax-deductible donation in the enclosed envelope.

God has blessed us mightily let us share those blessings.

*Rick Phillips*