

# Old Kia Kima Preservation Association

2010 Annual Report



**OKKPA, Inc.**

**A 501 (c) 3 Youth Leadership Organization**

**EIN # 710783653**

**Incorporated in Arkansas with summer camp facilities  
located in Cherokee Village on the Southfork River  
Near the town of Hardy**



OKKPA President, Rick Phillips, dedicates the Cappellari Meditation Trail

In 2010, Troop 510 of Belton, MO cut the Cappellari Meditation Trail between the Young Chapel and the recently acquired original dining hall of OKK. This trail honors one of OKKPA's major benefactors, Mrs. Rose Mary Cappellari and her deceased husband, Amerigo. The marker at the head of the trail was the scene of the official dedication of the trail in September, 2010.

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## **Our Youth Leadership Core Values and Core Purpose:**

### *Integrity, Achievement, Responsibility, and Courage.*

These are the core principles that will guide the future development of our Youth Leadership Training Initiatives. They will help us to convey the "Spirit" of Old Kia Kima by letting others know that this small set of general guiding principles is OKKPA's essential and enduring tenets for Youth Leadership - a key part of the rich legacy we want to share and utilize the Camp to pass along to the *Youth of Tomorrow*.

Our members all share a common belief that the unique experiences we had at Old Kia Kima represented important character building values that should be preserved and passed on to the *Youth Of Tomorrow*. We understood that the Camp Kia Kima we all loved was the source of these life shaping values, and that it had to become the focal point of our restoration efforts, in order to serve as the ultimate vehicle for once again passing on these values to future generations.

Our Core Purpose: (This defines the enduring character of our organization and drives our aspirations).

*WHAT:* Maintain the Camp and Preserve the "Spirit" of Old Kia Kima for the *Youth Of Tomorrow*.

*WHY:* We want future generations to experience the Spirit of Old Kia Kima, to learn the values of *Integrity, Achievement, Responsibility, and Courage*, and to utilize the Camp to pass this along to future generations" just like we did - this will be our legacy.

*HOW:* By continuing to support and maintain the high principles of Scouting as we knew them to be at Old Kia Kima; and by advancing those principles in service to others through organized programs of community involvement, Youth Leadership Training and camp activities that will span the new millennium and continue our legacy in perpetuity.

This statement of *Core Purpose* defines the enduring character of our organization and drives the aspirations that we have.

These *Core Values and statement of Core Purpose* work together to give direction, substance, and clarity to our Vision, Mission, and Goals. Together, they have provided a guide to OKKPA restoration and future utilization decisions as we pursue a fully restored and fully functioning Old Kia Kima!



Scouts make the trek to the overlook at Cedar Bluff.

It was at this magnificent vantage point that Scouts of Kia Kima and girls from Miramichiee and Kiwani met for Sunday Services or just to enjoy the view of the Spring and South Fork Rivers.



Enjoying the ice cold water of Blanchard Springs with its mystical miles of caverns. Blanchard Springs National Forest is a hidden treasure a short drive from the cabins of Old Kia Kima. Top notch hiking, caving, swimming and fishing.



**President's Letter to the Membership**  
**October 2010**



As your newly elected President, I am extremely proud to represent you, and I look forward to the next several years of working with each of you. Our membership represents hundreds of men and women who experienced the opportunity to attend as campers or served on the Staff of Kia Kima, Miramichee and Kiwani from 1948 through 1963.

We are very privileged to provide an outdoor facility for the youth of today to learn outdoor and leadership skills to challenge them for their adult endeavors. Old Kia Kima is a reality and each of us has the obligation to continue the spirit that has brought us back to this sacred place.

The past four years has been under the capable leadership of Past President Rick Phillips. During his tenure Rick guided the Board of Directors and Association membership to accomplish many of the goals set during his term.

- Land swap with the Cherokee Village Suburban Improvement District
- OKK Hospital renovation
- Construction of the "Pancho's Pit" dining pavilion restroom
- Acquisition of the Kamp Kart, golf cart
- South Fork Riverbank Stabilization
- Old OKK dining hall demolition
- Purchase of Cherokee Village lots 24 and 26, adjacent to the property
- Thunderbird museum memorabilia display cases

The financial health of OKKPA continues to remain strong due to our dedicated membership and friends. Expenses were held below budget and we were able to set aside another \$35,000 for the 2013/2014 budget year. We are now secure in funding for the next four years.

Association membership continues to grow and we are actively locating former campers and Staff members from Kia Kima, Miramichee and Kiwani.

The Old Kia Kima Endowment Fund continues to grow with the contributions invested in secure financial instruments. The committee is currently organizing efforts to grow this fund through several initiatives that you will hear more about during the coming year.

The highlight of this year, as has been in the past, is the active utilization of Old Kia Kima by youth groups from around the country. Over 1000 camper days were recorded. Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, Girl Scout Troops and the Rogers High School Cross Country team utilized OKK for weekend and weeklong outdoor experiences. We continue to remain true to our Mission: Preserve the place, honor the vision of all who have shared in the spirit of the South Fork waters and provide an environment where elders may pass on knowledge and experience, enriching and shaping the lives of young people today.

We cannot forget those who have passed away in the last year that had many years of commitment to Kia Kima: Fred Carney, Perry Gaither, Carl Goolsby, Phil Adams, and Tony Dries.

I challenge us all to continue to grow our membership, provide the sweat equity that has brought the Association to this point and remember the financial responsibilities we have to continue to provide this wonderful place we provide for the future leaders of our country.

God bless you all!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Schmidt".

President  
Old Kia Kima Preservation Association

## **Top Priorities for 2010 and 2011**

### **The OKKPA Core Values Committee.**

During 2005 and 2006 an Old Kia Kima program stressing our core values was developed; it was tested out during the summers of 2006, 2007 and 2008. The youth and leaders who participated in this program thought it was very worthwhile; however our utilization of this great character building opportunity has been limited. During 2009 the Core Values Committee developed a new and exciting web presentation of the program to supplement the excellent work done by earlier CV committees.

#### **Secure Funding for the Old Kia Kima Endowment Forever Fund**

A very high priority is to secure an Endowment of sufficient size to fund the ongoing budgeted expenses, both near term and long term, for operating Old Kia Kima facilities on a continuous basis in perpetuity. The *Endowment Committee* has determined the minimal need of a principle amount of two million dollars in order to fund projected operating expenses in perpetuity, based on preservation of principle, and using only the interest earned on invested funds.

With that objective firmly in sight, the OKKPA Board of Directors has established an Investment Policy & Guidelines for operating the Old Kia Kima Endowment Forever Fund (OKKEFF). This document is available to those with a special interest in supporting OKKPA's pursuit of this objective, and the *Endowment Committee* welcomes the opportunity for discreet and confidential discussions with interested parties. During 2010 significant progress was made on increasing our endowment fund.

#### **Secure Funding and Build an On Site Camp Ranger's Residence**

The need for a suitable residence for an on-site Camp Ranger remains a high priority for two reasons. First, an on-site presence of a Ranger is important to maintain high-level security of the property, and to deter vandalism. Three lots have been donated to OKKPA that overlook the main entrance gate and would be ideally located for a residence site. Secondly, a residence for the Ranger would be an important part of the compensation package needed to attract highly qualified candidates, both now and in the future. The *Camp Ranger Residence Committee* is actively pursuing this objective with \$110,000 in special funding needed in support of this priority in order to proceed.

### **Riverbank Stabilization Project**

In 2008 OKKPA received a grant from the State of Arkansas to stabilize an area of OKK's riverbank which had severely eroded over the years. This is a project jointly funded by the State and by donations from OKKPA members. This project was completed in the spring and summer of 2009 with the construction of five wing dams on the east bank of the South Fork adjacent to OKK.

### **Secure Funding and Hire an Old Kia Kima Camp Ranger**

During the summers of 2004 and 2005 demand for our Camp facilities really escalated, and reached a new high in 2009. While this usage has been almost exclusively Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, major efforts are underway to offer Old Kia Kima to other National Youth Groups. Our abilities to meet the security, and maintenance needs of an active Camp, as well as to interface with the user groups as they check in and out has been stretched to the limits for our geographically dispersed all-volunteer organization. We are at the stage of development where we need to employ a full time Old Kia Kima Camp Ranger. The absence of available funding is preventing us from doing so, and in the process severely restricting our ability to make the Camp available to a larger number of youth. *The Camp Ranger Search & Selection Committee* has a Board-approved Job Description for the Ranger. The OKK Grant Request Committee is actively submitting capital requests to foundations to meet this most needed project.

### **Continue to Build Upon and Expand Camp Utilization by Scouts & other Targeted Youth Groups**

OKKPA, Inc. offers the restored Old Kia Kima camp facilities to existing Boy Scout programs and Girl Scout programs, and other 501 (c) 3 national youth service organizations in support of their youth leadership training and youth service programs. The restoration phase is essentially completed. The utilization of OKK has reached the point where we are actively studying ways of expanding the capacity of our Camp facilities in order to insure that as many of the "Youth of Tomorrow" as possible will have that special experience, high above the South Fork waters. During 2010 we exceeded the level of 1000 camper nights residency.

## **Old Kia Kima Historic Committee**

Under the leadership of the *Old Kia Kima Heritage Committee*, we continue to seek ways to create a written, oral and multi-media history of Old Kia Kima. Youth of the future can better understand our love of OKK by what they see and hear, through correspondence, interpretive displays, resource ideas, and through personal contact with OKKPA programs and members. During the Spring of 2004 a group of volunteers designed and installed the Old Kia Kima Heritage Trail, which winds through OKK, the Old Miramichiee site, and various significant points around the Hardy area. One of the main purposes of this activity was to create awareness among new youth of the history and traditions of OKK, Miramichiee and Kiwani. 2009 saw the formal dedication of the OKK Museum contained in the Thunderbird Lodge. In 2010, the committee produced an updated version of our great film on Old Kia Kima, "A Time and a Place."



**The Old Kia Kima Preservation Association is not only dedicated to restoration of the old camp, but also maintaining what we've already done. Here is shown the major project in 2010 of rebuilding the extensive deck structure outside the old waterfront staff cabin.**



This photo shows only a fraction of the re-decking work accomplished.

OLD KIA KIMA PRESERVATION ASSN., INC.  
Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

## **Summary**

The financial health of OKKPA remained good for the fiscal year 2009/10. Income was bolstered by generous donations and expenses were held to below budget amounts. We were able to fund the 2012/13 fiscal year with a \$35,000 set aside.

In addition to the excellent operating results, the Endowment fund has grown to over \$70,000 this year. While generous donations were received and the CD income was as expected, we are faced with lower interest returns in the coming year.

The 2010/11 fiscal year has started well with strong donations and dues income. Although the economy has challenged us all, OKKPA members and friends have exceeded last year's giving pace. With the exception of electric rates, spending is expected to be at or below budget again.

## **Income**

Income for the year was \$75,000 with over \$45,000 in donations received. General donations of \$20,000 and \$3000 were received along with a total of \$7650 for the endowment fund. \$6,000 in donations funded furnishings for the Thunderbird Lodge and the new Hospital. The high utilization of the facility yielded good camping donations from groups as well as good merchandise sales.

## **Expenses**

Operating expenses for the year were less than \$30,000 leaving a surplus of over \$5000. Insurance costs were reduced (\$1000) due to a change of carrier with the same coverage. The repairs and maintenance spending was below budget with low spending on building repairs. Utilities are being watched with electricity being the major cost of just over \$2500, trash pickup next at \$1300 and water at \$550.

Furnishings were added to the hospital and Thunderbird Lodge that were funded through donations. We did use part of the \$5000 capital repairs set aside for the alarm system improvements.

The year ended with \$180,887 in dedicated funds and liabilities. The funds available the current year are \$18,416.

**Alan Meierhoefer, Treasurer, OKKPA, Inc.**

<b>OLD KIA KIMA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION</b>			
<b>Funds Available Report</b>			
<b>July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010</b>			
BEGINNING BALANCE	July 1, 2009		<b>\$179,162.29</b>
INCOME July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010			
	Donated Directors Expense	5124.00	
	Other Donations	45120.00	
	Interest Earned	4876.15	
	Membership Dues	9570.00	
	Reunion/Meeting Income	7486.00	
	Sales	3518.00	
	Miscellaneous Income		
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$75,694.15</b>
EXPENSES			
	Directors Expenses	5124.00	
	Reunion/Meeting Expenses	5043.93	
	Program Supplies (Merchandise)	5242.32	
	Equipment		
	Non-Operating Expense	15410.25	<b>-\$15,410.25</b>
	Miscellaneous	294.00	
	Donor Plaques	288.00	
	Insurance	11867.00	
	Professional Fees (Tax Prep)	1000.00	
	Repairs & Maintenance	8241.00	
	Supplies	1728.00	
	Taxes (SID)	1306.00	
	Utilities	4957.00	
	Adjustments		
	Operating Expenses	29681.00	<b>-\$29,681.00</b>
	T-Bird Lighting	2113.00	
	Old Dining Hall	1900.00	
	Hospital Furnishings	4232.00	
	T-Bird Display Cases	1055.00	
	Alarm Connector	1162.00	
	Site Improvements	10462.00	<b>-\$10,462.00</b>
	TOTAL OUTFLOW		<b>-\$55,553.25</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>June 30, 2010</b>		<b>\$199,303.19</b>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES &amp; DEDICATED FUNDS</b>			
	Endowment Funds	66378.00	
	Capital Repairs	3838.00	
	Display Cases	0.00	
	Hospital	0.00	
	FY 09/10	5671.00	
	FY 10/11 Budget	35000.00	
	FY 11/12 Budget	35000.00	
	FY 12/13 Budget	35000.00	
	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Dedicated Funds</b>		<b>-\$180,887.00</b>
<b>Funds Available July 1, 2010</b>			<b>\$18,416.19</b>

## **How to Obtain Current IRS Form 990 Filing For The Old Kia Kima Preservation Association, Inc.**

To obtain IRS Form 990 information about the *Old Kia Kima Preservation Association, Inc.*

Go to the this web site: [www.GuideStar.com](http://www.GuideStar.com)

and enter the following EIN # 710783653



**Immediate Past President, Rick Phillips, receives the gift of an OKK Thunderbird wall hanging at the annual awards banquet. This was a gift from the Board of Directors to Rick, who has done an outstanding job as president.**

### **OKKPA Officers: 2010 – 2011**

**President: Rick Schmid:** Active member of Rivercliff Lutheran Church and Council, Sandy Springs, GA. Married to Charlotte, father of three children and three grandchildren. Graduate of Concordia University – Nebraska. Eagle Scout, Lutheran Pro Deo et Patria award, Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. Kia Kima Reservation Staff member, 1966, 67, 1970, 73, 74, 77 and 78. Director – Strategic Alliance Accounts, First Data Corporation. Recipient of the Old Kia Kima Excellence in Leadership Award.

**Vice President: Rev. Jimmy Bottrell:** Senior Minister for Belton Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Belton, MO. Author of curriculum, program administrator, and director for regional church camp programs for youth of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Eagle Scout, Vigil Member of Order of the Arrow, God and Country. Kia Kima staff 1964-1971. Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry TCU.

**Treasurer: Alan Meierhoefer:** Camper and Staff Member at Kamp Kia Kima. BS Rhodes College, MBA Western Carolina University and PhD Mississippi State University. Retired from Ahlstrom Specialty Paper Corporation and currently a technology consultant for specialty chemical, fiber and paper companies. Active in Rotary Club and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Frederick, Maryland.

**Recording Secretary: Mike Kinkade:** Eagle Scout. KKSRR staff 4 years, mid 70's. Lived in Nashville, Ark since 1980. 10 yr. volunteer with Caddo Area BSA Council (Texarkana, AR-TX area). Married to Deb, 3 grown children. Dean of Facilities and Planning Cossatot Community College, University of Arkansas. 1980 BS degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology Memphis State University, 2001 MS degree in Business Texas A&M

**Corresponding Secretary: Pat Moody:** Volunteer with the Girl Scouts Heart of the South Council. Currently serving on the Community Advisory Board and Property Committee. Past President of the Board of Directors, Senior Troop Advisor, member of Program, Finance, Personnel and Fund Development Committees. Volunteer with the National Kidney Foundation. President of the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA).

**Immediate Past President: Rick Phillips:** Married to Janet Wilson Phillips -- father of 3, grandfather of 3 -- CBHS & Memphis State -- Century donor Lifeblood of Greater Memphis -- Chairman Arlington United Methodist Church Council, Chairman of Town of Arlington Tennessee Industrial Development Board, Member of Shelby County Tennessee Conservation Board. Recipient of OKKPA Excellence in Leadership Award.

## **OKKPA Board Members at Large**

### **2008 – 2011**

**Boyd Billingsley:** Eagle scout, Brotherhood member of The Order of the Arrow, Sr. Vice President Harris McHaney Realtors, BSBA University of Arkansas, Navy SEAL. Co- founder of Fellowship Bible Church Northwest Arkansas. Former Vice President Cooper Communities Inc. Recipient of the Old Kia Kima Excellence in Leadership Award

**Johnny Fletcher:** Vigil Member Order of the Arrow, served in U.S. Army as a member of White House Communications Agency, BBA Memphis State University, President and CEO of Tri-State Auto Paint & Supply with locations in Southaven and Batesville, MS.

**Jim Fly:** KKSRR Staff Member 1969-1973,1977. BSME Tennessee Technological University, Senior Engineer with Alabama Power Company in Birmingham. Member of Troop 97 Committee

**Neal Talley:** Order of the Arrow - Vigil Honor, Paramedic Safety Emergency Services, Graduated Memphis State University B.S. Biology / Latin. Honored by OKKPA in 2007 for many contributions / service over the years.

### **2009 – 2012**

**Dennis Cain:** Eagle Scout. Vigil Member Order of the Arrow, KKSRR Staff Member 1969-1974, 1976, 1978-1979, 1986, 1988, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 240, Lead Teacher in the Division of Exceptional Children in the Memphis City Schools.

**George Clarke:** Eagle Scout. Vigil Member Order of the Arrow. St. George Award. Wood Badge. 43 consecutive years attendance (1967-2009) at Kia Kima (KKSRR) as camper, staff member (1972-1980), adult leader. Past

Scoutmaster/current Assistant Scoutmaster - Troop 34, Chickasaw Council, Memphis TN. Council Camping Committee Chairman. Senior Account Executive for Regions Insurance, Memphis, TN. Chapter member St. Mary's Cathedral (Episcopal), Memphis, TN. Insurance Committee Chairman, Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee.

**Mark Follis:** Eagle Scout. Order of the Arrow. BS and MS - Univ. of Tennessee in agriculture and economics. Prior to earning PhD in Agro forestry from the Univ. of Florida lived and worked around the world for International Harvester Export Company. Currently own and operate a tree care company in Memphis oriented toward preservation.

**Mark Kruger:** Camper and staff member 1961-1965. Former troop committee member and merit badge counselor troop 122. Two trips leading scouts in the northern boundary waters in Canada. Assistant Principal Rogers High School. B.S.B.A Education Univ. of Arkansas, M.Ed. University of Arkansas. Rogers, City Council 18 years, 6 years treasurer United Way, 6 years member Foundation Board Adult Development Center of Benton County, Member founding committee Northwest Arkansas Community College, member Rogers Visitors and Convention Bureau, Married, wife--Anne 31 yrs.  
2 grown boys

### **2010 – 2013**

**Mike Bowman:** Eagle Scout; Vigil Member Order of the Arrow; God and Country Award; KKSRR Staff 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970; BS University of Tennessee at Martin; MS Arkansas State University; Retired high school English teacher (33 years).

**Rob Driesel:** Robert W Driesel- Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow, Certified Senior Advisor, Masters in Business, Owner of Diamond D Group, Several State and National Endorsements in Senior Insurance Market, Lions club member and current President, Mason, Troop Committee Chair of Troop 639, Cubmaster of Pack 639, Volunteer Camp Ranger at Old Kia Kima, Proud Husband of very talented wife in Special Education and Proud Father of 3 beautiful and busy children.

**Sid Hurt:** Eagle Scout; Vigil Member Order of The Arrow; KKSRR Staff 1975, 1985; National Camp School for Project COPE Inspectors; Troop 240 Committee Chairman; Senior Technical Analyst for Baxter Healthcare; Memphis State University

**Buddy Keltner:** OKK camper and staffer 1948-1956, OA Vigil, Eagle Scout, among the earliest founders of OKKPA and a steady OKK Volunteer Ranger. Former Scoutmaster, Charter founder of Slick Rock and Whispering Rapids outpost camps. Buddy is the epitome of Cheerful Service. His professional career includes glasswork artistic and structural designs for innumerable hospitals, high-rise buildings, even bridge structural integrity, His personal integrity is beyond reproach. Senior archery championships! Tennessee state archery champion.

## Honorary Directors

**Miss Julia Hall (1910 - 2003)** Girl Scout Camp Kiwani camper, staff and Director (1924-1933) and YWCA Miramechee Camp Director (1939-1970).

**Mrs. Winnie "Sunny" Carson (deceased 2007)** Girl Scout Camp Kiwani camper, staff, and Director (1927-1959). She served on the Kiwani staff from 1946-1960 ultimately rising to the position of camp director. Sunny taught in the Memphis city schools for 35 years where she favorably influenced hundreds of young lives. She was elected an Honorary Director of OKKPA in 2002.

**Mr. Stillman Ralph Young (1924 - 2006)** Scout Master Troop 35 Memphis, Tennessee (1947-1949); Professional Scout Executive Chickasaw Council (1951-1991), Camp Director of Old Kia Kima 1954-1956 and 1958-1963; and Camp Director of Kia Kima Scout Reservation (1964-1973).

**Mrs. Boyce Woollard Billingsley:** A beloved patron of Old Kia Kima and a childhood-to-adulthood summer-time (1940-1980's) resident of Hardy and Cherokee Village, Arkansas, where she had been a camper and staff member of the YWCA Miramichée girls camp. Boyce and her husband, George Billingsley, made the original donation of OKK land which enabled the start of the Old Kia Kima Preservation Association.



**Frederick T. Carney (died 2010)** -- Scouter , Sailor, Lawyer. Has spent a lifetime in Scouting, now in his 78<sup>th</sup> year as a registered BSA member. Among his accomplishments: Eagle Scout with two Silver Palms; a Quartermaster Sea Scout, earned the Explorer Silver Award. His adult service includes: Scoutmaster 26 years; Sea Scout Skipper 6 years; Council Training Chairman 8 years; Council Advancement Chairman 2 years; Council Camping Committee 20+ Years, District Program Chairman 3 years, Vice President Program 2 years, Unit/Assistant District Commissioner 14 years; Assistant Council Commissioner 5 years;

National Council Representative 14 years; member-at-large 4 years; Council Executive Board 14 years ( Birmingham, AL) and 29 years in Chickasaw Council. Fred is a recipient of the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope Awards

**Mr. Bill Dixon** Camper, staff member and longtime supporter of Old Kia Kima. Bill began his BSA career at Troop 3 (McLemore Christian Church in Memphis.) Upon reaching his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, he became ASM of Troop 3. During World War II Bill served three years in the military. Upon his return he became SM of Troop 3, reorganizing it and launching it into a distinguished period where Troop 3 was one of the most successful troops in Chickasaw Council. Bill later was ASM of Troop 43 and Advisor for Post 343. In 1959 he received the Silver Beaver, a national award for excellence in BSA adult leadership. Bill was also very active in promoting and raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For this work he was recognized by President George Herbert Walker Bush as one of 100 Memphians who had done the most for the city. He is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow.

**Mr. Bobby Harriss:** Bobby began his BSA career in Troop 200 in 1945 and transferred to Troop 59 in 1946. He was a camper at Camp Currier in '46, '47, '48 and a camper at Kia Kima in '48, '49 then became a staff member on the 1950 Kia Kima staff as Asst. Waterfront Director. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow. With members of Troop 59 and Troop 97 he was privileged to camp at Kia Kima during Thanksgiving weekend of 1947 prior to the camp reopening in the summer of 1948. He sustained a serious injury in the spring of 1951 which ended his participation in scouting for a number of years.

He began his professional career with Mallory Air Force Depot in Memphis in 1952 and continued his civilian service with several agencies of the Defense Department until his retirement. He was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the Defense Logistics Agency upon his retirement in 1989. After his retirement, Bobby and his wife of 55 years, moved to Cherokee Village, Arkansas where he founded the Arkansas Chapter of Pilots for Christ, International. He is an active Gideon and teacher of an adult bible class at the 1st Baptist Church of Cherokee Village.

**Mr. Bobby Williams:** Bobby joined BSA at age 11 as a member of Troop 59 in Memphis. Bobby developed a life-long passion for Boy Scouting and earned the Eagle Rank. His Troop 59 camping experience started at Camp Currier in 1944 followed by trips to OKK in 1947 and 1948. At OKK, Bobby was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. Bobby joined the OKK staff in 1950 where he taught Swimming and Rowing. Bobby continued to be very involved with Troop 59 and was very involved in all their camp-o-ree activities where they won many awards. Bobby devoted his life to commercial and residential building and restoration.

When OKK was reacquired, Bobby became our "Bob the Builder, who can fix anything". Bobby's focus has been on the physical construction and reconstruction of the facility. There is no piece of our physical facilities that he has not touched. He undertook such major projects as the rebuilding of the 16 cabins, the Thunderbird Lodge, the Hospital ruin, the Young Chapel, just to name a few. "

## 2009/2010 Standing Committees per OKKPA By-Laws

The Executive Committee(s), as granted by the by-laws, is appointed and approved by the Board of Directors as a Standing Committee(s) to address special on-going operational needs identified by the President and/or Board.

### **1. OKKPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE with Publicity Oversight Responsibilities**

(e-mail Contact: [rhschmid@AOL.com](mailto:rhschmid@AOL.com))

*Mission Statement: Oversee the day-to-day business of Old Kia Kima Preservation Association. Manage the on-going use of the corporation's funds. Monitor and guide Ad Hoc committees in conjunction with assigned committee advisor. Prepare for and inform the board of items of which their awareness and action is necessary. Follow-up on such items. Oversee publicity activities for OKKPA.*

**Note: These positions are appointed by the Board of Directors**

- **Chairman:** President Rick Schmid
- **Co-Chairman:** Vice President Jim Bottrell
- **Member:** Recording Secy Mike Kinkade
- **Member:** Corresponding Secy Pat Moody
- **Member:** Immed Past President Rick Phillips

### **2. OLD KIA KIMA CAMP FACILITIES UTILIZATION COMMITTEE**

(e-mail contact: [Dennis Cain, cain1924@bellsouth.net](mailto:Dennis Cain, cain1924@bellsouth.net))

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is two-fold. One assignment is to manage the scheduling and communications among OKK users, volunteer rangers, and other OKKPA resources as required. This includes recruiting, maintaining and training the volunteer rangers and maintaining the camp schedule. Second, the committee will bring forth ideas to the OKKPA Board on how utilization may be extended/improved.*

- **Chairman :** Dennis Cain
- **Member:** Pat Moody
- **Member:** Rob Driesel
- **Member:** Mike Bowman
- **Advisor & Board Liaison:** George Clarke

## Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committees are appointed to obtain Specific Goals as assigned by the Board. The President has an advisory role on each Ad Hoc Committee.

### **1. THE OLD KIA KIMA ENDOWMENT FOREVER FUND COMMITTEE - 2010/2011**

(e-mail Contacts: [ameierhoefer@comcast.net](mailto:ameierhoefer@comcast.net); [sdemster@comcast.net](mailto:sdemster@comcast.net))

**Authority:** Appointed by the Board, in the Establishment of the Investment Policy & Guidelines for Operating the Old Kia Kima Endowment Forever Fund (OKKEFF), on an Ongoing Basis

#### **Mission Statement:**

**Research and approach different endowment sources for Old Kia Kima.** This committee will seek funding sources aggressively to meet the new funds growth objectives of OKKEFF. This will include writing grant applications (external sources) in accordance with the requirements of identified endowment possibilities and provide personal presentations to them on behalf of OKKPA as required. Further, this committee will develop innovative programs for internal sources to contribute to the endowment of the organization. (internal sources)

**Asset preservation and growth.** Establish and maintain the investment policy and guidelines for the Old Kia Kima Endowment Forever Fund (OKKEFF). Coordinate with OKKPA Treasurer and Finance Committee to communicate these guidelines to the Board for prior approval as changes are recommended. Evaluate and, upon receipt of funding, recommend to the Board the placement of investment funds with qualified investment professionals as described in the OKKEFF Operating Guidelines. Once funds are placed, provide oversight, monitor investments for achievement of established guidelines and objectives, and insure availability of quarterly investment progress reports.

- **Chairman:** Alan Meierhoefer, Treasurer
- **Member:** Bill Harrison
- **Member:** Max Ostner, Jr.
- **Member:** Jim Moore
- **Member:** Rob Driesel
- **Member:** Boyd Billingsley
- **Member:** Rick Phillips
- **Advisor:** Steve Demster

This committee will actively seek to grow the OKKEFF fund and provide sound guidance on investment advice in accordance with the investment guidelines approved by the OKKPA Board of Directors.

## **2. CAMP RANGER SEARCH & SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**(e-mail contact: Fred Deen, [frederick.deenjr@gte.net](mailto:frederick.deenjr@gte.net))**

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is establish and gain approval of the Board for a job description of the Old Kia Kima Permanent Ranger as well as a competitive compensation package to be defined. The committee will, when funds are available, manage the Ranger search and hiring process up to and including the hiring of the Ranger.*

- **Chairman:** **Fred Deen** (*Organizes search process keyed to Job Description, evaluates candidates, presents consensus recommendation to the Board*)
  - **Member:** **Bobby Harriss** (*interviews candidates, makes recommendation*)
  - **Member:** **David Logan** (*interviews candidates, makes recommendation*)
  - **Advisor:** **Alan Meierhoefer** (*Compensation, Budget, and Insurance Administration*)
  - **Advisor:** **Rick Phillips** (*Process Advisor, Guides Funding Procurement, & obtains Board Approval of recommended candidate, compensation, and Insurance*)
- (This committee has been suspended until funding is available)**

## **3. ANNUAL REUNION PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

**(e-mail contact: [mkruger@rps.k12.ar.us](mailto:mkruger@rps.k12.ar.us))**

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to organize the annual OKKPA reunion including lodging, activities, announcements, promotion, campfire and meals. The banquet agenda shall be the prerogative of the president and shall be arranged by him/her. Normally, the chairman holds this position for two years with the chairman in training to follow him/her to the chairmanship.*

- **Chairman:** **Mark Kruger**
- **Member:** **Jenny Bowman**
- **Member:** **James Hayslip**
- **Member:** **Jimmy Fly**
- **Member:** **Mike Hurt**
- **Advisor:** **Pat Moody**

#### **4. OLD KIA KIMA HISTORIC COMMITTEE**

(e-mail contact: [David Logan, David@DavidLogan.com](mailto:DavidLogan.com))

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to research the history of Old Kia Kima and its environs, to preserve this history in written, oral or multi-media fashion and to make it readily available to present and future campers, staff, fund seekers or to meet any other meaningful need. The material shall be preserved and presented in a professional manner befitting the standards of OKKPA. Responsible for approval process regarding any memorabilia donated to OKK*

- **Chairman:** David Logan
- **Member** Ron Tate
- **Member:** Frank Simonton
- **Member:** Jim Bottrell
- **Member:** Mike Bowman
- **Member:** David Fleming
- **Member:** Fred Carney

#### **5. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(e-mail Contact: [Alan Meierhoefer, ameierhoefer@comcast.net](mailto:ameierhoefer@comcast.net))

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to maintain and promote the financial soundness and integrity of OKKPA. This committee prepares and monitors budgeting, oversees the financial accounting of day to day operations, publishes timely reports to the Board of Directors, oversees the monthly financial report to the OKKPA Executive Committee, ensures timely and accurate federal and state tax filings and the payment of all bills and tax levies within accepted time limits. The committee through the Treasurer performs the traditional Treasury functions such as banking.*

- **Chairman and OKKPA Treasurer: Alan Meierhoefer**  
(Provides Operating Budget, Quarterly & Annual Reports, makes authorized payments on behalf of OKKPA)
- **Member: David Fleming**  
(Coordinates CPA Review Letter of Financial Activity)
- **Member: Mike Kinkade**  
(Receives all Contributions, Records Deposits, & Reviews Financial Activity)
- **Member: John Lauderdale**
- **Member: Jim Crowe**
- **Member: John McGuire**  
(Long Range Planning, Budget Development)
- **CPA Opinion/Advisor: Larry Lewallen. CPA**  
(Filing of Annual IRS Form 990, Provides CPA Opinion Letter)
- **Advisor & Board Liaison: Rick Schmid**  
(Develops Annual Report with Immediate Past President, and serves as OKKEFF/Board Liaison to the Finance Committee)

## **6. WATERFRONT/BEACH RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

(e-mail contact: Dan McGuire, [islanddan5@aol.com](mailto:islanddan5@aol.com))

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to oversee and approve all restoration and maintenance plans for the Old Kia Kima river frontage including but not limited to the swimming and canoeing beaches. This committee will approve and specify any lifesaving equipment purchased for the riverfront activities and will be responsible for advising the board on any environmental, regulatory or safety compliance issues related to the riverfront.*

- **Chairman:** **Dan McGuire** (*Master Plan, Budget, Construction, and Regulatory Approvals*)
- **Member:** **Bobby Harriss** (*Regulatory, On Site Contact/Liaison/Oversight*)
- **Member:** **David Fleming** (*Environmental Impact, Regulatory Approval Process*)
- **Member:** **James Hayslip**
- **Member:** **John Lauderdale**
- **Member:** **Rob Driesel**
- **Advisor & Board Liaison:** **Pat Moody** (*Advisor, Process Steps, Board Approval*)

## **7. Nominating Committee**

(e-mail contact: Steve Demster, [sdemster@comcast.net](mailto:sdemster@comcast.net))

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to provide top quality candidates to the general membership for election to officer and Board of Director positions in accordance with published **Nominating Committee Guidelines and Policies**.*

- **Chairman:** **Steve Demster**
- **Member:** **George Clarke**
- **Member:** **Dennis Cain**
- **Member:** **Alan Meierhoefer**
- **Member:** **Mark Follis**
- **Member:** **Buddy Keltner**
- **Advisor:** **Jim Bottrell**

## **8. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

(e-mail contact: Neal Talley, [neal.talley@gmail.com](mailto:neal.talley@gmail.com))

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to communicate with the OKKPA membership, potential members, sponsors and other interested parties through the creation and maintenance of interesting and informative newsletters.*

- **Chairman:** **Neal Talley**
- **Member:** **Anita Demster**
- **Member:** **Jimmy Ray**
- **Member:** **Jim Fly**
- **Advisor:** **Steve Demster**

## **9. WEB SITE COMMITTEE**

**(e-mail contact: Fred Deen, ([fdeenjr@yahoo.com](mailto:fdeenjr@yahoo.com)))**

Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to communicate with the OKKPA membership, potential members, sponsors and other interested parties through the creation *and maintenance of interesting and informative news on the OKKPA Website*

- **Chairman and Webmaster:** Fred Deen
- **Member:** Steve Demster
- **Advisor:** Neal Talley

## **10. MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH & PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

**(e-mail contact: Johnny Fletcher, [john@tristateautopaint.com](mailto:john@tristateautopaint.com))**

*Mission Statement: This committee's responsibility is to maintain on-going programs aimed at OKKPA membership increases, which bring additional human and/or financial capital to the organization. OKKPA looks to this committee to find creative solutions to this task.*

- **Chair:** Johnny Fletcher
- **Member:** Jimmy Fly
- **Member:** Anita Demster (*emphasis on Miramichée*)
- **Member:** Carolyn Wright (**emphasis on Miramichée**)
- **Member:** Rick Phillips (*emphasis on major donor*)
- **Member:** Mike Kinkade (*emphasis on OKK*)
- **Member:** Alan Meierhoefer (*emphasis on dues collection/operating budget support*)
- **Member:** Pat Moody
- **Member:** Mark Follis
- **Advisor:** Jim Bottrell

**11. THE OKKPA CORE VALUES COMMITTEE:**

(e-mail contact: Jim Moore: [mooremail@windstream.net](mailto:mooremail@windstream.net))

***Mission Statement: One of the fundamental objectives of OKKPA is to build a reputation of excellence in promoting Youth Leadership Values Training that emphasizes the core values of Integrity, Achievement, Responsibility, and Courage. We seek to achieve this by the ongoing development of quality training programs, information, and ideas posted on the Old Kia Kima Core Values website pages. Our goal is to establish OKKPA as a recognized information and resource base for values training by making these high quality materials readily available to all Youth Groups who elect to develop their own Youth Leadership Values Training initiatives.***

- Chairman: Jim Moore
- Member: Neal Talley
- Member: Charlie Holland
- Member: Fred Deen
- Advisor & Board Liaison: Steve Demster

**12. THE Old Dining Hall Restoration Committee**

(e-mail contact: George Clarke [george.clarke@regions.com](mailto:george.clarke@regions.com))

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***Mission Statement: OKKPA recently acquired its former dining hall which had been owned by the Suburban Improvement District (SID) of Cherokee Village. This committee was established to lead the association to the determination of the proper usage of this facility and the restorations necessary to achieve this usage.***

- Chairman: George Clarke
- Member: Jim Moore
- Member: Rob Driesel
- Member: Bill LaCount
- Member: David Logan
- Member: Gary Wagoner
- Advisor & Board Liaison: Rick Phillips



A Bald Eagle Stands Guard Above the OKK Campfire Ring



***Our Vision:***

Old Kia Kima is that special place where the land and the river inspire us to become something more, preserving the legacy of our past and shaping the lives of future generations.

**Our Mission:**

Preserve the place, honor the vision of all who have shared in the spirit of the South Fork waters, and provide an environment where elders may pass on knowledge and experience, enriching and shaping the lives of young people today.

**Our Goals:**

Create an awareness of Old Kia Kima, its past, present and future. Acquire the Old Kia Kima campgrounds. Restore the campgrounds and structures where feasible. Implement leadership, fellowship and community service programs focusing on Youth Development. Preserve and maintain Old Kia Kima as a truly special place in the hearts of those who have been there.

