

This is an exciting time for our Troop, our New Scouts and New Scouters but sometimes, after years of involvement with Scouting, we don't appear to be too excited about it all. Think about it. Things are "CHANGING" right now!

This is a new Scouting year. All of us are looking forward to new camping adventures, new events, and new experiences!

This is where it all begins...Right Here, Right Now... We are starting on our first steps along the trail, one that is less traveled... We struggle to keep that trail fresh and interesting for the "older" boys, who've "been-there-and-done-that-and-got-the-T-shirt" before. I take a lot of pride in the fact that we don't just repeat the same old stuff - or will we? In the face of all these changes, it's a bit scary. It's hard to make changes because of the fear that no matter what we do nothing will be different, or that if we make changes, it will be different! We all agree that we're here for what Scouting stands for, the character, ethics, values, and citizenship that are necessary to make our future better.

"People are important." I tell myself this all the time as I rush in my truck to get cash from a machine, dinner out at a "fast food" establishment, and converse with more mechanical phone-mates than real human beings! All the while I am constantly reminded about all the things I could have done, should have done, wish I had said, wanted to try, thought of changing, or need to be doing, but have not!

Someone once said, "If you want something to change, do something different." I am reminded that, the only brick walls that were ever in my way were ones that I built myself, brick by brick, and then proceeded to smack my head against it. To solve this dilemma there are two obvious choices: to leave the wall in place (find someone else to blame), or take that wall apart and build something new. It's a challenging job and we can't do it alone. Let's build something big. Got any bricks?