

SCOUTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 301

Belle Chasse Cub Scout Pack 301, Webelos Patrol came to Woodlands Trail and Park in Belle Chasse Jan. 23 to work toward earning their Conservation badge.

Scout leader **Ken Dugas**, Committee Chair **Anna Lincoln** and parents **Michelle Hewitt**, **Frank Ranatza** and **Jason Guiliuzo** accompanied the Scouts and provided supervision during the project.

The Scouts planted more than 130 native Louisiana trees along the Upland Trail just outside the Scout camping area. The trees will help restore the forest canopy that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Woodlands Trail and Park has more than 3,500 seedlings to plant over the next couple of months. To volunteer, sign up at www.woodlandstrail.org. Companies or groups that would like to schedule their own day or can help out by contributing some planting dibbles should call 504.433.4000.

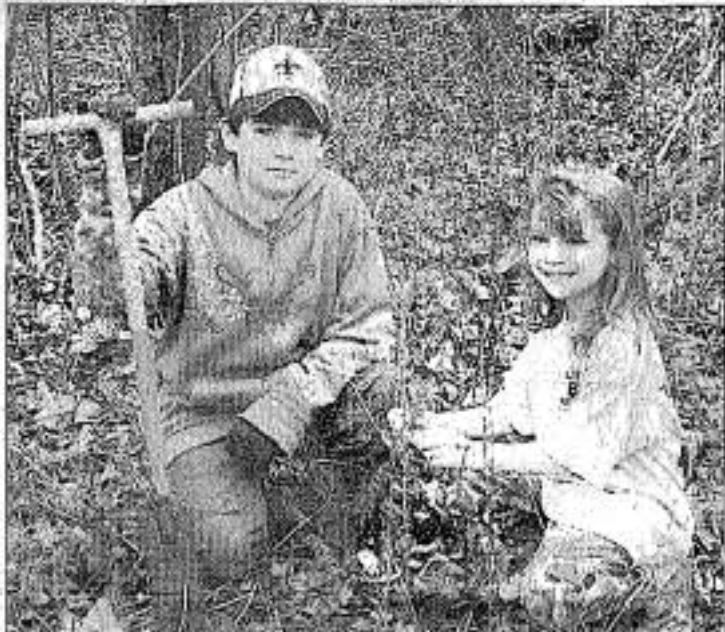
BOY SCOUT TROOP 601

Boy Scout Troop 601 from Harvey drove to St. Martinville recently for overnight backpacking at Fausse Pointe State Park.

The Scouts backpacked for two days, which included a night hike with the park ranger to observe deer, spiders and other wildlife in the park. They also dealt with overnight temperatures in the mid-20s one evening.

Troop 601 also recently celebrated its semi-annual Court of Honor at St. John Bosco Family Life Center. The Scouts received the merit badges earned from winter camp, several rank advancement ceremonies were completed and dinner was served to the 60 people in attendance.

The evening was completed with the top popcorn sellers from 2009 putting whipped cream pies in the faces of several adult Troop leaders. The pie-throwing was offered as an incentive to the Scouts to help increase popcorn sales.

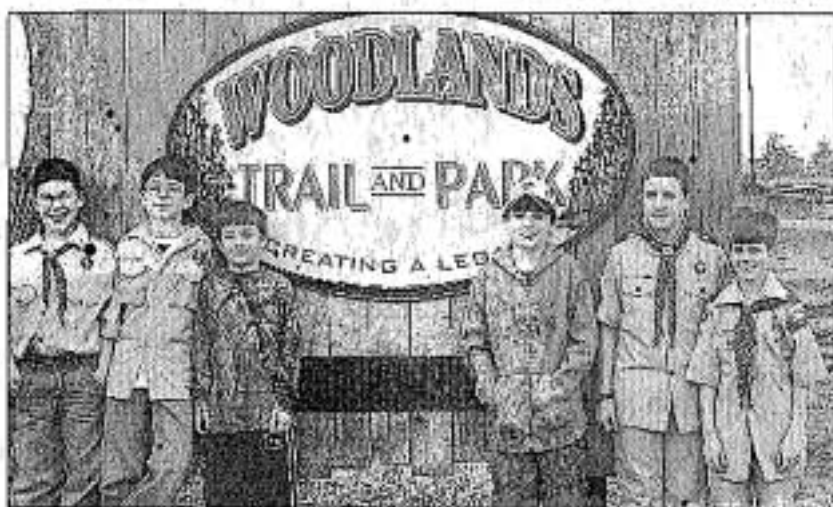


Trent Palmisano holds a planting dibble that was used to make a hole for a seedling during the Cub Scout Pack 301 Volunteer Day at Woodlands Trail and Park. Hailey Weatherford ties a biodegradable tag onto the native tree so that it is easy to spot where trees have been planted and where more are needed.



Zachary Ranatza packs dirt around a native seedling planted in the forest outside the Scout camping area at Woodlands Trail and Park.

The top five popcorn sellers were **Timothy Sasso**, **Nick Brilli**, **Matthew Fruge**, **Quentin Andrus** and **Thomas Bachot**.



From left are Cub Scout Pack 301 members **Joel Guiliuzo**, **Dominic Lincoln**, **Jacob Lincoln**, **Trent Palmisano**, **Joshua Hewitt** and **Cole Dugas**. Not pictured is **Jonas Ranatza**.