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## **First Annual Sheriff's Camp**

The Boy Scouts of America and the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association have joined forces to combat the temptation of at-risk youth to follow the wrong path. The year 2010 will be the inaugural year of the first ever Sheriff's Camp.

Many of the Northeastern Oklahoma Sheriffs' are sending at-risk youth from their jurisdictions, ages 11-14, to John Zink Ranch for a 4-day, overnight camp, that will foster leadership skills, team-building activities and positive interactions with law enforcement.

The camp is being held this week from June, 14-17, 2010. The camp was also held last week from June, 7-10, 2010. This new addition to the Scouting Program will fill the camper's days with hands-on activities that include boating, hiking, crafts, physical fitness and crime prevention. We will introduce ways of solving problems with words – not weapons; how to report crimes and how to get involved in making neighborhoods safe.

Many of the boys from the Tulsa area are involved in the Tulsa Public Schools' Scoutreach program. They meet once a week, after school, to learn some of the basic ideals of the Scouting program, as their school does not have an organized Scouting program. This is an exciting time and the hope is to create a flagship for the future, making this an annual event to cultivate positive relationships and give opportunities to the future leaders of our communities.

On Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 1200 hours, Tulsa County Sheriff Stanley Glanz invites all the media to visit John Zink Ranch, the Boy Scouts of America and other Northeastern Oklahoma Sheriffs while taking a look at the first annual Sheriff's Camp and its participants. A Boy Scout representative will meet all media at the main gate of Zink Ranch at 1200 hours, (12:00 p.m.) to escort them to Cub World. Refreshments will be provided to all media representatives. Please come and observe this inaugural event.

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