

Sam Thompson

"Personal Interests: Parenting, Golf, Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Gardening"
--Sam Thompson, National Director of Cub Scouting

No quote could compete with Sam Thompson's own words. What better primary interest could the National Director of Cub Scouting have than - Parenting?

Last week, Sam Thompson was named the new National Director of Cub Scouting. Texas is gaining an amazing Scout, while the Ore-Ida Council sadly says farewell to Sam in March.

Describing Sam in one word is easy -- Enthusiastic. When you talk with Sam, you know you are his focus at that moment. He gives you his full attention and actively participates in communicating with you, asking questions and sharing information. He has a quick sense of humor and eyes that sparkle as he laughs. He has a gift of being able to communicate with youth of all ages - 6 or 60!



In 1979, Sam Thompson earned the rank of Eagle. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. Sam graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Bachelor of Science in Resource Management. Texas will be his fourth Scouting "home". For two years, he was the District Executive in Reno, Nevada, then served as Senior District Executive for three years, followed by Field Director for three years. He moved to Sacramento, California, as Assistant Scout Executive Director of Field Service for three years. In 2002, Sam became the Scout Executive for the Ore-Ida Council in Boise, Idaho.

Sam is an outspoken, but very polite, advocate for youth in Scouting. At the recent Idaho Report to the Governor, Sam asked Governor Kempthorne to encourage governors of other states to allow Scouts from their states to deliver reports to them, providing youth the opportunity to meet elected officials.

Sam is the proud dad of future Eagle Scout Nicolas Thompson, who was born in 1999. I wish Sam and his wife, Debi, good luck and much happiness in Texas. I will miss you, Sam.