

## John Zink Scout Ranch



(2010 Early Bird Registration Patch)

Shortly after graduating from college John Steele Zink was living in Osage Hills of Northeastern Oklahoma while working in the natural gas fields. He was so impressed with the land and the beauty of the area he made himself a promise that if he was a success he would return and buy the land. John Zink Ranch was founded in the 1940's. The ranch has grown to approximately 33,000 acres. John Zink was very passionate about Scouting and that passion was carried on by his son Jack Zink.

There were originally 2 Boy Scout summer camps on the Ranch, Turkey Creek and Tall Chief. Tall Chief was more of a specialty camp dealing with conservation and aquatics. In the late 70's Tall Chief Camp became a Girl Scout Camp. In the early 90's Cub World was opened around Turkey Creek Camp. It was one of the first theme area Cub Scout Camping facilities in the nation. A marina was also added where Scouts and Scouters could learn and experience sailing. And of course there is the Boy Scout camping area where the Troops use for their monthly campout.

John Zink Ranch has been the location for many Council Camporees, Webelos Resident Camps, Order of the Arrow events and district events throughout the years. Thousands of Cub Scouts had their first camping experience at Cub World. All this is due to the passion and generosity of John and Jack Zink and the John Steele Zink Foundation.