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Roger has been a member of the Cinco de Mayo Planning Committee for four years in the City of Mascotte. He researched, designed and built two Mexican market carts that are used at the entrance of the annual festival each May. He diligently volunteers his time to help plan, set up and take part in the event. He is an integral part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mascotte.

He has served as Commander of the American Legion Memorial Post 239 for the past two years. In the past year he initiated many programs to recognize the scholastic achievements of our youth. He has coordinated with the Mascotte Charter Elementary School, Groveland Elementary School and Gray Middle School to present two students from each school, one boy and one girl, from the "graduating" class to be honored at the awards program for their scholarship and citizenship. He presented a certificate and medallion to each student as recognition for their achievements. He also announced to the other students that this will be an annual award.

The City of Mascotte does not have many group activities for our children. Roger Marquard is a firm believer that "Our children are our future." He believes they should begin developing skills in citizenship, service to the community, respect and honor at a young age. He decided the city needed to start a Cub Scout Pack. In mid 2007, he reached out to the Boy Scout organizer for Central Florida. With their help, he went to the local elementary schools, spoke with the principals, and arranged a meeting to speak with the parents and the children. To his surprise, he had thirty children sign up for Cub Scouts. He also had many parents volunteer to become leaders!! His previous experience with the scouts had never had as much parent participation. His efforts led to the chartering of Cub Scout Pack 929. The cubs are all enthusiastic about the meetings. They have fun, make new friends, learn organization skills, and take pride in their community. Roger Marquard has been recognized as having the most active pack in Central Florida. They participated in the Groveland Christmas parade, raised the flag at Mascotte Charter Elementary School, and were at the Cinco de Mayo festival. Roger participated in their "Blue and Gold" ceremony, when they crossed a bridge to get to the next level in Cub Scouting.

Roger realizes that some of the Cubs will need to have a Boy Scout Troup to belong to next year. He has already had several meetings in the community over the past few months, and is receiving positive support. If all goes well, there will be a Boy Scout Troop in Mascotte this fall.

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