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DIRECT SERVICE'S EAGLE NEST

We are honored to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the rank of Eagle since our last newsletter.

NAME	Troop #	Location
Adam Bacchus	253	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Basil Ahmad Bastaki	938	Hawalli, Kuwait
James Michael Bruno	Lone Scout	Brasilia, Brazil
James Allan Burg II	Lone Scout	Lagos, Nigeria
Collin Douglas Coker	111	Accra, Ghana
Tyrell Eric Longhurst	231	Chihuahua, Mexico
John Bradley Manning	806	Amman, Jordan
Joshua Clark McGraw	806	Amman, Jordan
Lucas Miller	701	Cairo, Egypt
Gerardo Javier Olivares	231	Chihuahua, Mexico
Cory James Prince	970	Doha, Qatar
Uriel Salais	231	Chihuahua, Mexico
Mason Kortny Spilsbury	28	Chihuahua, Mexico

NEW EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Life Scouts working on their Eagle rank requirements should note that BSA's Eagle Scouting Service has revised the Eagle Scout Rank Application. The new printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-728, has a notable change. Now, under Requirement 5, the name of the candidate's Eagle project is required, as well as the grand total of hours devoted to it (from page 10 of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook). The new application will be required beginning May 1, 2008, and is available at www.nesa.org.

The information about Eagle projects will be entered along with other information from Eagle Scout rank applications, and will be stored on our database and accessed through PAS. Councils will be able to run reports at the district or council level. This new database of Eagle projects will also be available at area, region, and national levels.

ATTENTION ALL EAGLE SCOUTS: NESAS IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

The Eagle Scout court of honor is undoubtedly the proudest moment of a young Scout's life. Years of learning, teaching, and hard work culminate in this special honor that only the most determined Boy Scouts obtain. This is one reason why the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) has launched a national Eagle Scout search program.

"We want to find and contact every living Eagle Scout and register his achievements, past and present," said NESA Director Bill Steele. "This effort will culminate in *Roll Call: The National Eagle Scout Registry*—a publication that will capture the tradition, history, and honor of our nation's Eagle Scouts and will be available only to bona fide Eagles." Steele added that only Eagle Scouts who agree to be listed and who are adults will be included in the directory.

Eagle Scouts for whom the Boy Scouts of America or the National Eagle Scout Association has a current address will soon receive correspondence from Harris Connect, Inc. out of Chesapeake, Va. Eagle Scouts receiving correspondence from Harris Connect should respond as requested. If you are or were a Direct Service Eagle Scout and do not receive correspondence from Harris Connect, Inc., e-mail Terry Meyers at tmeyers@netbsa.org, providing your name and current contact information. This will be forwarded to NESA for you.

SCOUTERS, THE JAMBOREE NEEDS YOU!

Troop Leaders

Although the 2010 National Scout Jamboree is two years away we are making initial plans for our contingent. As with the last national jamboree, Direct Service will be sending only one troop in 2010. The first step in these arrangements is to recruit the four adults who will serve as leaders for the contingent. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please submit a brief resume of your Scouting history, past jamboree experience and Leader training courses taken and a photo of yourself. Send them to Terry Meyers at tmeyers@netbsa.org by May 31, 2008. Resumes will be reviewed by the Direct Service Committee and selected leaders notified by June 15th.

Jamboree Staff

Did you know that in order to have a successful jamboree it will require more than 8,000 staff? These positions are open to all registered adults and Scouts who will be at least 16 at the time of the jamboree. Applications for adult and youth staff will be available online this coming June. Be sure to watch the jamboree Web site, www.scouting.org/jamboree/2010, for more information and to see a video of the activities in store for the Scouts and leaders who will attend this event.

AWARD CERTIFICATE CHANGES

BSA's Supply Division has announced new versions of many of their award pocket certificates. In addition to the individual certificates you are accustomed to, many are now available in sheets of eight. Single certificates are still 10 cents each and the new eight-per-sheet versions are 79 cents apiece. When ordering certificates, be sure to indicate whether you want single or eight-per-sheet variety. The new stock numbers are listed below:

ITEM No.	CUB SCOUT CERTIFICATES	ITEM No.	BOY SCOUT CERTIFICATES
34714A	Tiger Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	33410	Scout Pocket Cert (8-sheet)
34268	Tiger Pocket Cert (single)	33050	Scout Pocket Cert (single)
34714A	Bobcat Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	33051	Tenderfoot Pocket Cert (single)
34218	Bobcat Pocket Cert (single)	33411	Tenderfoot Pocket Cert (8-sheet)
34269	Wolf Pocket Cert (single)	33052	Second Class Cert (single)
34220	Wolf Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	33412	Second Class Cert (8-sheet)
34270	Bear Pocket Cert (single)	33053	First Class Pocket Cert (single)
34221	Bear Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	33413	First Class Pocket Cert (8-sheet)
34233	Arrow Pnt Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	33054	Star Pocket Cert (single)
34392	Arrow Pnt Pocket Cert (single)	33426A	Star Pocket Cert (8 sheet)
34271	Webelos Pocket cert (single)	33055	Life Pocket Cert (single)
34222	Webelos Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	33425	Life Pocket Cert (8-sheet)
34219A	Arrow of Light Pocket Cert (8-sheet)	34393	Merit Badge Cert (single)
34215	Arrow of Light Wall Cert (8X10)	33414	Merit Badge Cert (8-sheet)
33423	Webelos Activity Bdg Cert (single)	34237	Firem'n Chit Cert (single)
34272	Webelos Actvty Bdg Cert (8-sheet)	34236	Firem'n Chit Cert (8-sheet)
33711	CS Academic & Sport Cert (8-sheet)	34397	Totin' Chip Cert (single)
34223	CS Whittling Chip Cert (8 sheet)	34236	Totin' Chip Cert (8-sheet)

DON'T HOLD ON TO THOSE APPLICATIONS

Are you sending in the applications for your new Scouts and leaders as they join? If not, it is very important that you do. We recently received an Eagle rank application for a Scout who joined his troop in August 2006. Unfortunately, the troop waited four months until the troop was to renew its charter to send his application. Because of this, his registration didn't take effect until December 2006, voiding all the requirements he worked on from August through November. Thankfully, the Scout is still registered with this troop and we were able to correct the problem by having the troop request we back-register him for the four months. This becomes more difficult, however, when the Scout has moved to another council.

Don't let this happen to one of your Scouts! Send in their applications as soon as they join your unit. Registration fees may be calculated at 85 cents a month from the date they join until the unit's charter expires. There is a table printed in each adult

and youth application that will assist you in calculating the correct registration fees. We will register him immediately so that we have an electronic record of his true registration.

IDEAS ON HOW TO RECRUIT SCOUTS FOR YOUR PACK, TROOP, OR CREW

Due to Scouts graduating high school and moving on to universities, Troop 442 Scoutmaster Kevin Scott knows that his troop will lose four of its members by the end of this year. When you currently have only eight Scouts, that's a 50 percent loss! But he says that all is not lost for this little troop in Perth, Australia.

Kevin tells us he has been busy placing advertisements with local American affiliations and organizations in Perth, including the American Consulate and the American Women's Club. From what we hear, his efforts are beginning to pay dividends. So far this year, he's already received inquiries from three families in the expatriate community. In addition, he also received an inquiry about starting a Cub Scout pack. As he says, "If I can begin to foster boys thru a Cub Scout pack, I could have an automatic supply pipeline to the Scout troop."

Kevin has done a terrific job in getting the word out that BSA Scouting is alive in Perth and we appreciate him sharing his ideas to recruit new members for Troop 442. How about your troop, pack, or crew? Let us know what your unit has done to recruit new boys and adults and we will share them in this newsletter.

Remember, any registered adult or Scout who gets a Scout to join your unit is eligible to receive the BSA's Centennial Recruiter patch.

NEW FEATURES ON SCOUTING.ORG

Have you visited the official Boy Scouts of America Web site, www.scouting.org, lately? If not, you are in for a big surprise. The site has been revised to include some new features that will be an asset to our leaders. The site is easier to navigate and offers tons of resources to both Scouts and leaders. Of special interest is the section listing changes in advancement and merit badge requirements.

In order to use these features, you will be required to set up an account. For this, you will need to know Direct Service's "council" number, which is 800. You'll also need to know your registration identification number. This information is available on your current membership card and also by contacting Terry Meyers at tmeyers@netbsa.org or Lisa Marquis at lmrquis@netbsa.org.

"MyScouting" is one of the newest features on the site, providing access to tour permit applications; E-Learning Course Management System; advancements; and access to your account data. In the future, the "My Scouting" portal will continue to work on additional applications and services that will support and enhance our members as they administer and experience the Scouting program. Be sure to visit www.scouting.org frequently.

WELCOME NEW UNITS

Join us in welcoming the following new units to Direct Service's family:

UNIT #	LOCATION	CHARTERED ORGANIZATION
Pack 461	Amman, Jordan	American Employee Association—Amman
Pack 710	Escazu, Costa Rica	Country Day School

DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTMASTER RECEIVES THE SILVER BEAVER

Congratulations are in order for Troop 1921's Scoutmaster, Steve Western, who has received the Silver Beaver Award. Steve's Scouting career spans more than 20 years in units throughout the United States plus two foreign countries. For the past 10 years, he has served Direct Service units in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Beijing, China. In addition to his dedication to Scouting, Steve is also active in the local congregation of the LDS Church.

The Silver Beaver is awarded by Boy Scouts of America's National Court of Honor to adult Scouters in recognition of their distinguished service of exceptional character to youth.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too soon for individuals and troops to start making plans for summer activities. Here are some of the opportunities for our leaders and Scouts during the summer:

Camping at BSA Council Camps Do you have Scouts who will be back in the states this summer and would like to attend camp? We can help make the initial contact so that arrangements can be made! Just e-mail Terry Meyers at tmeyers@netbsa.org with the Scout's name and contact information, the part of the country he will be in, and the dates he will be there.

The Cradle of Liberty Council in Philadelphia, Pa., welcomes individual Scouts and units to its Treasure Island Summer Camp. Treasure Island is one of the oldest Scout Camps in America. It has recently undergone major renovations to better serve visiting Scouts. The camp offers two programs: Boot and Paddle is a provisional program intended for Scouts 14 and older who may be looking for a little more high adventure than a traditional camp. Troop 1 is for all Scouts regardless of age and is the traditional Scouting summer camp program. For more information visit, www.colbsa.org.

The Far East Council tells us that its summer camps in Korea and Okinawa will open the third week of June. They have extended an invitation to Direct Service units and individual Scouts who would like to attend. Contact Terry Meyers for more information.

2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Scouts from Direct Service will have the opportunity to attend the national Scout jamboree, July 26—Aug. 4, 2010, at Fort A.P. Hill, Caroline County, Va., along with nearly 40,000 Scouts and leaders in attendance from all over the country and the world. It is the experience of a lifetime and one you won't want to miss, as the Boy Scouts of America celebrate its 100th Anniversary. Imagine 10 days of fun activities — all day long — every day. Our plans are to send at least one troop consisting of 4 adult leaders and 36 Scouts to this jamboree. Applications and more information will be available later this year.

Never been to a jamboree? Why not visit the jamboree Web site, www.scouting.org/jamboree/2010, to see a video of the fun and activities in store for Scouts and leaders who will attend this event?

DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS IN ACTION

RIYADH TROOP 257 MEETS SWEDISH KING

By John Langford, Scoutmaster

Members of Boy Scout Troop 257, based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, were recent guests at a desert camp sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Saudi Arabia. A group of more than 200 Saudi Scouts set up the camp in honor of the visit of Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf, who is the honorary president of the World Scout Foundation. The King was in Saudi Arabia to open the International Scout Exhibition for the "Gifts for Peace" project.

In addition to the King, the campsite was visited by the Saudi Minister of Education, Dr. Abdullah Al Obaid, who also serves as the chairman of the Saudi Arabian Boy Scout Association. The Saudi Scouts had prepared different stations which demonstrated their camping and environmental skills. The King was briefed at each station of the Scouts as he toured the various sections of the camp.

"I came to the Kingdom to open the international peace exhibition, which highlights the Scout movement's role in strengthening peace between countries," King Gustaf said. "The Scouting organization teaches children to be self-reliant and how to set a good example to others. Thus, it offers a lot for the benefit of society," he added.

The event was the first time that Troop 257 had interacted with their Saudi counterparts and was deemed a great success. It opened a new channel of communication between the two Scouting organizations and future options to develop similar events were discussed by the leaders.

At the end of the event, the Scouts from Troop 257 presented the King with a framed montage of camporee patches that represented the troop's history in Saudi Arabia.

GUANTANAMO BAY TROOP 435 HOSTS CAMPOREE

By Guy Belleman, Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 435 hosted a Scouting camporee recently at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Boy Scouts set up the camping area on Friday and cooked a wonderful chicken and vegetable soup. Cub Scout Pack 3401 and base's Girl Scout troop arrived Saturday morning to set up their areas. Then a flag ceremony officially began the camporee. All Scouts, adults and accompanying family members were then split in to five groups to participate in afternoon activities: racing in a raingutter sailboat regatta, handling basic medical emergencies at a first aid station, navigating an orienteering course, touring the

Jul Packs 1849, Balboa Heights, Panama; 3700, Santiago, Chile
Troops 700, Santiago, Chile; 1849, Balboa Heights, Panama; 2717, Chengdu, China

DID YOU KNOW...

Since 1910, for every 100 boys who have joined Scouting:

- 2 will achieve the rank of Eagle Scout
- 8 will find their career choice from the merit badge program
- 18 will find a lifelong hobby or interest
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 1 will save his own life
- 1 will save another person's life
- 26 of the first 29 astronauts were Scouts
- 11 of the 13 who walked on the moon were Eagle Scouts
- 98% will graduate high school versus 83% who are not Scouts
- 40% will graduate college versus 16% who are not Scouts

CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES

Direct Service Units:

Troop 1 (Hong Kong): <http://dragonnet.hkis.edu.hk/community/scouts/default.htm>

Pack & Troop 12 (Shanghai): <http://12.shanghaiscouts.org>

Pack 3060 and Troop 60 (New Delhi): www.newdelhiscouts.org

Pack & Troop 969 (Shanghai): <http://969.shanghaiscouts.org>

Sites of Interest:

Boy Scouts of America: www.scouting.org

BSA Centennial: www.scouting.org/100years

BSA Supply online catalog: www.scoutstuff.org

Boy Scout Fieldbook Companion Site: www.bsafieldbook.org

Boys' Life magazine: www.boyslife.org

BSA Online Learning Center: www.olc.scouting.org

Boy Scout Requirements: www.scouting.org/boyscouts

Good Turn for America: www.goodturnforamerica.org

Jamboree-on-the-Air: <http://www.scouting.org/international/highlights/22-218.html>

Jamboree-on-the-Internet: <http://www.scouting.org/international/highlights/22-883.html>

Join Cub Scouting: www.joincubscouting.org

Scouting magazine: www.scoutingmagazine.org

The Scout Zone: www.thescoutzone.org

Venturing: www.scouting.org/venturing

WORTH QUOTING

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

—John Q. Adams