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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
Nicholas David Anderson	803	Lagos, Nigeria
Michael Christopher Andrew	7	Singapore
Joseph Earl Barefoot	Lone Scout	Alban, ON, Canada
Joshua Michael Burkett	Lone Scout	Lutsk, Ukraine
Maxwell Robert Butterfield	252	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Adam Black Christiansen	28	Chihuahua, Mexico
Joseph Keith Christensen	1	Hong Kong
Cameron C. Cozzens, Jr.	932	Mexico City, Mexico
Christopher Dean Denton	970	Doha, Qatar
Benjamin Stewart Ewbank	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
Brian Christopher Gradin	140	Nairobi, Kenya
Sinclair Cooper Hodge	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
Jack Clinton Levendoski	442	Perth, WA, Australia
Milos Z. Markicevic	970	Doha, Qatar
Christopher R. Maxwell	908	Montevideo, Uruguay
Grant Ellison McGee	69	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Seymour Mathias Monteiro	252	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Zachary Gage Naslund	111	Accra, Ghana
Benjamin Mark Nicholas	140	Nairobi, Kenya
Benjamin Alexander Parent	7	Singapore
Jonathan Lake Priedeman	970	Doha, Qatar
Joshua Brady Sellers	Team 1	Beijing, China
Pere Pol Sitjas Hsu	943	Beijing, China
Christopher En Li Snell	8848	Beijing, China
Derek William Salama	253	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Daniel A. Stirland	970	Doha, Qatar
Barry Livingston Taylor	28	Chihuahua, Mexico
Arthur Roy Taylor	1	Hong Kong
Nabil Zoldjalali	253	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

### ***NEW ADDITIONS TO BOY SCOUT RANK REQUIREMENTS***

The National Youth Protection Committee recently announced changes in Boy Scout rank requirements. The following changes will help advance the importance of youth protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements:

- **Tenderfoot** – Revised requirement 9: *Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.*
- **Second Class** – New requirement 8b: *Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection*
- **First Class** – New Requirement 12: *Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the internet. Describe a cyber bully and how you should respond to one.*

The changes above are listed in the in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements Book and the revised ninth printing of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.

## ***CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE – CONTINUING THE JOURNEY. THE 2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE!***

One hundred years of Scouting! A century of the finest outdoor and leadership experience a boy could have! This tradition lives on at the pinnacle of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting – the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Yesterday merges with tomorrow at the greatest Scouting event of the century. It is the opportunity of a lifetime, one you will never forget. Don't miss out on this special moment in time! Visit [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org) to see an exciting video of the fun in store for participants.

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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Imagine 10 days of fun activities — all day long — every day.

Our plans are to send at least one troop consisting of four adult leaders and 36 Scouts to this jamboree. At this time, our jamboree fee has not been determined as we are still making arrangements for supplies, transportation, and pre-jamboree training facilities, but we encourage Scouts to apply now. Those interested in attending as part of our contingent should go to [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) and create a log-in user ID and password. You must have your BSA member ID number to create a user account. This number can be found on your troop membership card or by contacting [tmeyers@netbsa.org](mailto:tmeyers@netbsa.org). Once you have created your user account, you can create an online jamboree application.

When submitting the application, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable, \$10 processing fee. You will be instructed to print your confirmation and have it signed by your Scoutmaster and then send the signed document and your \$100.00 deposit to Terry Meyers at Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P. O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

### **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](http://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.

## ***PROPER PLACEMENT OF EMBLEMS AND OTHER BSA INSIGNIA***

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment.

The Boy Scouts of America's Insignia Guide provides information on the proper placement of all official BSA insignia and how it is to be worn on our uniforms. This guide is now available from [www.scouting.org/media/insigniaguide](http://www.scouting.org/media/insigniaguide), and presents detailed, up-to-date information to enable our members to wear the correct complete uniform on all suitable occasions. The content of these Web pages has been adapted from the BSA's *Insignia Guide*, item No. 33066. A printed copy of this essential reference may also be purchased online at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) or through Direct Service.

## ***WELCOME TROOP 888***

Join us in welcoming Boy Scout Troop 888 to the Direct Service family. Troop 888, located in Kunming, China, is chartered to the Parents of Kunming.

## ***AWARDS PRESENTED TO DIRECT SERVICE LEADERS***

### **SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations are in order for Alex Henderson, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 36, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and Capt. Victor Organ, Scoutmaster of Troop 454, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Both men are recent recipients of the Silver Beaver. This award is presented by the Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, to registered Scouters in recognition of their noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth.

### **DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT**

The Direct Service Committee recently presented two of our Scouters with the District Award of Merit in recognition of their noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth within the Arab district. The recipients are Doug Breckenridge, Cubmaster of Pack 3060, New Delhi, India; and Frank Gilpin of Troop 454, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

We extend our hearty congratulations to these individuals along with our thanks for the many hours of service they provide to our registered youth.

## **DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS IN ACTION**

### ***U.S. AMBASSADOR HOSTS SCOUTS***

United States Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Dr. P. Robert Fannin recently hosted Cub Scout Pack 960 and Boy Scout Troop 960 for an end-of-the-school-year American Scouting celebration in Santo Domingo. Over 150 Scouts and parents enjoyed a rainy day under a tent as Ambassador Fannin and Scout leaders handed out awards and recognitions to the Scouts and leaders for their achievements over the past year.

After the rain cleared and the ceremony ended, the ambassador invited everyone to stay for a cookout, fun and games, and a movie on the lawn. It was a great end to the Scouting year in Santo Domingo.

### ***IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR CUB SCOUTS OF PACK 3060***

Cubmaster Doug Breckenridge reports that the members of Pack 3060 have been very busy working on their advancements and activity awards this year. In 2007 16 of the pack's members earned a total of 19 awards. This year, however, 36 boys qualified for 59 awards and ranks.

### ***TROOP 707 SCOUTS VISIT THE U.S.S. NIMITZ***

The members of Troop 707 had the opportunity recently to visit the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Nimitz while it visited Hong Kong. The Scouts met two outstanding achievers from the ship's crew, Eagle Scout Lieutenant Lee who is an F-18 pilot, and Lieutenant Lora, a helicopter pilot, who shared their stories with the troop. Scoutmaster Stefano Perer says that this trip will have a lasting and important impression on the Scouts of Troop 707.

Scoutmaster Perer also expressed his personal thanks to Direct Service Troop 1 for their very kind assistance to liaise with the U.S. consulate general for registration matters on Troop 707's behalf.

### ***TROOP 2717 ASSISTS IN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF***

We were relieved to receive an e-mail from Troop 2717 committee chairman Eric Wolf letting us know that everyone associated with the troop, located in Chengdu, China, was alright after the terrible earthquake struck this area of China recently. Eric also reported that many of the troop's Scouts volunteered to assist with recovery and relief efforts in the community. The building belonging to the troop's chartered organization, Chengdu International Christian Fellowship, had some damage and the Scouts also played an instrumental role in the cleanup and make-ready so everyone could resume activities there.

### ***PACK 3907 HELPS RELIEF EFFORTS IN MYANMAR***

Pack 3907 committee member Tania Garry writes that the pack was not able to hold their blue and gold banquet because of Cyclone Nargis which struck that country in May. The pack decided that the funds designated for the banquet should be used for relief efforts. Their donation went to the International Friendship Group's relief fund and helped to rebuild nine homes that were destroyed by the cyclone.

### ***CUB SCOUT PACK 3944 BELIEVES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE***

Beijing Cub Pack 3944 has been busy this year working on service projects for their community. Their last two projects consisted of collecting, cleaning, and servicing bicycles and then donating them to a migrant school in Beijing. The pack's Scouts held two community service projects collecting bicycles then cleaned and serviced them. They worked hard tightening all the nuts and bolts and brakes, then oiling the chains. When they were finished, they donated the bikes to the school. Between the two service projects, they were able to donate 35 bikes to the school. The school in turn presented the bikes to the top students of each class.

The Tao Yuan Migrant School serves a huge need within its community because these children of migrants need quality education. The school serves nearly 800 students from pre-K through ninth grade. They have a dedicated team of 27

teachers. The migrant families want to provide their children with a solid education so that they might be able to get a job that uses their brains instead of manual labor. The bikes provided by Pack 3944 will make a difference in the students' lives.

Service to others, isn't that what Scouting is all about? Way to go, Troop 2717, Pack 3907, and Pack 3944!  
We are proud of you.

### ***UNITS DUE TO RENEW***

It's time for the following units to renew their charters. Renewal kits have been mailed out. If your unit is due to renew and you have not received the kit, please contact Terry Meyers.

Jul	<u>Packs</u>	2010, Johannesburg, South Africa; 3910, Managua, Nicaragua
	<u>Troops</u>	222, Penang, Malaysia
Aug	<u>Packs</u>	1849, Balboa Heights, Panama; 3700, Santiago, Chile
	<u>Troops</u>	700, Santiago, Chile; 1849, Balboa Heights, Panama; 2717, Chengdu, China
Sept	<u>Packs</u>	222, Penang, Malaysia; 777, Baku, Azerbaijan; 3028, Chihuahua, Mexico; 3401, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
	<u>Troops</u>	818, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; 943, Beijing, China; 1029, Jakarta, Indonesia

### ***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](http://www.newdelhiscouts.org)  
Pack & Troop 969 (Shanghai): <http://969.shanghaiscouts.org>  
Pack 3017 (Singapore): <http://pack3017.clubspace.com>

Sites of Interest:

Boy Scouts of America: [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)  
BSA Centennial: [www.scouting.org/100years](http://www.scouting.org/100years)  
BSA Supply online catalog: [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)  
Boy Scout Fieldbook Companion Site: [www.bsafieldbook.org](http://www.bsafieldbook.org)  
*Boys' Life* magazine: [www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org)  
BSA Online Learning Center: [www.olc.scouting.org](http://www.olc.scouting.org)  
Boy Scout Requirements: [www.scouting.org/boyscouts](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts)  
Good Turn for America: [www.goodturnforamerica.org](http://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](http://www.joincubscouting.org)  
*Scouting* magazine: [www.scoutingmagazine.org](http://www.scoutingmagazine.org)  
The Scout Zone: [www.thescoutzone.org](http://www.thescoutzone.org)  
Venturing: [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing)

### ***WORTH QUOTING***

***As an old Scouter once told me, "Scouting builds character," and you know, we are kind of in short supply of that lately so we ought to build some more of it, and no better way to do that than through Scouting, right?***

— Paul McVey, Troop 60, New Delhi, India