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2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

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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
Gordon Brown	Lone Scout	Damascus, Syria
Everett Tyler Burg	Lone Scout	Lagos, Nigeria
Michael Gary Heyns	442	Perth, WA, Australia
Mitchell Aaron Jones	231	Chihuahua, Mexico
Joshua Shumshere Leslie	Lone Scout	Katmandu, Nepal
Donald Frank Schoderbek	Lone Scout	Calgary, AB, Canada
Mijamin Michael Allen Strong	140	Nairobi, Kenya
Samuel Arthur Taylor	Lone Scout	Gurgaon India
Tanner Wesley Tibbitts	970	Doha, Qatar
Trevor Paul Wisser	1029	Jakarta, Indonesia

WELCOME CUB SCOUT PACK 1911

Join us in welcoming Cub Scout Pack 1911 to the Direct Service family. Pack 1911 is chartered by the Inter American Academy located in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Our thanks go to the pack's Cubmaster, Roberto Bryan, for all his help with the charter process.

ADULT LEADER BACKGROUND CHECKS

As dedicated BSA volunteers, you understand the importance of keeping our youth safe in the Scouting program. To ensure Youth Protection, our organization has conducted criminal background checks on all new volunteers since April 2003. Because some volunteers have been continually registered in the program before April 2003, some may have not had a criminal background check. Last June, the BSA sent letters to those volunteers on this issue.

The letter was sent by our Chief Scout Executive, Bob Mazzuca, recognizing them as valued volunteers and explained the need for criminal background checks and our continued youth protection efforts. The letter explained the need for consent to conduct a criminal background check and directed volunteers to a Web site before August 1, 2008, where they were asked to review an authorization statement, give their consent to allow a background check, and provide information, such as their social security number.

Because of foreign addresses, it is possible that some Direct Service leaders this situation applies to did not receive their letters. Those who did not receive the letter, or who did receive it but did not follow through with the letter's instructions, will have to submit a new adult application before their membership can be reinstated for the new charter year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Terry Meyers at terry.meyers@scouting.org

ONLINE LEADER TRAINING AT [WWW.MYSCOUTING.ORG](http://www.myscouting.org)

Did you know that there are some really great training courses available in the E-Learning portion of the BSA's web site www.myscouting.org? Why not check out two of the newest additions:

Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather

Are You Prepared for the Weather? A new course offered online by the BSA and can help you know what to do if you are caught outside during a tornado, lightning storm or other weather-related situations. Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather offers in-depth information on topics such as these. You will also discover tips and tricks for beating the heat and cold and how to properly prepare yourself and your Scouts for outdoor activities.

The Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather course is a must for leaders. Starting January 1, 2009, it will be required that at least one adult to have completed the Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training before submitting a Local or National Tour Permit.

Den Chief Fast Start Training

Because the den chief's job is so vital in retaining boys at all levels of Cub Scouting during the transition to Boy Scouting, these Scouts need to learn the scope of their job and skills, including how to work successfully with the boys and other leaders.

BSA has developed an online Den Chief Training course for Boy Scouts taking on this important role. It is a good way to have the scout learn his job as Den Chief, both what is expected of him and what is NOT.

Having a den chief has a remarkable impact on the percentage of Webelos that continue on to Boy Scouts. It may not help with Boy Scout retention, but it at least gets more Scouts in the door to try it out.

If your troop wants to grow in size or strengthen your ties with a "feeder Pack", supplying a den chief for the 5th grade Webelos is a great step to take. It certainly is a big commitment by the Scout, so be sure he understands the expectations before taking on the job. And remember to recognize his extra work to the rest of the troop.

AND MUCH MORE...

Leaders, Boy Scouts and Venturers get all that and more when they go to <http://olc.scouting.org> and start absorbing the details of their new role. Why not check out the other courses available online through your MyScouting account: Safe Swim Defense; Safety Afloat; Youth Protection; Fast Start for Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Crew leaders; and Boy Scout Troop Committee Challenge.

THE NEW-LOOK CENTENNIAL BOY SCOUT UNIFORM

The Boy Scouts of America proudly announces the new centennial Boy Scout uniform. The new shirt and pants are designed with the active Scout in mind. The pants will be a darker, forest green color, matched with new socks and a cap without red. Shoulder loops have undergone a color change from red to forest green and unit numerals will be green on khaki. A steel-gray belt buckle replaces the current shiny brass buckle to complete the toned-down new look. Go to www.bsauniforms.org for more information.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM HELPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The annual *Cub Scout Program Helps* is such an important resource for Cub Scout leaders that it has often been called "the foundation for successful Cub Scouting." This program helps provide a detailed, easy-to-follow program to assist leaders in planning meetings.

The *Cub Scout Program Helps* book, containing an entire year's worth of program planning assistance, is available from your local council service center. Ask for item number 34304. But, for your convenience, the current and next month's program helps may also be downloaded as Acrobat PDF files from www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Leaders/CubScoutHelps.aspx

BSA 2010 – A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



The Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary represents much more than a date on the calendar. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tell the entire story of Scouting in America – to celebrate our rich heritage and to instill a deeper appreciation for the important role that Scouting will play in shaping our country's future.

A century of the finest outdoor and leadership experience a boy could have! This tradition lives on at the pinnacle of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting – the 2010 National Jamboree! From July 26 through August 4, 2010, yesterday will merge with tomorrow at the greatest Scouting event of the century. This jamboree will attract 43,000 Scouts and leaders. Imagine 18,000 tents and 3,600 patrol kitchens popping up in a matter of hours making Jamboree City the fastest growing city in Virginia, if not the world! It is the opportunity of a lifetime, one you will never forget. To learn more about this exciting event, visit www.bsajamboree.org. You'll be glad you did!

Direct Service will be sending one troop of 36 Scouts and four leaders to the jamboree and although 2010 is a long way off, our planning is well underway. If you know of a Scout who might like to be part of this fantastic event, please let us know. Spaces are still available and will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay.

EARN A SPECIAL PATCH – BSA-DIRECT SERVICE RECRUITER PROGRAM CONTINUES



Fall is here and along with it a new year of Scouting. Is your troop, pack, or crew making plans for recruiting new members? Why not introduce yourself to families moving into your area and encourage them to get their sons involved in your Scouting program. What about those bridging Webelos Scouts; have you invited them to join your troop?

To help with recruitment, any Scout or adult who gets a new boy to join a pack, troop, or crew will earn a specially designed "Centennial recruiter patch." Patches are free of charge. Be sure to indicate which applicants were recruited by a member of your unit and I'll include those patches when I return their membership cards.

JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR and JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. If the conditions are right, it is common to contact a hundred Scouting countries during the weekend.

In 50 hours, Scouts can travel around the globe. JOTA will run from 10 p.m., October 19, to midnight, October 21, local time. The International Department of the Boy Scouts of America has Jamboree-on-the-Air Fact Sheets, patches, and pocket cards available. For more information go to: <http://www.scouting.org/international/highlights/22-218.html>

Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, will be held on the same weekend, but will begin on Saturday, October 18, at 0001 hours local time and end Sunday, October 19, at 2359 hours local time. As with JOTA, Jamboree-on-the-Internet is sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The event utilizes computers and the Internet. The International Department of the Boy Scouts of America has Jamboree-on-the-Internet Fact Sheets, patches, and pocket cards available. For more information go to: <http://www.scouting.org/international/highlights/22-883.html>

WHAT'S NEW IN CUB SCOUTING?

Cub Scouting's training and online resources can help everyone get the most from the program.

- Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, No. 34875, \$11.99 – Offers specialized knowledge so leaders can function effectively. A DVD is included and holds a wealth of slides, handouts, and other reference materials.
- BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), No. 34162, \$7.99 – This training ensures that the pack has a leader or parent who can make outdoor activities and overnights safe and enjoyable for everyone. The book is crammed with valuable, customizable handouts, checklists, planners, and more.

- **Cubcasts** – The most up-to-date information from Cub Scouting is just a click away. Cubcast is a monthly audio pod cast that presents program theme ideas and information that Scouters and parents can use right away. Visit www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Cubcast.aspx for the latest Cubcast as well as an archive of previous months.

DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS IN ACTION

PERTH TROOP TAKES PART IN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Troop 442, located in Perth, Australia, served as color guard for the American Women's Club of Perth's (AWC) Annual 4th of July Celebration. Nearly 600 people attended the event from the Perth area. Noted dignitaries in attendance included Dr. Ken Chern, U.S. Consulate General Perth and Mrs. Lori Scott, President of the AWC.

Not only was this a great event, it turned out to be great publicity for Troop 442 as many attendees came up to the troop's leaders afterward to said that they were unaware that there was a BSA troop in Perth. It is events like these, along with the dedication of its leaders that has resulted in the troop's membership growth.

SCOUTS VS. WILD-TROOP 222 JUNGLE SURVIVAL EXPERIENCE IN MALAYSIA

By David Loehden, Scoutmaster

Last February, Troop 222 of Penang, Malaysia, worked on the wilderness survival merit badge. The wilderness survival merit badge was worked on in four troop meetings and culminated in a three-day jungle survival campout at Sungai Sedim (Sedim River), Malaysia. As the merit badge counselor, the challenge was to make the wilderness survival merit badge interesting, challenging and fun. The resources used were the merit badge book, the merit badge worksheet from www.meritbadge.com, *Man Vs. Wild* video clips from the Discovery Channel, and Mr. Kamarul, a jungle survival trainer at Sungai Sedim.

Man vs. Wild was recorded from the Discovery Channel and video clips were made that highlighted the skills and requirements for the merit badge. The video clips were embedded in PowerPoint presentations and used to instruct the Scouts at the meetings. Each meeting had a theme survival scenario: Rocky Mountains (forest), European Alps (snow), Costa Rican Rain Forest (wet), and Moab Desert (dry). Bear Grylls is the star of *Man vs. Wild* and must have been a Scout at one time. In the *Man vs. Wild* videos, Grylls goes over many survival situations that help demonstrate the requirements. He also goes over many of the Tenderfoot to First Class requirements, like navigating day and night without a compass, first aid, and lashings to name a few. The *Man vs. Wild* video series is a good resource for teaching Scouting requirements in a fun way.

The Scouts had a great time learning about wilderness survival. The videos made it interesting for them and they used the content from the videos and PowerPoint presentation to fill in their worksheets. We also had, as one of the inter-patrol games, a bow and drill fire-making contest between the patrols. The Scouts had to make a bow and drill and bring it to the meeting. The contest was to have each Scout in the patrol use the bow and drill to make smoke one at a time. This was a fun way to meet one of the fire-making requirements.

Our survival camp began as we arrived at Sungai Sedim right at dusk in a torrential downpour. Fortunately, there was a shelter and we were able to set up the tents in the shelter and cook our dinner. The next morning, the Scouts were taught by Mr. Kamarul, a retired Malaysian Army survival expert, on how to survive in the jungles of Malaysia. They were taught how to build shelters out of the feather palm, bamboo, and banana trees. Mr. Kamarul told the Scouts that the feather palm, bamboo, and banana were quick growing and very plentiful. He said to avoid using young trees, which can take a long time to grow. The feather palm was woven and used for the roof. The bamboo was used as the structure. The banana trunk is fibrous and strips of lashing ropes can be made from the trunk.

Each Scout made a shelter by lashing bamboo to a tree, weaving the feather palm and lashing it to the bamboo, and then using the banana leaves for bedding. They stayed in shelters, but unfortunately did not get a good night's sleep.

The Scouts also learned how to cook using young bamboo. They had to carve out the bamboo to make a long hollow tube. They put rice in banana leaves and stuffed it in the bamboo tube, then filled the tube with water. Mr. Kamarul then showed the Scouts how to collect dry tinder from dust of palms and bamboo, using old bamboo to make kindling, and collect larger pieces of wood to build a fire. A fire was built and the bamboo tubes with rice were cooked along with fish stuffed in a bamboo tube with ginger and garlic. After about 30 minutes, the rice and fish were cooked and the Scouts enjoyed an afternoon meal.



The rest of the afternoon, the Scouts worked on fire-building skills with flint and steel. We finished the day by swimming in Sungai Sedim. The Scouts then made dinner and we had a campfire with smores, of course. Then it was off to the shelters to stay the night. We capped off the trip the next morning with some rappelling down a 40-foot tower and a one-kilometer canopy walk, then packed up camp and headed home.

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.

- Sept** Packs 222, Penang, Malaysia; 777, Baku, Azerbaijan; 3028, Chihuahua, Mexico; 3401, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
 Troops 818, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; 943, Beijing, China; 1029, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Oct** Packs 2, Mexico City, Mexico; 36, Abu Dhabi, UAE; 88, Shanghai, China; 89, Tianjin, China; 932, Mexico City, Mexico; 969, Shanghai, China; 3060, New Delhi, India; 3069, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 3253 & 3255, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; 3458, Duri, Sumatra; 3907, Rangoon, Myanmar
 Troops 1, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong; 36, Abu Dhabi, UAE; 69, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 77, Even Yehuda, Israel; 252 & 253, Dhahrn, Saudi Arabia; 257, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 435, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; 442, Perth, Australia; 701, Cairo, Egypt; 777, Baku, Azerbaijan; 804, Buenos Aires, Argentina; 806, Amman, Jordan; 932, Mexico City, Mexico; 969, Shanghai, China; 2005, Luanda, Angola; 8848, Beijing, China
- Nov** Packs 1, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong; 710, San Jose, Costa Rica; 3231, Chihuahua, Mexico; 3455, Jakarta, Indonesia; 3818, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; 3938, Safat, Kuwait
 Troops 140, Nairobi, Kenya; 455, Jakarta, Indonesia; 458, Duri, Sumatra; 813, Dubai, UAE; 960, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic ; 970, Doha, Qatar
- Dec.** Packs 12, Shanghai, China ; 3017, Singapore ; 3451, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia ; 3803, Lagos, Nigeria; 3813, Dubai, UAE; 3947, Doha, Qatar
 Troops 7, Singapore ; 8, Caracas, Venezuela ; 8, Johannesburg, South Africa ; 12, Shanghai, China; 60, New Delhi, India; 102, Singapore; 908, Montevideo, Uruguay; 971, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
 Crews 2253, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

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