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2010 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

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THE EAGLES' NEST

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

NAME	Troop #	Location
Zachariah Al-Shafei	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Austin Cenlan Chung	1	Hong Kong
Nicholas Daniel Ewbank	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
Richard Douglas Floyd, Jr.	Lone Scout	New Delhi, India
Arthur Harry James Hargrave	1	Hong Kong
Major Lance Hillman	806	Amman, Jordan
Michael Edward Holden	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Raef Erik Jackson	454	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Michael Joseph Kelley	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
Aalok A. Mehta	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Mark Nicolas Popinchalk	701	Cairo, Egypt
Rex Richard Wilkins	970	Doha, Qatar

DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS CAN SELL POPCORN!

What Troop, pack or crew wouldn't like to find a way to raise funds year round? We are pleased to announce that Direct Service units can now raise money by selling popcorn through the Trail's End Popcorn Company's online Web site, www.OrderPopcorn.com.

Scouts and leaders can ask their stateside family and friends to place orders and their unit will receive 70 percent of the sale for unit activities. Just think of the benefits of selling popcorn online:

- 70 percent of each purchase is returned to the unit. The product is delivered directly to the consumer (Because Trail's End is not set up to mail internationally, only orders being shipped to a U.S. address will be accepted.)
- Scouts can keep track of their online sales through OrderPopcorn.com
- Friends and family can order popcorn year-round to support the troop
- Unit leaders have the ability to view all online sales through the Popcorn System
- It's Easy!

The Trail's End OrderPopcorn.com Web site is a great year-round tool to sell popcorn. To get started, contact Terry Meyers.

WHAT'S NEW AT MYSCOUTING.ORG

On-Line Learning Center

"This is Scouting" is a new course that has been added to the BSA's on-line Learning Center available at www.MyScouting.org. This is Scouting replaces "New Leader Essentials" and is a required course for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and venturing leaders to earn the Trained Leader emblem.

The New Leader Essentials training course has been replaced by a new Web-based training course titled, "What is Scouting." Like New Leader Essentials, the course is required for all leaders to be considered fully

trained. It is available on the Online Learning Center at www.MyScouting.org. "What is Scouting" is a seven-module course that will take about a hour to complete. The seven modules are:

- Mission, Vision, Values
- Programs for All Ages and Abilities
- Scouting is Fun!
- Scouting in the Community
- Protecting Our Youth
- Scouting Legacy
- On Being a Leader

Tour Permits

Tour permits are now available online from MyScouting to registered unit adult leaders. It is necessary to have the member ID in the MyScouting account to obtain access. The new permits for 2009 require submitting two weeks prior to the scheduled outings. Unit leaders can access the online Tour Permits system from www.Scouting.org, but the unit leader must have a MyScouting account and profile using Direct Service's council number which is number 800 and the member ID from their membership card.

Four simple steps will guide unit leaders to apply for a tour permit online. This system saves driver and training information, so it will be easy to recall for subsequent permits. Your council's administrator can approve the application or return it for more information. The data is saved electronically for easy retrieval, with no more paperwork and 24/7 availability.

New Medical Form

Based on input from individual Scouters, the Order of the Arrow, local councils, health and safety, and risk management committees, and high-adventure bases, the BSA found that there was confusion on when to use any of more than 20 different health forms across the nation. There was also an immediate need to update a medical form for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. The BSA's Health and Safety Committee took on the challenge and the opportunity to establish one Annual Health and Medical Record for all ages and known risks. It is simple and yet comprehensive enough to be used for both health and wellness evaluations as well as emergency situations. The new medical form is available from the Resources section of the Direct Service Web site, www.directservicebsa.org.

A health history is still sufficient for typical activities lasting less than 72 hours (Parts A and C of the new form — similar to the old Class 1 form). For activities lasting longer than 72 hours, a medical evaluation by a health-care provider is now required annually (Part B). For high-adventure activities for which medical care may be delayed, restrictions based on standardized height/weight ratios are now mandatory.

Transition and change can be exciting and easy, especially if it positions the BSA for the future. Everyone should begin using the Annual Health and Medical Record immediately. The existing stock of Class 1, 2, and 3 forms can continue to be used while supplies last in 2009. The only supported form effective January 1, 2010, is the Annual Health and Medical Record. Its use will be mandatory for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

Scouting Community

Social Networking sites are all the rage on the Internet. If you follow the news at all, you know that these sites can be used for inappropriate purposes, but they have a lot of good qualities as well. They are a great way to stay in touch with distant friends, share information with people having similar interests, and communicate about activities in which you participate.

The "Scouting Community" is a safe environment for members and leaders of Scouting to interact and share best practices for all things Scouting and is open to any member of the Boy Scouts of America who is 14 years or older.

In the "Scouting Community," you can join groups where you can post topics, read or reply to discussions and stay in touch with "friends" either around the country or in your unit. You can set up the account to send you an email when someone posts a comment in the groups you might choose to join, and there will be groups available to interest any Scouter!

How to join this Community

This community is open to any member of the Boy Scouts of America who is 14 years or older. To join this community, please click on the "My Scouting" logo or visit MyScouting (<http://myscouting.org>) and create an account. You will need to associate your MyScouting account with your Boy Scouts of America Member ID (found on your registration card). If you already have a MyScouting account you will need to modify your profile in order to gain access to the site. Click on My Profile then click on Modify profile. Make sure the box next to Scouting Community is checked and save the profile. You should now be able to see Scouting Community as one of the links on the left hand side of MyScouting. Once you have done this you can access the Scouting Community site by going directly to community.scouting.org. Once you have your MyScouting account created, you will be able to return to this website and login.

DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS IN ACTION

Middle East Camporee in Abu Dhabi, February 2009



By David J. Morton, Scoutmaster - Troop 36 Abu Dhabi
Direct Service BSA Troop 36 hosted the 2nd Middle East Camporee, February 12-14, in the desert dunes of Abu Dhabi Emirate. Eight Troops representing 178 Scouts and Scouters participated: Kuwait - BSA 938; Qatar - BSA 970; Bahrain - BSA 826; Dubai (UAE) - BSA 813; Al Ain (UAE) - BSA 191; a Lone Scout and parent from Yemen; Abu Dhabi (UAE) - BSA 36; and British Troops --1st Abu Dhabi and 3rd Dubai.

With excellent planning and top-notch logistical support, all troops arrived in the midst of a sand storm with plenty of airborne dust and visibility of just a few hundred meters (The storm prevented the Saudi Troops from arriving!). All arrived safely and took up their designated camping positions among the dunes giving order and color to the barren landscape right into the midnight hours. Location: 24 25'19.36"N 55 35'3.20"E

By morning, the storm had passed and the air had cleared to blue skies and moderate temperatures. The camporee kicked off at 9 a.m. with an assemble call on the bugle, everyone meeting under BSA flags. Each Troop had been tasked with a component of the theme Scout Olympics, where patrols formed the teams: -- First Aid, Orienteering, Fire Building, Knots and Lashings (Chariot Race), Scout Trivia, Cooking, and topped off with an individual Treasure Hunt.

Each hour at the sound of the bugle patrols moved in assigned groups through the strategically placed stations. For some, this was a first camporee experience and all had done their best to prepare. Throughout the day desert was alive with Scout action! The Treasure Hunt brought the activities to a close as Scouts navigated way points and oriented their way around dunes. Finding their "spot" triggered a flurry of digging for the buried treasure! The accuracy of one diligent Scout proved successful whereby the large bag of lollipops was enthusiastically shared with all. Scouts were careful with the fragile desert environment and had the opportunity to view scorpions, snakes and unusual lizards.

After dinner (and the Cooking contest!) a 10-foot bonfire closed the evening. In a Scout-led ceremony, individuals and winning teams were honored with first, second, and third awards. Each patrol then entertained the gathering with a variety of skits, songs and mini-plays - some of which were suitable side-splitters! An Order of the Arrow tap-out ceremony brought a feeling of wonder to the assembly providing a perfect end to a perfect day of Scouting and brotherhood.

Saturday morning, troops packed-up, cleaned-up and moved out. Leaving the dunes to return to their natural wonderment and the fond memories to linger on in the hearts of Middle East Scouts and Scouters. All troops agreed to plan for the next Middle East Camporee and start getting ready for another great outing somewhere in the Arabian sands.

Gamenowinink Lodge News

The Order of the Arrow has a strong, active program in Saudi Arabia. Pete Behringer, Assistant Scoutmaster, reports that Boy Scout Troop 1 is doing well. This year, after many years in the making, they were able to conduct a Brotherhood ceremony for six Arrowmen.

Our thanks to Peter Behringer for all his hard work over the years to re-start the OA and build it into the strong, active chapter it is today.

A Month of "Firsts" for Newly Formed Pack 870

By: Craig Marquardt, Scoutmaster Troop 870



The first Pack 870 International Blue and Gold Banquet was held February 28, 2009, in Alice Springs, Australia. The Pack invited local Australian Cub Scouts to the event, which was preceded by a friendly game of basketball in the parking lot of the charter organization, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Aussies picked up on the fundamentals of the game very quickly, and defeated the American Cubs in a close contest. It was the Aussies' first Blue and Gold, and all attendees enjoyed the festivities (especially the Basketball Belt Loops that were awarded). They don't have belt loop awards in Australia, so the Aussie Cubs were excited about

adding something uniquely American to their uniforms.

The Australian Cubs were invited back to Pack 870 Headquarters at the LDS Church for the first annual "International Pinewood Derby Challenge" held March 21, 2009. Approximately 80 people filled the Pack's meeting room at the church to see the winner of the 13 Australian Cubs face off against the winner of the eight American Cubs for the "Challenge Trophy". This time the Americans would not be denied a victory. The Webelos came through for Pack 870 with Andrew Christian becoming the first winner of the International Challenge. It was the Australians' first ever Pinewood Derby event, and everyone had a great time. The Aussies vowed to come back stronger next year, with the event moving to the Australian Scout Hall.



Finally, on April 1, 2009, (using a symbolic bridge designed and constructed by Troop 870) Pack 870 held its first "Bridging" ceremony at the LDS Church. Three 2nd Year Webelos, who had also earned the Arrow of Light award in an earlier ceremony, crossed over from Pack 870 to Troop 870. Logan Marquardt was the first to cross the bridge followed by Zachary Barton and then Andrew Christian. The three Scouts have made their mark in the unit history books by being members of both Pack 870 and Troop 870 in these units' founding year.

Troop 442 Scout Receives Appointment to U.S. Military Academies

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Stephen Scott of Troop 442 in Perth, Australia, who has received appointments to both the U.S. Air Force and Naval Academies and has accepted the appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

To gain the appointment, Stephen had to appear before U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith's Military Academy Selection Committee. The committee was most interested in Stephen's Eagle Scout service project that consisted of building a basketball court in a small village near Lagos, Nigeria. After the court was completed, he taught local villagers how to play the game. Stephen believes that his Scouting experiences and leadership training set him apart from the other candidates.

Troop 511 Calgary, Alberta, Canada



Although new, the troop has had a great winter culminating in a fantastic, winter campout in Banff National Park. Spring will find the troop taking an overnight backpacking trip to the A.O. Wheeler Hut in Glacier National Park, where they will practice their map and compass skills. The Scouts and leaders are looking forward to more activities this spring as well as plans for summer camp at BSA's Camp Grizzly in Idaho.

James Rowling, Chairman of the Western Chapter of the American Chamber of Commerce in Canada, was recently presented with Boy Scout Troop 511's Charter at a ceremony held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Troop 511 is Direct Service's first troop in Canada.

South Africa Troop 8 Heads to Sugar Bay

By Cabby Tennis

Troop 8 was formed last year as a Direct Service troop within the international wing of BSA Scouting. We are the only BSA troop in Southern Africa. Based at the American International School of Johannesburg, this small troop of 15 boys and five adult leaders is dedicated to wilderness adventure and service.

Our March hike found us flying to Zinkwazi Beach, about an hour north of Durban on the Indian Ocean. We hiked in through the sugar plantations that give the bay its name and camped along a brackish water bayou. The beach hike the following day featured body surfing, kites, crabbing, and traditional beach games like "bury the scout alive." To do our part for the beach, we collected and trekked out more than 500 plastic bottles that washed onto the high beach area by storms.

The only real low point of the hike (for the adults) was getting thrashed by the Scouts at paint ball match on our stop by Sugar Bay Summer Camp at the mouth of the lagoon. More practice needed for next year!

LaPaz Cub Scouts Reach New Heights

By Debra Hevia

Newly re-activated Cub Scout Pack 3703, based in LaPaz, Bolivia, is off to a good start with exciting activities that keep the boys coming back for more. Their most recent adventure took them on their first hike of the year. Cub parent Patrick Duport led the group up, up, up past fields of mountain wildflowers and herds of grazing llamas. Half way through their hike, the group picnicked in the shadows of the Andean peaks. Their hike ended on a ridge at 15,008 foot elevation overlooking the lush, green Valley of the Spirits and the entire city of La Paz.

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 (terry.meyers@scouting.org).

Apr Packs 960, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic ; 2005, Luanda, Angola

	<u>Troops</u>	<i>No Troops Renewing in April</i>
May	<u>Packs</u>	967, San Salvador, El Salvador
	<u>Troops</u>	231, Chihuahua, Mexico; 967, San Salvador, El Salvador; 1921, Beijing, China
	<u>Teams</u>	1, Beijing, China
June	<u>Packs</u>	2010, Johannesburg, South Africa
	<u>Troops</u>	222, Penang, Malaysia

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>
 Pack 3017 (Singapore): <http://pack3017.clubspace.com>

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
 BSA Hispanic Initiatives: www.scouting.org/HispanicInitiatives
 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
 MyScouting : www.myscouting.org
 Scouting magazine: www.scoutingmagazine.org
 The Scout Zone: www.thescoutzone.org
 Venturing: www.scouting.org/venturing

WORTH QUOTING

"Scouting in many ways, obvious and often subtle, prepares boys to be responsible, in control adults."

— Paul McVey, Troop 60, New Delhi,

India