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2011 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE
www.scouting.org/worldjamboree

THE EAGLE'S NEST

The rank of Eagle Scout was bestowed on 75 Direct Service Scouts in 2008. We are honored to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the rank since our last newsletter.

Name	Troop No.	Location
Gregory Vick Balint	818	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Wesley Hart Barton	701	Cairo, Egypt
Alexander Adair Bettadapur	7	Singapore
Timothy Jay Bradford	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Beau J. K. H. Branton	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Daniel Deen Eichman	8848	Beijing, China
Garrett Christopher Elrod	Lone Scout	Jerusalem, Israel
Matthew Riker Gleaton	Lone Scout	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Ryan Alexander Henck	701	Cairo, Egypt
Ihsan Bashir Kabir	69	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Ki Young Kim	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
Robert Larry Koehlmoos	69	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Steffon Christopher Lassman	943	Beijing, China
Stephen Winfield Long	7	Singapore
Jacob Alan Long	969	Shanghai, China
Thomas Jackson Marloe	701	Cairo, Egypt
Seth Xavier McDonald	Lone Scout	Cuenca, Ecuador
Matthew Glade Merkley	970	Doha, Qatar
Daniel Lloyd Miller	701	Cairo, Egypt
Alexander Ryan Moritz	701	Cairo, Egypt
Christian Patrick Nielsen	28	Chihuahua, Mexico
Yanik Adam Nyberg	Lone Scout	Hanoi, Vietnam
Matthew Todd Rands Jr.	Lone Scout	Beccar, Argentina
Maxel Tanner Romney	28	Chihuahua, Mexico
Stephen Michael Tainter	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
Charles Brigham Toronto	Team 1	Beijing, China
John Michael Truelove	511	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Stephen Tsung-Han Sher	943	Beijing, China
Daniel Neel Tutwiler	701	Cairo, Egypt

Be sure to visit www.nesa.org for more information and resources on Eagle Scouts.

LONE SCOUT HONORED FOR HEROISM

During the fall Baden-Powell fellowship gathering in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Lone Scout Joseph Barefoot was presented with the Honor Medal with Crossed Palms, which is the Boy Scouts of America's highest lifesaving award. In attendance at the presentation were notable dignitaries from the Scouting world, including His Majesty, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.



Joe received the award for his actions in attempting to save Dr. John Ryan from the turbulent currents of the French River without concern for his own safety. Although Dr. Ryan died that day, Joe did all he could to save Dr. Ryan, and we applaud him for his actions.

NEW UNITS JOIN DIRECT SERVICE

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

- Pack 10, chartered by Embassy Families, Mexico City, Mexico
- Pack 78, chartered by Shenyang International School, Shenyang, China
- Troop 183, chartered by American International School, Guangzhou, China
- Pack 3950 (reactivated), chartered by American International School, Moscow, Russia

BSA POLICY CHANGES—Youth Protection Training

Effective June 1, 2010, all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position, are required to have taken Youth Protection training. Currently registered volunteers must have proof that they have taken this training within the past two years. New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before submitting an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time the application is made and before the volunteer begins working with youth.

Youth Protection training may be taken by logging on to www.myscouting.org. If this is your first time visiting the site, you will be required to create an account before taking the training. Be sure to provide your BSA member number in the initial setup. This number is shown at the bottom of your membership ID card. If you cannot find it, contact Terry Meyers at terry.meyers@scouting.org.

NEW BSA OUTDOOR AWARDS UNVEILED

Two new awards have been developed to promote "outdoorism" for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts!

BSA National Outdoor Challenge Award

The National Outdoor Challenge is a unit award that recognizes troops and teams that maintain or increase the amount of outdoor activity when compared to the previous year. With the release of this award, the National Camping Award has been discontinued; however, patches for camping nights will be available until the inventory is depleted.



BSA National Outdoor Achievement Award



The National Outdoor Achievement Award recognizes Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts who excel in outdoor participation. The award has five areas of emphasis (camping, aquatics, hiking, riding, and adventure) with rigorous requirements to earn each segment.

For Scouts looking for an extra challenge, there's the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement. This challenging award requires earning at least three of the national outdoor achievement

segments, planning and leading a trek, earning Wilderness First Aid certification, and becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer, as well as fulfilling several other requirements.

For more information on the outdoor awards, visit:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/Youth/Awards.aspx>

UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT

Background

Quality Unit leadership is the key to a Quality Unit program—and it leads to better Scout retention. Statistics show that if young people stay engaged in the program for at least five years, the BSA's influence will likely stay with them for the rest of their lives. A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and the Boy Scouts of America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the Quality Unit leaders who make that happen.

The Unit Leader Award of Merit replaces the [Scoutmaster Award of Merit](#), the [Varsity Team Coach Award of Merit](#), and the [Venturing Crew Advisor's Award of Merit](#). This new recognition has revised requirements, and may be earned by Cubmasters as well.

Requirements

The nominee must:

1. Be a currently registered Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor who has served in that position at least 18 continuous months.
2. Meet the training requirements for the registered position.
3. Distribute a printed or electronic annual unit program plan and calendar to each family in the unit.
4. Have a leader succession plan in place.
5. Effectively use the advancement method so that at least 60 percent of the unit's youth have advanced at least once during the last 12 months.
6. Cultivate a positive relationship with the chartered organization.
7. Project a positive image of Scouting in the community.

Nomination Procedure

1. The unit committee chair completes the Unit Leader Award of Merit Nomination Form on behalf of the unit committee. For Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturer crews, the nomination must include endorsement by the senior patrol leader, team captain, or crew president, respectively.
2. The unit or district commissioner certifies that the form is complete.
3. The unit submits the nomination form to the council for approval by the Scout executive and council commissioner or president.

The Award

Upon receipt of the approved nomination form, the council may present the Unit Leader Award of Merit, which includes a certificate, square knot with the appropriate device, and a special unit leader emblem. Recognition of this achievement may be presented at appropriate district or council events, such as district or council leader recognition dinners, training events, and board meetings.



The award may be presented for each program—Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venturing—if the individual meets the requirements. Only one knot is worn with the devices of each program in which the award was earned.

DIRECT SERVICE SCOUTS IN ACTION

TROOP 870 CONQUERED THE ROCK

By Logan Marquardt, Troop 870 historian

Recently, Troop 870 from Alice Springs, Australia, took a beautiful trip to Ayers Rock (Uluru). This 1,142-foot-high natural sandstone formation is 5.8 miles in circumference and is located at the southwest end of Australia's Northern Territory. When our group arrived at the campsite from the 280-mile drive, we hiked around The Olgas—another geographic site in Kata Tjuta National Park (where we were staying).



After we set up camp, two rival teams of Scouts competed for best dinner honors. There was no clear winner, since the entire troop was ready to eat anything after their long day out! The Scouts had a good night sleeping in something called “swags” (rugged, outback sleeping bags). After a good, homemade breakfast on the campfire, all the Scouts headed over to climb “the rock” (actually more like a very steep walk). The adult leaders took their time, but some of the kids were already halfway up. After a tremendous feat and an awesome view, it was time to pack up, eat lunch, and bring our memories of flies and adventure back home with us.

But the adventure wasn't over. Just as we were about to leave the campsite, the radiator on the Scoutmaster's vehicle sprung a leak (similar to “Old Faithful”). Luckily, the assistant Scoutmaster had stayed to follow behind us. After spending a few hours repairing the leak, we were back on the long, lonely road through the outback desert. It was dark by then, but we made it home safely. This was a good example of the buddy system ... it also works for the adult leaders!

ALICE SPRINGS TROOP PARTICIPATES IN JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

By Logan Marquardt, Troop 870 historian

Troop 870 from Alice Springs, Australia, participated in the Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI), held October 16–17, 2010. Four Boy Scouts and one Lone Cub Scout gathered at the Scoutmaster's house to use two desktop computers and one laptop over the two-day period. Altogether, we communicated with more than 50 Scouts from 22 different countries, ranging from Argentina to Zimbabwe. The JOTI program has many chat rooms in English, with about 10 other languages to choose from. We were also able to have private chats to find out more about the person, and I thought it was cool when I had six or more private chats going on at once. Scouts from India and the Middle East were just learning English, but they did really well and we were happy to chat with them. Something we had to be careful about during JOTI was getting kicked off for flooding and shouting. Flooding is when you write the same five lines in three seconds, and shouting is when you type in all caps. A couple of our Scouts discovered how to virtually slap someone with a large trout—they right-clicked on a name and then clicked “slap.” We thought that was funny ... even our Scoutmaster had a good laugh!

Editor's Note: The 22 countries mentioned in the article were Argentina, Australia, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, England, Germany, India, Indonesia, Mauritian Islands, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papa New Guinea, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Wales, and Zimbabwe.

JERUSALEM LONE SCOUTS CAMP NEAR THE SEA OF GALILEE

This past July, seven Lone Scouts from Jerusalem got together for a Scout camp near the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel. The Scouts camped at the Vered HaGalil horse ranch; featured in *1000 Places to See*



Before You Die, the ranch is owned by a World War II veteran who was a Boy Scout himself. On the way to the Sea of Galilee, we stopped at Beit Shea'an to see old ruins, including an amazing, Roman-era colosseum. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting, the Lone Scouts earned the limited edition Tracking and Pathfinding merit badges, and they worked on requirements for the Animal Science and Wilderness Preparedness merit badges. The Scouts also brushed up

on the horsemanship skills they learned the previous summer during a five-hour ride to the Sea of Galilee. The area can be scorching hot during the summer, so the Scouts cooled off with whitewater rafting on the Jordan River and swimming in the Sea of Galilee. So far, the Jerusalem Lone Scout group has produced one Eagle Scout, Garrett Elrod, with several more well on their way.

UAE SCOUTS VISIT AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS HARRY S. TRUMAN

This past summer, Scouts and leaders in Abu Dhabi, Abqaiq, and Dubai were invited to visit the USS Harry S. Truman and two other ships while they were in Bahrain and Dubai. Some of the group toured a countermine warfare ship, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter, and a Royal Navy oiler. The U.S. Navy let them get into small prop planes and one of the helicopters on the flight line, and Scouts also got to see a \$6 million truck used to fight aircraft fires and shoot the water cannon on top of the vehicle.



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 at terry.meyers@scouting.org.

Oct	<u>Packs</u>	36 , Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; 88 , Shanghai, China; 932 , Mexico City, Mexico; 969 , Shanghai, China; 3069 , Dhaka, Bangladesh; 3253 , Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; 3456 , Rumbai, Indonesia; 3458 , Duri, Sumatra
	<u>Troops</u>	1 , Hong Kong; 1 , Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; 36 , Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia; 69 , Dhaka, Bangladesh; 77 , Even Yehuda, Israel; 435 , Gutanamo Bay, Cuba; 442 , Perth, Australia; 701 , Cairo, Egypt; 777 , Baku, Azerbaijan; 806 , Amman, Jordan; 932 , Mexico City, Mexico; 969 , Shanghai, China; 2005 , Luanda, Angola; 8848 , Beijing, China
Nov	<u>Packs</u>	1 , Hong Kong; 701 , San Jose, Costa Rica; 3231 , Chihuahua, Mexico; 3818 , Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; 3938 , Safat, Kuwait; 3944 , Beijing, China
	<u>Troops</u>	3 , Mexico City, Mexico; 140 , Nairobi, Kenya; 231 , Chihuahua, Mexico; 257 , Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; 455 , Jakarta, Indonesia; 458 , Duri, Sumatra; 813 , Dubai, United Arab Emirates; 826 , Manamah, Bahrain; 870 , Alice Springs, Australia; 970 , Doha, Qatar; 1966 , Shanghai, China
Dec	<u>Packs</u>	967 , San Salvador, El Salvador
	<u>Troops</u>	7 , Singapore; 8 ??????, Venezuela; 8 , Johannesburg, South Africa; 43 , Escazu, Costa Rica; 60 , New Delhi, India; 102 , Shanghai, China; 183 , Guangzhou, China; 511 , Calgary, British Columbia, Canada; 703 , LaPaz, Bolivia; 971 , Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
	<u>Crew</u>	2253 , Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES

Direct Service Units

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

Troop 7 (Singapore): www.bsatroop07.org

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

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

Pack and 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 National Supply Group 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

Cub Scout Resources: www.scouting.org/scoutsources/cubscouts

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

Pinewood Derby : www.pinewoodderby.org

Scouting Magazine: www.scoutingmagazine.org

The Scout Zone: www.thescoutzone.org

Venturing: www.scouting.org/venturingolunteer

Volunteer Training: www.scouting.org/volunteer/training

WORTH QUOTING

Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back on himself. He imposes his own stamp of action, takes responsibility for it, makes it his own.

—General Charles de Gaulle