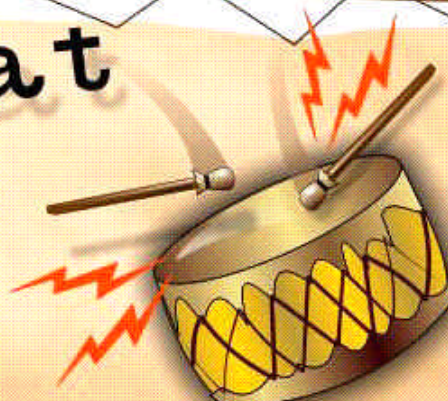


DrumBeat

Resonating monthly electronic news
from the Northwest Suburban Council



Dedication opens new dining pavilion at Napowan

Although the day was cold and windy, April 16, proved to be a happy landmark in the history of Camp Napowan and for the untold thousands of present and future campers.

With over 400 OA members, Scouters, parents and staffers looking on in the bright sunshine, President Jim Tierney and Scout Executive Steven Taylor dedicated the new dining pavilion, a facility long needed for the premier camp that supplies meals to over 2,000 persons annually.



The building is now known as The Jerry and Adelle Memorial Dining Pavilion. Jerry Epstein was a long-time NWSC Scouter who spent untold hours of his volunteer time to improve the camp.



William Epstein, aided by Avery, Jared and Brad Epstein completes the ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the new dining pavilion at Camp Napowan during OA Spring Fellowship Weekend

Presiding at the formal ribbon cutting were Jerry and Adelle's sons, Brad and William, and grandchildren, Jared and Avery. As an NWSC Scout, William served as an OA Lodge Chief and a Section Chief.

To the assembled group Tierney stated that without the generosity of Brad and William, the 600 person capacity pavilion would not have been possible.

The dedication followed the first buffet style meal served to all attendees at the annual Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship weekend. In addition to meeting the appetites of all Fellowship workers, The initial meal served as a "shakedown" of meal preparation, logistics and serving procedures in preparation for the start of Summer Camp Session #1, scheduled to start on June 21.



Smoke Signals

"Smoke Signals" lists only Council-level events and dates. For district activities, please refer to the district news pages.

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July

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National honors awarded at NWSC Annual Dinner

Thirteen Northwest Suburban Council Scouters and three districts received national recognitions at the council's Annual Recognition Dinner held at Cotillion Banquets Saturday, May 16.

Before a near sell-out audience, Mike O'Malley and Rudy Smolka emceed the "All That Jazz" banquet and ceremonies that featured a live combo.

In addition to individual and district awards, the council had five good reasons to celebrate a successful 2008. Council President Jim Tierney announced that NWSC had received: the Centennial Quality Council Award, the Distinguished Learning for Life Council Award, the National Endowment Achievement Award, the National Sustainable Council Award and the Central Region's ScoutReach Award.

The Silver Beaver Award, the highest national honor a council may bestow on volunteer Scouters, was presented by Tierney and Scout Executive Steven Taylor to: Audrey Beatty, Bill Cohn, Jean Frost, Cindy Kunzer, Frank Moriarty, Mike O'Malley, Marty Schultz, Rudy Smolka and Harriet Snyder.



For his outstanding work in conservation, Charles Keppel was presented with the William A. Hornaday Award. Just over 1000 Hornaday medals have been awarded since the honor's inception in 1970.

V.P. of Capital Brad Epstein and Council Commissioner Rick Romani joined an elite national group when they received the Distinguished Eagle Award. They entered the unique circle of honorees that includes our Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Only 3 such awards, including that of former Council President Rich Politowicz, have not been made in NWSC.

Three of our districts were honored by the National Council for their goal achievements in 2008. Receiving Centennial Quality District Awards were North Woods, ScoutReach/Aquila and Learning for Life

Attention All Unit Historians & Members of the Scouting Family

The ScoutTrek 2010 100th Anniversary planning committee is seeking historical information on the units and memorable Scouts and Scouters in the Northwest Suburban Council. Look through your unit archives, your own photo albums, for photos, movies (8mm, super 8mm, 16mm, video), unit newsletters, etc. and let this committee know about them. We will copy, scan, convert and return them back to you.

Is there a Scout or Scouter that you remember as being an influence of your Scouting career? Send us an e-mail, snail mail, recording ... contact us and we will work out an arrangement to have your story become part of our history of the Northwest Suburban Council.

Contact a member of the committee below and please put "100th Scouting Anniversary" in the subject field and we will contact you -

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Pathfinder, Tony Skiroock (skiroock@sbcglobal.net)
North Woods, Mike Ellis (mikeae1@comcast.net)

Council Patch Design Contest

The Northwest Suburban Council is pleased to announce a patch design contest for a new NWSC Council Shoulder Patch to help commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA.

Both youth and adults may enter, and they may enter multiple designs. The requirements are that the size/shape be from one of the three nationally approved templates, that it properly identify the local council by name and state, that it either include the Scout logo and/or BSA in the lettering, that the artwork depict a major feature of the local council's area, and that there may be a maximum of seven colors including the border. The design should be camera ready or as close to it as possible and in full color (no black and white only designs).

Deadline for submission is August 30, 2009. All submissions should be sent to Scout Executive Steve Taylor at the NWSC Office prior to the deadline date. All submissions become property of the Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America. The actual patch may be modified by color, "clean up artwork", and to include or not include any 100th Anniversary representations as may be necessary for actual production purposes.

The designer of the chosen design will receive a matted/framed patch recognizing the designer, a \$100 cash prize, and recognition in the council's publications.

Best regards,

Stephen J. Taylor, CFRE
Scout Executive
Chief Executive Officer

The New Centennial Boy Scout Handbook

The Boy Scouts of America is planning to release a new edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook* this July. Based on feedback from scouts and leaders this (12th) of the Boy Scout Handbook will feature a mixture of parts of many of the early handbooks and will be reorganized back to the way it used to be. All skills will be in sections (e.g., First Aid) rather than having the skills presented by rank. The new handbook, designed to fit the pocket of your new centennial scout pants will also feature chapters on Leadership and Leave No Trace, which both are firsts.

This handbook has added 21st century flair, it will include links to the Scout Field Book (which will also be available online) and to BSA approved outside websites for in-depth information that you can download to your iPod or other electronic devices.

As part of the centennial celebration there will be a supplemental 100-year timeline book available with the first printing and a mini-book with the advancement requirements that will be pocket size.

We hope to see it soon on the best sellers list.

Our Newest Eagles

Kevin Boutilier Troop 29
Erich Schueler Troop 132
Zachary Cohodes Troop 34
Daniel Ray Troop 468
Nathaniel Behrens Troop 92
Kurt Schueler Troop 132
Ronald Vick Troop 175
Maxwell Meigel Troop 461
Thomas Appiah Troop 570
Taylor Vogt Troop 10

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Popcorn News for Current Non Selling Popcorn Units!

All Northwest Suburban Council Scouting units that do not sell popcorn are cordially invited to partake of a "free meal" and attend a very informative seminar sponsored by Trails End Popcorn Company. The New Sellers Seminar will be held June 15th 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Northwest Suburban's warehouse. There is NO OBLIGATION to sell popcorn in 2009 if you attend this seminar. Please plan to attend and see how your unit can even sell popcorn through the "on-line" sale as well as traditional selling methods. All of this is to help boost your son's dollars for Scouting programs even if your unit already sells wreaths or any other product. [Please see the New Seller's Seminar flyer for more details and how you can RSVP.](#)

Kemper Lakes BSA Golf Classic 6-22-09

Please plan to participate in this year's Northwest Suburban Council Golf Classic, June 22nd. We're excited to announce that our event will be held at the *prestigious and private* Kemper Lakes Golf Club. Please [click here](#) to download our 2009 brochure which contains the fee structure and registration information. Please forward our brochure to other golfers and potentially interested parties to allow them the opportunity to golf on what's become a very coveted golf course!

Who We Are

The Boy Scouts of America is taking dramatic and strategic actions to establish this premise as it approaches its 100th Anniversary on February 8, 2010. At the BSA National Annual Business meeting (May 2009), National President John Gottschalk, National Commissioner Tito Perez, and Chief Scout Executive Robert Mazzuca all iterated and explained that premise... "Who We Are... WE will define who we are rather than be defined by others...from strategic planning to organizational changes to membership and program execution to just doing business, the NEW BSA is creating its foundation. For too long, BSA has become defensive and let outside interests define who we are or should be...no longer...it is time for us to again declare Who We Are."

Who We Are...the NEW BSA

The New BSA is fashioning a dynamic, vibrant, and actionable future. It will honor its rich history but create a new picture while sustaining its status as the premiere youth program of character development and value-based leadership training. The New BSA recognizes its membership... 4.6 million youth, 1.2 million volunteers, and 300 councils and knows that in the next century of opportunity more is possible.

Who We Are...The Scouting Brand

What is the Scouting Brand? The Fleur-de-lis, the logo, the badges...yes, but so much more. To start...it is YOU... the Scouts, the Scouters, the Board, the Community Supporters, and the Benefactors. It is the Brand Message that forms the foundation; its 5 essential elements – Character, Leadership, Achievement, Outdoors, and Service. It is the Promise, the Vision, the Values, the Personality, the Corporate Signature and Trademark, and the Brand Architecture. And it is about Building the Brand visually – Appropriate, Real, Diversity, and Natural...the images of Scouts in action. And it is also about protecting that brand internally and externally.

Who We Are...The Recognition

National kicked off the New BSA by introducing an Eagle Scout and his Family. This special Eagle Scout is Eagle number 2 million. He exemplifies the achievement of the journey, the values of the movement, and the promise of the future.

Thank you for all you do, for YOU had a part in this significant milestone.

Who We Are...Locally

Northwest Suburban Council (NWSC) and part of the larger Scouting Community...the New BSA. Welcome!

Marie T. Diffley

Executive Vice President Administration, NWSC

National Inventory of Training Chair, Program Impact Committee

Interested in reading more...visit www.scouting.org and explore the website, sign on to www.myscouting.org and become part of the Scouting on-line community, for more on Branding go to www.scouting.org/marketing.

Planning Your Pack, Troop, or Venturing Crew's 2009-2010 Program

Most Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing Crews plan the upcoming school year's program during June, and if your unit is not doing this, it should be.

Planning your unit's activities in June every year offers several advantages:

You are more likely to get your first choice of locations when reserving places for activities and events like Blue & Gold banquets, pinewood derbies, courts of honor, campgrounds, meeting locations, etc.

- When recruiting youth and adult leaders, you will have a list of activities ready for the prospective youth to see.
- You have more time to plan when the school year is winding down than when the school year is just getting started When putting your plan together, don't forget to include:
 - Dates for fall and spring membership recruiting nights
 - Ideas for year-round youth recruiting
 - Note nights for your district's roundtable meetings
 - Schedule your unit's Friends of Scouting Presentation
 - Summer Day Camp or Resident Camp at Camp Lakota and Summer Camp at Camp Napowan
 - Dates for district-sponsored events like lock-ins, camporees, district pinewood derbies, district dinner, etc.
 - Dates for council popcorn sales
 - Dates for Scout Night at the Schaumburg Flyers, Scouts in the Outfield, Scout Night with the Chicago Wolves, etc.

A written planned annual program will make it much easier to recruit both new youth and their parents.

Ray Okigawa Council Vice President, Membership

Saint Viator Students Prepare for Service Trip to Belize

*Saint Viator High School
1213 East Oakton Street
Arlington Heights, IL. 60004
Contact: Nora Cay Ryan*

While most high school students are looking forward to spring break as a time of relaxations, for nine Saint Viator High School students and three campus ministers, spring break will provide them a work experience like none other. The group will travel to Chunox, Belize to help build a new teachers' house for St. Viator Vocational High School. While the students are building the foundation of faith in their own lives through this experience, they will also be building a tangible foundation of faith for the students and teachers in Belize.

Presently, three teachers live at the school during the week. Each teacher lives in a small, individual room that consists of a bed and a desk. There is no running water, indoor plumbing or electricity. The students from Arlington Heights will help build a three bedroom home with indoor plumbing, running water, a bathroom and a common area for the teachers. This will dramatically improve the living conditions and help retain future teachers for the high school. In the current situation, teachers often leave after a year because of the accommodations. "I wanted to be part of this trip because I wanted to help better the education for the Belizean students that are part of the Viatorian family," said Colleen Kenyon '10 (Palatine). "By having a teaching staff that stays around year after year, it creates more consistency for the students and shows them that they are important to their teachers."

"A service trip like this is important because it connects our students to the worldwide Viatorian mission and exposes them to a culture they would probably otherwise not experience," said Br. John Eustice, C.S.V., a Viatorian and current Campus Minister at Saint Viator. "I think this will also reveal to both our students and the students in Belize that even though it might seem like they totally different lives, deep down we are not that different."

During the days on the worksite, students from Arlington Heights will rotate into classes each day so they can experience what it is like to be a high school student in Chunox. To that same end, several students from Chunox will be working with the Saint Viator students on the worksite. "I think this will be a life-changing experience for me," said Sarah Leidlich '10 (Barrington). "I have never done anything like this before. I want to experience the Belizean culture and see how students my age live in other areas of the world. We will be able to learn from these kids not only through our work, but by visiting their school."

Located in the remote Belizean village of Chunox, St. Viator Vocational High School was founded in 2004 under the leadership of Fr. Christopher Glancy, C.S.V. and Ms. Patricia Sho. The school opened with a mission grounded in the Viatorian tradition to educate students from rural communities who do not have any possibility of continuing their studies. It encourages the students to recognize the gifts and talents God has given them and to utilize them for the benefit of themselves, others and their community. Currently, the high school has 140 students. The school provides a curriculum including traditional academics as well as specialized training in agriculture and tourism, two principal sources of employment in the region. In the classroom, students study English, Spanish, math, study skills, agricultural science, physical education, social studies and computers.

Students going on the trip: Sarah Balas '10 (Arlington Heights), **Eagle Scout** Steven Patzke '10 (Arlington Heights), Tim Ivers '10 (Arlington Heights), **Eagle Scout** James Thomas '10 (Palatine), Sarah Liedlich '10 (Barrington), Liz Griesmaier '10 (Cary), Jaclyn Hanley '10 (Cary), Colleen Kenyon '10 (Palatine), Alexandria Cutrone '10 (Elk Grove Village). **Adult chaperones:** Ms. Betsy Fons, Director of Campus Ministry, Ms. Stephanie Schwarz, Campus Minister, and Br. John Eustice, C.S.V., Campus Minister.

In Memoriam

John Benbow of the old Skokie Valley District was the older brother of Eagle Scout Joel Benbow, and our recently retired pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Skokie/Evanston.

This week I was saddened to learn of the death of **Thomas E. Rogers, SR**, 74, of Elk Grove Village. Mr. Rogers was a leader in his son's Cub Scout Pack, and later in the 1970s wore the unit leader patch of SCOUTMASTER for Boy Scout Troop 293 in Elk Grove. Son Thomas, JR, is an Eagle Scout (NWSC Class of '84) and has worked on staff at Lakota and Napowan. Daughter Jenny earned the coveted Gold Star Award as a Girl Scout. Scouting was one of the ties that bound the Rogers Family together. As an adult Scouting volunteer Tom Rogers worked in district operations in Elk Grove Village as a Unit Commissioner and later an Assistant District Commissioner helping other leaders and units to be successful. His efforts were recognized with the District Award of Merit AND his commitment to Scouting brought him to the level of Order of the Arrow Brotherhood.

Boys remember their Scout leaders... sometimes for the adventures they were led into OR the misadventures and escapades that 'growing up male' leads them into. Regardless, the boys do become men, and are better men for having spent time in Scouting with solid leaders.



Monkey Bread

- . 4 cans refrigerated biscuits (10 biscuits/tube)
- . 1 cup packed brown sugar
- . 1 1/2 sticks butter (3/4 cup)
- . 1/2 cup white sugar
- . 2 Tbs. cinnamon
- . 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- . 1/2 cup raisins. (optional)

1. Light charcoals (about 24 --- 8 below and 16 on top) and preheat 12" Dutch Oven to 350 degrees F.

2. Lightly grease a 9-10 inch tube pan. OR...line oven with heavy duty aluminum foil and lightly grease/spray the foil.

3. Mix white sugar and cinnamon in a medium sized plastic bag. Cut the biscuits into quarters and place six to eight biscuit pieces in the sugar cinnamon mix. Shake to coat well.

4. Arrange pieces in the bottom of the greased pan.

5. Sprinkle chopped nuts over the 1st layer. Continue layering until all the biscuit pieces are coated and in the pan. If you are using raisins, place them among the biscuit pieces as you are layering.

6. In a small saucepan, melt the butter with the brown sugar over medium heat. Boil for 1 minute. Pour over the layered biscuits. Sprinkle nuts on final layer.

7. Place Bundt pan in heated Dutch Oven and bake for about 35 minutes.

On a monthly basis, we'll try to present recipes that are "doable" on Scout campouts. With supervision from adult leaders, the Scouts will gain confidence, have some fun cooking and may even end up with some great tasting meals!

Adult leaders: Please exercise proper supervision during Scout food/fire preparation, i.e., safe food storage, hygiene, secure cooking area, heavy-duty gloves, water buckets, waste disposal, etc.

Going APE with Bread...

Here's a couple fun dishes that may be breakfast items, snacks or even as desserts. They may be prepared before or during the campout.

Note: The accompanying pictures show "half-n-half" recipes for Monkey Bread and Gorilla Bread, baked in a Bundt pan and in a 12" Dutch Oven

Monkey Bread



Gorilla Bread



DrumBeat welcomes your comments, suggestions and your own favorite recipe to share. Just email your thoughts to: duke@nw.nwsc.org



Camp Napowan is in great need of a riding lawn mower. We are down to one and as you know we have lots of grass to mow. If any one is getting a new one and would like to donate your good used one, we have a place for it.

Thanks to all of the 325 volunteers who came to the Spring Fellowship last month. Many of the tasks needed to prepare the camp for the summer were completed. Without your help, my work list would never have been completed before camp. Great job!!

Ranger Chuck

8. After baking, remove pan and let bread cool for 10 minutes, then turn upside down onto a plate.



9. Pull apart and enjoy!

Gorilla Bread

(Similar to Monkey Bread, but larger with muscle!)

- . 2 cans refrigerated biscuits (Jumbo Buttermilk, 8/tube)
 - . 1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese (Well chilled for cutting)
 - . 1/2 cup white sugar
 - . 2 Tbs. cinnamon
 - . 1 cup packed brown sugar
 - . 1 1/2 sticks butter (3/4 cup)
 - . 3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
1. Light charcoals (about 24) and preheat 12" Dutch Oven to 350 degrees F.
 2. Lightly grease a 9-10 inch Bundt pan. OR...line oven with heavy duty aluminum foil and lightly grease/spray the foil.
 3. Combine white sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.
 4. Melt butter in saucepan and add brown sugar. Stir to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat.
 5. Flatten each biscuit with your hand to almost double in size.
 6. Cut chilled cream cheese into 16 cubes.
 7. Sprinkle sugar/cinnamon on biscuit and place 1 cheese cube in center.
 8. Wrap biscuit up and around cube..
 9. Brush biscuit with sugar/butter.
 10. Roll biscuits in chopped nuts and place seam-side down in pan
 11. Pour any left-over butter/sugar and nuts over top of ringed biscuits.
 12. Place Bundt pan in heated oven and bake for approximately 30 - 35 minutes.
 13. When biscuits are baked, remove Bundt pan from oven and let cool for 10 minutes.
 14. Place dish over pan and invert to remove biscuits.



15. Pull apart and enjoy.

2009 Friends of Scouting Status

A hearty thank-you goes out to everyone that has contributed to our Friends of Scouting program this year. Our pledge campaign concludes June 30th 2009. Please do all you can to help spread the word that the Northwest Suburban Council still needs pledges to help wrap up this very important program that directly supports Scouting in the Northwest Suburban Council. Even though the economy is challenged this year, we're still very close to wrapping up our 2009 goal do to your aid! If you would like to make a pledge or have questions, please contact Northwest Suburban Council Finance Director Pete Stikovich 847-824-6910.

FOS Progress Report		
	Pledge Goal	5/15/2009
BH	\$82,000	\$63,503
NW	\$65,000	\$51,919
PF	\$52,000	\$39,651
SH	\$120,000	\$86,803
SR	\$20,000	\$10,000
LFL	\$13,000	\$3,380
Board	\$50,000	\$40,361
Designated	\$30,000	\$19,391
6/30/09		

Camping Corner

Have a great summer. Enjoy your visit to Napowan, Lakota or one of the many other Scout camps you may be visiting.

While visiting, please share your concerns with the camp director, both positive and negative, at your earliest opportunity. Give us the opportunity to build on our positives and improve (maybe even correct) the negatives while you are at camp. Our goal is to provide the best Scout Camping experience possible to our visitors.

Paul Breider
Council Camping Chairman

Venturing Training

The next VLSC will take place on Saturday, June 6, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine. This is open to all Venturers in your Crew, as well as their adult advisors – all are invited – none will be turned away!! For more information, please visit <http://flyers.nwsc.org/CVLS0606.pdf>

All Venturers & Advisors from all districts of Northwest Suburban Council are invited to join us at our next Venturing Roundtable (for advisors) and Venturing Forum (for youth), happening on Sunday, August 16, beginning at 7pm. NWSC Venturing Roundtable & Forum will take place the third Sunday of the months of August, November, February & May, with a meeting place of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 200 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Dear Friends:

Dear Scouting Friends:

I continue to be impressed and amazed by our local Scouting volunteers. Recently, I drove to Napowan Adventure Base along with our Council President Jim Tierney and Executive Board member Carl Laub. Upon arrival at Napowan, we found over 400 Lakota Lodge members working to improve camp. Scouts and Scouters had volunteered for the entire weekend, brought their own tools and expertise to help refurbish our camp and prepare for our next summer season. Throughout the entire camp volunteer work crews were cheerfully engaged in a coordinated effort to fix up, clean up, rebuild, paint, and overhaul the entire facility. Many thanks go to the leadership of Tavis Tackett for the coordination of the service projects, Kevin Cutts for coordinating the weekend, and Mike Tangen as Lodge Lay Advisor along with all who helped to improve Napowan.



Right after Saturday's lunch we assembled in the new parking lot to dedicate the new structure, the Jerry and Adele Epstein Dining Pavilion. After some opening remarks by Jim Tierney the ceremonial ribbon cutting was done by Brad Epstein along with his children Jared and Avery, and Brad's brother Bill. A cheer arose from the crowd amongst loud applause from the assembled Arrowmen in the combined bright sunshine and thirty mile per hour sustained winds. It was a memorable time to be at Napowan. The new facility is designed to accommodate 600 diners at a single seating time. By the time that summer camp starts all five bathrooms included within the structure will be usable plus an automatic dishwashing station, food warming stations, tray and utensil storage, and an interior food serving line.

Another \$400,000 will be needed to construct an adjacent kitchen that will include a walk-in freezer, a walk-in refrigerator, dry food storage, an office, an overhead fire suppression system, and several cooking and baking areas. Until adequate funds are raised, food will be cooked in the current kitchen and then transported to the new dining pavilion, an arrangement that worked pretty well over the course of the weekend for over 400 people. While not exactly ideal, this system will work (and did work this past weekend) in the short-term until the new kitchen is constructed.

It was Jim's first trip to Napowan and he came back suitably impressed, commenting that the camp was indeed a special place where the Scout Handbook comes to life and changes people for the better. Executive Board member Don Brown provided the tour of the entire camp for Jim and he came away with the impression that we need to get even more people to actually see and experience Napowan. He also commented on the positive enthusiasm of all of the people he met and how engaged they were in the success and pride of the camp. With the summer camping season almost upon us, what are you doing right now to get more of your Scouts and Scouters to Napowan and Lakota for the 2009 summer season? You can make a difference.

Best regards,

Stephen J. Taylor, CFRE
Scout Executive

Words Matter

Every organization has a list of words that it uses as part of its cultural language. In many cases these are meaningful only to that organization and those who interact with it. If you look at the National BSA website you will find a section called the Language of Scouting. I estimate there to be close to 1000 words, phrases, abbreviations, or terms that are associated with Scouting listed here.



Hopefully you have seen our Council's 2008 Annual Report. It is highlighted by the headline on the cover; Words to Live By. When you boil down nearly 1000 words of importance you come up with the Scout Law, 12 words: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

Words to Live By.

I am often heard to say that it is not what we say that will be remembered, but rather, what we do that will last forever. I wish to make an exception. I want to leave you with four words that make all the difference.

In all forms of leadership, whether you are a Scoutmaster, a District Chair, a Executive Committee member, a President, a coach, or a parent, there are four words that, when said, can bring out the best in your groups, your colleagues, and your family.

I BELIEVE IN YOU.

In Duke University coach Mike Krzyzewski's book, *Beyond Basketball*, he says that these words are not said nearly enough by families interacting with their kids or people interacting in a team environment. These four words can mean the difference between a fear of failure and the courage to try. When you look someone in the eye and tell them, "I believe in you", you are letting them know "You are not going to take this journey alone. I'm not going to allow you to." When someone believes in you, it helps you to overcome the anxiety that comes as a result of feeling alone. Belief raises your confidence level and allows you to try things that are impossible to do by yourself.

On a team or in a family, belief makes each individual stronger and also fortifies the group as a whole. In an atmosphere of belief, successes and disappointments are shared, and without anyone taking individual credit or individual blame. Belief does not occur naturally, you have to work for it, earn it, and continue to deserve it. The basis of belief is in individual relationships. It must also be cared for. A breach in trust will break your belief and become difficult to regain.

In 2008 the Northwest Suburban Council drove a stake in the ground that it would strive to become a Great Council. It developed strategies and plans to become just that, one day at a time. To be better than yesterday and to remember that Good Enough Never Is. Not to be satisfied with the status quo.

As a result the Council amassed a lengthy list of accomplishments. At our Annual Council Award Banquet we recognized several of the Council Quality Achievements. We also recognized individuals that over a lifetime believed that their actions and their words would make a difference. And they have. So to all the Silver Beavers, Distinguished Eagles and our Hornaday recipients, my personal congratulations and gratitude for demonstrating your belief in the Scouting movement.

For the rest of you, I have one small request. Find someone that you are mentoring or perhaps a family member, point to them and say, I BELIEVE IN YOU. You may never know what a world of difference you made to that person when you say these four words.

Developing Youth Through Scouting Principles.

(Our Council's Mission Statement – More Important Words!)

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

There is a common theme discussed within the Commissioner's Corner articles, and it centers around Unit Service. Unit Service within the Commissioner Corps extends beyond our Unit Commissioners who visit their units and work with their leadership to ensure a quality program for the youth and their families.

Within the Commissioner Corps, there is another piece of the puzzle that offers Unit Service through continuous training for the leaders of the units within Northwest Suburban Council. This part of the Commissioner Corps known as Roundtable Commissioners are responsible for our Roundtable Program.



Listed below is a brief outline describing the Who, What, When, Where and Why of Roundtables.

Who is the roundtable commissioner?o The Roundtable Commissioner is the program team leader selected by and accountable to your District Commissioner. The Roundtable Commissioner must be capable of and responsible for recruiting, training, and guiding the roundtable team as they plan and conduct monthly roundtables that achieve the roundtable objectives.

· **Who** is the roundtable staff?o The roundtable staff is composed of a number of volunteers with the special abilities and knowledge of the appropriate Scouting program to help conduct monthly roundtables that achieve the roundtable objectives. On any occasion, a Subject Matter Expert (SME), who is not normally part to the roundtable commissioner team, might be brought in to run a particular session.

· **What** is a roundtable?o Roundtable is an important function of the district in that it provides supplemental training to leaders so they can help their units succeed. The best method to teach a skill is to learn by doing.

· **When** are roundtables held?o Roundtables are held on the same day and time every month, unless there is a special occasion. An example of a special occasion could be the yearly Roundtable Kick-off. These dates are maintained on the council calendar.

· **Where** are roundtables held?o Roundtables are held at a regular meeting place at a central location to all units within their district.

· **Why** do we have roundtables?o To provide unit leaders with the skills, techniques, district/council events and training opportunities, usable program ideas, and the know-how to make your unit operation successful. Why is this or any leader training important? As leaders, do we not set expectations that the Scouts within our units work on advancement, which in turn prepares them for outings? I regard this training as our advancement requirements necessary to run a successful quality program. By leaders taking the required and supplemental training, we are setting the proper examples to our Scouts. Please help us work towards a goal that 100% of all our direct contact leaders are trained. As your Commissioner Corps, we are doing our part by providing the supplemental training through the roundtable program. In closing, your district roundtable is an important piece of supplemental training. Your Roundtable Commissioner Corps helps maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America by providing these types of continuous training opportunities on a monthly basis. The sole purpose of this training is focused to help the leaders run a quality program for the youth and families of their units. This is the type of quality program will help transform us from a "Good" to a "Great" Council, which will be used as the benchmark for other Councils in the Boy Scouts of America. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at arrek1@hotmail.com.

Rick Romani
Council Commissioner

Baloo Training ~~~ Fun and Learning

Although the ground was a little soggy from recent downpours, the 30 students and 10 Staffers had a sunny and fun day on May 2 Baloo (Basic Leader Outdoor Orientation) Course at Camp Dan Beard.

Demonstrations and hands-on interaction were used during the lecture and round-robin periods to cover the twelve subjects during the fast-paced 7-hour course.

In addition to the Activity and Campfire Planning, Health and Safety, Fire Safety, Nature and First Aid/Sanitation subjects, the students were handed sheets of aluminum foil to make "Schooner Packs" for lunch... a hands-on, fun-eating idea that Cub Scouts can handle easily.

Russ Talbot, completing his 3rd term as Course Director, stated that it was a pleasure for he and the staff to offer the Leaders some new outdoor skills and fun ideas that could be passed on to their Cub Packs.



Course Director Russ Talbot and Cooking Staff Greg Frank, Carole Sieve, Bill Kaisling and Carl Laub stand guard over student-assembled "SchoonerPacks."



Instructor Randy Hansen reviews camping equipment variations.



Staffers Joanne Bilas and Lori Motisi review Health and Safety rules during a round-robin session



"That's chicken tenders, rice and various veggies in those Schooner Packs!"

June 2009 Chartering Organization of the Month

Pack 958, Pathfinder District in Schaumburg.

Rupley School principal, Mrs. Osmanski, has been a GREAT help to the Pack. In fact, she's been a true friend when it comes to Scouting. Mrs. Osmanski while holding true to education has accommodated the needs of Pack 958. Mrs. Osmanski has graciously given us the use of the schools display cases on key dates and let the Pack turn it into a "SCOUTING" theme display. Many teachers have actually returned to school or if they been working late, they made it a point to drop in various den or pack nights to see the boys. Additionally in front of Rupley School is an Eagle Scout project that was completed recently.

We compliment Mrs. Osmanski and her staff for their cooperation and involvement with the Scouting program.

Spring Fellowship

The Lakota Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Napowan May 15-17, 2009 was a huge success. With over 400 arrowmen in attendance incredible amounts of preparations were made for the approaching summer camp season. The dedication of the new Epstein Dining Pavillion was a highlight of the weekend. During the weekend 90 candidates went through their Ordeal and 42 ordeal members sealed their membership by completing their brotherhood honor. The 2009 Vigil Honor selections were also announced as follows:

Scott Bernacki	Stephen Weaver
Michael Cooley	Kathy Erdoss
Matthew Dunne	R. Michael Foss
Matthew Kresnicka	Debora Heine
Eric Lehmann	Michael Malzahn
Thomas McKenna	Daniel Pluff
Jonathan Pape	Scott Ratter
Robert Prochaska	Ernesto Soler
William Rittmeyer	Nikolaus Wagner
Kevin Setze	Kenneth Westlake
Geoff Tchon	Dominic Gualtieri
Jonathan Thorsell	Chuck Vetrone
Kurt Wagner	

Congratulations again to all of you for this recognition and thank you to everyone who attended Spring Fellowship.

Service on the Rock

Service on the Rock is an opportunity for all arrowmen to come out to Starved Rock State Park and help out the Ranger Service to keep the park as majestic as possible. Many of you I'm sure have enjoyed the activities that Starved Rock has to offer and now is your chance to give back. On June 13, 2009 nearly 100 people from Section C-3B will meet at Starved Rock to work on trails and any other project the Forest Service might need help with. The service done in this one day could take the ranger service nearly 15 years, so come enjoy some great food, fun, and fellowship at Starved Rock State Park on June 13. The Flyer is available on the lodge website.

Summer Fellowship

Summer Fellowship is quickly approaching! June 26-28 at Camp Lakota will provide an opportunity to get Camp Lakota ready for another great season of Cub Scout Camping. This is also a great chance for those of you that have been Ordeal for 10 months or more to complete your Brotherhood. This Fellowship we will have tons of activities, music, and food for the afternoon. This years Summer FUNellowship is a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Fall Fellowship

The Fall Fellowship at Camp Lakota is coming up September 11 – 13. Besides preparing the camp for winter camping opportunities, this will be the last chance for any Candidates to complete their Ordeal. It is also another opportunity for Brotherhood conversions.

Section C-3B Conclave

The Section Conclave this year will be held at Canyon Camp In Stockton, IL on September 25-27. Mark your calendars now for this weekend of world-class trainings, exciting activities, and outstanding arena shows!

Haunted Hike

The Haunted Hike will again take place at the Methodist Campground in Des Plaines October 23 and 24. We will be using a new trail in the campground and will be adding many new attractions. Haunted Hike is a perfect opportunity to come and scare or to be scared.

Scoutreach Camp-4-Fun Lakota 2009 NWSC

is set for August 14-15-16, 2009. This event will consist of Scouting Units (250 total people) from Signal Hill - North Woods - Blackhawk -Pathfinder Districts hosting and mentoring Scouting Units from the Scoutreach Aguila District. The concept is to have five (5) Troops from each district host-mentor five (5) Troops from the Aguila District. They would be paired up and share cooking, tents and social niceties around the fire. Program events on Saturday will include Tot'n Chip, Fireman Chit, First Aid, Knots, BB-Guns, Archery, Climbing Wall, Fun Games, and Compass Course. The Registration and Help desk will be set up Friday night and continue through the weekend, with arrangements made for those who wish to attend only on Saturday. There will be "Master Campers" designated for each district to assist in camping, tenting and cooking, as requirements exist. Volunteers are encouraged to contact their District Scoutreach Camp-4-Fun Chairman at the next Roundtable for more information. If interested in notes from the last meeting, volunteering and/or if you have a question as to how you or your Troop can contribute, please email Debbie Heine (deb.heine@vfainsure.com), Terry Aldridge (taldridge@emcor.net), Ernesto Soler (erovira383@aol.com) or Geoff Tchon (Event Director) (xcrunner2091127@yahoo.com).

CHAIRMAN

Jay R. Haack – Fun Games`
Alexandra S. – Venturing Crews Demonstration
Tom Petrik – Shooting Sports
Ray Okigawa – Climbing Wall
George Clos – Cooking Demonstration
Teri Noel – Staff Food
Gail Walton – Max Netzeband – Registration
Xxxxx – Parking
Priscila Guadarrama – First Aid
Crew 345 – Headquarters Tent
Ernesto Soler – ScoutReach Training
Kris Cramer – Fireman Chit
Kris Cramer – Tot'n Chip
Geoff Tchon – Flag Ceremony
Josh Noel – Master Campers
Michael Stanbary – Tent Display
Debbie Heine – Maps & Vehicle Displays
Teri Noel – Wristbands
PF Mentor Troops – T497
NW Mentor Troops – T132, T140, T149, T32, T401
SH Mentor Troops – T168, T209, T69, T91
Xxx – Patches

Do you see an area that you would like to help with? Volunteering is never too late...

Over the TOP!!!

Six NWSC Jambo Troops filled.....BUT:

The Northwest Suburban Council's National Jamboree Committee has met its key goal ~~~ the successful recruiting of 216 Scouts to fill the council's commitment of sending six troops to Scouting's 100th Birthday Anniversary at Ft. A. P. Hill, Va., in July, 2010.

At its May meeting, Assistant Council Executive and Jambo Staff Advisor Randy Toland announced to the assembled Jambo troop leaders that over 220 youth had registered for the huge event.

"Other Scouts may be able to go, however," said Toland. "We are encouraging those Scouts who still have an interest in going to the Jamboree to sign up on our waiting list. We know from past experience that there will be some drop-outs because of family moves, changes in summer plans and other reasons."

He stated that the already-established waiting list will be on a "1st come, 1st serve" basis and that at least 30 more registrations are desired.

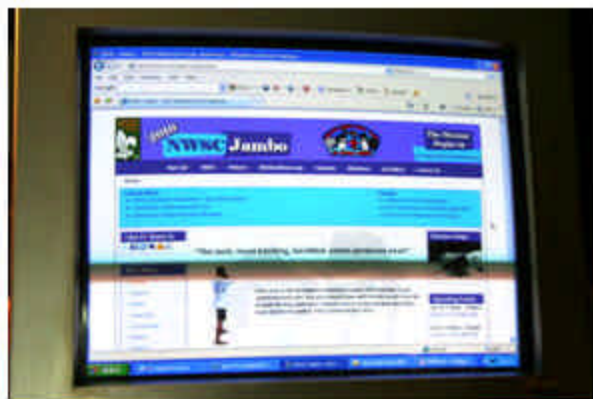
Scout troops that did not sign up or request a Jambo presentation have one last chance to do so. Contact Larry King: sirlit-legeorge@aol.com -- Phone: 847-670-1745.

Registration procedures remain the same:

- . With the Scout's ID # (found on his registration card) and a valid credit card, a Scout and his parent goes on-line to www.myscouting.org ..and proceed to "**Event Registrations, Jamboree**," then click the link for the **youth- participant application**. A box will appear requiring the youth's **BSA membership ID**.
- . Log in and pay the national \$10 processing fee.
- . Download the registration form, fill it out, and have the unit Scoutmaster approve it with his signature.
- . Take the approved form and the required \$100 deposit to the Service Center and turn it in to Randy Toland.

Jambo Committee Chairman Scott Ratter stated that several Scouts have turned in incomplete registration forms. "The Scoutmaster's signature is absolutely necessary to be registered for Jambo," he said. "In addition, some Scouts have not made their \$100 deposit and this, of course, is necessary. We are sending a letter to those Scouts as a reminder that they are not officially registered and they must meet these requirements soon."

To keep all Jambo Leaders, Scouts and parents up to date with upcoming Jambo events and dates, 1st ASM Mark Niggeman has volunteered to be the Webmaster for the NWSC Jambo website.



Log in at: www.nwscjambo.org/content

In addition, Edgar Wolff-Klammer, Jambo Scoutmaster, is editing and publishing a monthly NWSC Jambo Newsletter. Currently, the newsletter maybe accessed by logging in into the above Jambo website. In the near future, all Jambo Leaders, registered Scouts and staff will be receiving the Jambo news.

Boy Scout Jamboree facility a huge project

The Jamboree site would require a hefty initial capital investment at least \$100 million.

By Courtney Cutright Roanoke Times

The details spell out the considerable scope of moving the national Boy Scouts of America Jamboree to Rockbridge County.

An island to be built in Lake Merriweather.

A need of 2.5 million gallons of water a day during the event.

An estimated 1,200 seasonal jobs.

Construction of 13 gravel access roads.

An initial capital investment of \$100 million to \$250 million.

It's no secret the Boy Scouts of America has its eyes on the county's Goshen area to become the next home for its national jamboree. That announcement came in February.

But what's been kept relatively quiet until now are the specifics on the BSA's plan to develop the 4,200-acre site to accommodate 40,000 Scouts and the accompanying leaders, volunteers and other guests every four years for the 10-day jamboree.

But a consultant's description of "Project Arrow" -- obtained by The Roanoke Times under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act -- reveals a list of specifics, the most significant of which includes the construction of a 100,000-capacity amphitheater or arena.

Only four college football stadiums in the country have more seating: Michigan, Penn State, Tennessee and Ohio State. FedEx Field, home to the NFL's Washington Redskins, seats about 92,000.

But the amphitheater plan has been scrapped, said Isaac Manning of Trinity Works, the site selection consultant for the project. Instead, developers are considering utilizing a floating barge as a stage. Until the Boy Scouts determine where on the lake a barge might be placed it is unknown how big it may be or how many people it may hold.

"The venue really doesn't matter," Manning said Wednesday evening at a community forum at Rockbridge County High School in Lexington. "It is about getting people together."

It is also about creating community, he said. But the community around Goshen has voiced opposition to the project -- and the amphitheater -- since the February announcement.

Manning said the Boy Scouts recognize an amphitheater may better suit the bowl-like geography at Fort A.P. Hill, where the jamboree currently is held, instead of the Goshen site with Lake Merriweather and the surrounding mountains.

Few, if any, events in Western Virginia have brought 100,000 people to one spot at one time. The jamboree is expected to bring in 250,000 people over the 10 days.

And that raises the excitement of those supportive of the project, and the concerns of those who worry about its potentially damaging effects.

An amphitheater or arena "doesn't fit with the type of sustainable project they have been touting this to be," said Jay Gilliam of Raphine, an opponent of the project. "I don't know why they would plan to build something like that and plan to use it only once every four years."

The Goshen site was chosen from 80 proposals in 28 states. Dinwiddie and Prince George counties in Virginia also submitted proposals.

Mark Sweeney of the Greenville, S.C. -based firm McCallum Sweeney Consulting -- the company that prepared the request for proposals to potential Virginia bidders -- said Wednesday the project's primary focuses are on a separate high adventure base in West Virginia as well as the jamboree site.

Plans for a 20,000-square-foot Boy Scout conference center, 10,000-square-foot museum and 6,000-square-foot visitors center on the Goshen site are on hold for now.

Four dining halls and 45 casitas, or small cabins, also are planned. An island "for programming activities" on Lake Merriweather, included in the site, is proposed, too, as well as a harbor, ferry service and a bridge spanning the lake.

At least one significant thing has changed since McCallum Sweeney issued the request for proposals in November: If the Goshen site is purchased from the National Capital Area Council, which has used it as a Boy Scout camp for more than four decades, the developers will not seek more land.

"Expanding the site size, that had been abandoned," Sweeney said.

While it could be an economic boon to the county, Gilliam and several others in opposition said they fear development will compromise the natural beauty of the area and pose environmental risks to the Maury River.

News from the 2010 National Scout Jamboree May 2009 Bulletin:

Jamboree Staff Opportunities

There are still several staff opportunities available for our 100th Anniversary jamboree. Our Retail Group has the best record so far with 88.1 percent recruited. However, there are opportunities in almost all of our groups. There are 208 service groups recruiting within the major jamboree groups: Administrative Group, Enterprise Risk Management Group, Food Service Group, Media & Corporate Alliances Group, Retail Group, and the Program & Regional Support Group. During the staff application process online, the entire list of group jobs is listed. All of the major groups still have staffing opportunities.

Some of the opportunities are: security and parking, retail food service, Good Turn for America, sub camp staff, the action centers, and the Order of the Arrow events. For a complete list, check the online list at the staff registration site. We encourage all troop leaders and registered staff members to assist us in identifying other Scouters who may have not applied for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

What's Going to be New at the Jamboree?

There has been a lot of discussion about what will be new at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, our 100th Anniversary jamboree. The jamboree gets bigger and better each time, and this one will be no exception.

For the first time, there will be swimming. Two new pools have been purchased for this jamboree. This is in addition to the four pools that will be in use for the scuba programs. Speaking of getting wet, the Order of the Arrow's Mysterium Compass will give participants a chance to cool off at the end of their trek through the Compass. Also, for the first time there will be a sporting clays event using world-class shotguns at the new Camp Thunder.

A new, enhanced visitor plan will ensure a better jamboree experience for guests. Booths with information and refreshments will be available near the visitor parking lot. There will be an optional visitor packet with a map, a patch, and other items.

There will be more refreshments stands with drinks, water, and lots of ice cream. There will also be a value added card that can be used like a debit card at trading posts and concession stands throughout the jamboree.

The opening and closing arena shows of the jamboree will be unforgettable. The closing will be all about the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary. This show is in development and will be produced by a professional entertainment company. You won't want to miss it! In addition, there will be a show the night before the Scouts arrive to thank staff members for their great work in developing and staffing the jamboree.

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree will have lots of new things, but also the wonderful traditions of the past. Don't miss this one. Sign up today!

To Apply: Log on: www.MyScouting.org (Have your Scout Registration #, credit card for the \$10 fee and email address ready.) For additional information, Scouts and parents may contact: **Randy Toland, (847) 824-6875: rtoland@bsa.org Scott Ratter, (847) 540-8635: scottratter@yahoo.com Or go to: Council Jambo Web-**

Announcing the Opening of Reservation for NWSC Philmont 2010 Trek

Would you like more detailed information presented to your unit? We can give your unit a 30-45 presentation on Philmont and backpacking in general. Contact one us to make reservations: Dick Engbrecht (engbrecht@comcast.net) or Bob McDermott (PhilmontNWSC@Aol.Com).

The NWSC has received its dates for the 2010 NWSC Contingent ... July 10, 2010 through July 22, 2010. In the past, the contingent has departed 2 days before their scheduled arrival date (July 8, 2010) and returned on their departure date (July 22, 2010). Mode of travel and side trips is planned by the contingent leadership. The price is estimated to be \$1450 and includes Philmont Fee, Transportation, meals, lodging, shakedown, full contingent training, and Philmont picture.

Individuals, troops and crews may begin signing up. Units may sign up as many as they want, but there are three requirements that large groups need to adhere to; the first is that once you take the slots you must keep them even if your name comes up on the wait list (because money has been committed by Council and we cannot leave it hanging), the second is that you must travel with the contingent, and third participate in all the advance planning and training.

Any questions can be addressed to Dick Engbrecht (engbrecht@comcast.net), Bob McDermott (T496ApacheA@aol.com), or Randy Toland (rtoland@bsa.org).



Will you be in this picture on July 9, 2010?

2009 JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR AND JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

GET READY FOR THE 2009 JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR AND JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET, October 17-18, 2009!

Please see the International Department website, www.scouting.org/international, for a view of the new Jamboree-on-the-Air patch as well as the separate Jamboree-on-the-Internet patch. Just click on the specific program in the What's New box for more information on how to participate and order the patches and cards. Patches for both programs are \$4 each and contact cards are free and both will be available August 1.

The International Department will also have a JOTA/JOTI Extravaganza at the National Scouting Museum, Irving, Texas, on Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 9am to 4pm. We plan to have local Scouts, Scouters, and ham radio operators present at the event. Bob Mazza, the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, has also been invited to stop by. We will offer free admission to the museum, free lunch, and a commemorative patch for all who attend that day. If you can't make it, tune into K2BSA and say hi!

If there are any questions, please contact Lisa Marquis at lisamarquis@scouting.org.

June 2009 Scouter of the Month

This month's Scouter of the Month is Dick Arnold. His job outside of Scouting is a Structural Engineer for a consulting engineering firm in Northbrook. Dick got his first experiences with camping and Scouting as a Scout in Cub Scout Pack 213 and Boy Scout Troop 13 in Des Plaines, IL. Those experiences led to a lifelong enjoyment of camping and outdoor activities, family camping trips, and later involvement as a Scouter. For Dick, his wife LeeAnn, and their four sons Christopher, Andrew, Glenn, and Luke, Scouting has been a big and rewarding part of their lives.

Involvement in Scouting began again in 1992 when his oldest son became a Tiger Cub in Palatine Pack 281. Dick became a Committee Member, Pack Activities Coordinator, and Webelos Leader with LeeAnn serving as Treasurer and Den Leader for the Pack. Involvement with the Pack continued through 2005 including countless Pack, den, and Committee meetings, summertime activities, day camps, resident camps, Whoop-O-Rees, helping with 20 pinewood derby cars, Webelos weekends, and Arrow of Light ceremonies.

Adding to his Pack responsibilities, Dick became an Assistant Scoutmaster in Palatine Troop 69 in 1997, when his first son joined Boy Scouting. LeeAnn also joined as treasurer. Membership in scouting has provided opportunities to camp, hike, bike, raft and canoe in many parts of the country, from Colorado to New York, and one trek at Philmont. He continues to be an Assistant Scoutmaster in the troop with his youngest son currently a First Class scout.

About the time he became an Assistant Scoutmaster, Dick became more active in District and Council activities including working on staff and later as camp director several times for Webelos Weekend, and as a member of the Camping and Properties committees. He has been on staff for various training courses and is currently a member of the Signal Hill District Committee as Training Chair. He is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow and has completed Woodbadge training. He looks forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of Scouting. When time allows, he can occasionally be found sailing Lake Michigan on a boat he owns with friends.



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