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SCOUTER'S CYBERNEWS

Boy Scouts of America - Des Plaines Valley Council – April 4, 2008

2008-2009 Calendar is available at: **Calendar**

For Previous Editions of Cybernews follow this link: Past Editions

NEW

YEAR ROUND RECRUITMENT

Please be advised that the youth in our communities can join any of the programs under the Boy Scout and Learning for Life umbrellas ANY TIME THEY WANT! Unlike many sports and park district programs, boys and girls can fill out an application and begin their scouting journey whenever they want to. They just need to be invited. For instance, now is the perfect time to recruit Kindergarteners and fifth graders to become Tiger Cubs and Boy Scouts. Let's make sure we give them plenty of opportunities to join.

NEW

EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION CHANGE

The 2008 printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-728A, has a notable change. Now, under Requirement 5, the name of the candidate's Eagle project is required, as well as the grand total of hours devoted to it (from page 10 of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook). **Please discontinue use of older versions immediately.** The new form is available on the website at: Eagle Rank Form. The information about Eagle projects will be entered along with other information from Eagle Scout rank applications, and will be stored on our database.

NEW

GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA

Where have all the hours gone??? Through the first three months of the year, Des Plaines Valley Council has posted only 2,083 service hours on the Good Turn for America Website at www.goodturnforamerica.org. Twin Lakes, thanks to Troop 22, has posted 1,427 hours. Voyageur Trace has posted 396 hours thanks to Packs 14 and 66 along with Troops 33, 41 and 73. Tall Grass is currently in third place with 260 service hours posted by Packs 48, 51, 54, 181 along with Troops 51 and 97. We need your help, please post your unit's service hours today. And let's not forget those Eagle Projects, only Troops 22 and 33 have posted an Eagle Project so far this year. If you need assistance contact your District Executive or Bob Johnson at bjjj5456@aol.com.

NEW

FOSopoly VICTORY CELEBRATION

Donors in units that achieve the Above and Beyond recognition for Friends of Scouting

will be invited to a special luncheon on Saturday, June 21st. Please keep in mind that the date was changed from the 19th to the 21st. Please keep in mind each unit has until the end of April to achieve the Above and Beyond recognition. Invitations will go through the units in May. Thank you to all of our FOS supporters.

NEW

FOSopoly APRIL AUCTION

Please keep April 24 in your calendar for our next FOSopoly auction at Connie's Pizza in Westmont at 6:30pm. Flyer available here: FOSopoly @ Connie's. Please RSVP with Kristy at ksulliva@bsamail.org or Ext. 25. We will have great auction prizes for you to spend and of course, we will be giving out more FOSopoly bucks to everyone in attendance.

Follow this link for more information on dates and locations: FOSopoly Dates.

NEW

JAPANESE SCOUTS TO DPVC

Our Council has once again been chosen by the Boy Scouts of Japan to participate in an exchange program. On July 26th, nearly 30 Scouts from the Tokyo Council will be embarking on a trek, which will land them in Chicago. They will then join our scouts at Camp Mach the week of July 27 thru Aug 2, followed by a home stay with families in our communities thru Aug 5. We have an exciting agenda planned, including a pow-wow at Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation, a stop in Oshkosh at the EAA air show, and a day in the city touring Chicago's landmarks. Please help us fund this adventure and create a wonderful cultural experience for our youth. We need both financial and personal support to meet or exceed what we were able to achieve in 2005. Email Kaitlin Crozier at kcrozier@bsamail.org with any questions or comments. Arigato-o gozaimasu (Thank you very much)!

WEEKEND IN ILLINOIS NEEDS YOU!

Weekend in Illinois planning is well on its way. We are still looking for interested Boy Scouts and adults to join our volunteer staff each weekend. Please see our youth and adult forms and contact Cheryl Byrne or Ken Nagel for more information.

CAMP STAFF POSITIONS

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the 2008 Summer Camp Staff for Camps Shin Go Beek and Mach Kin O Siew. Interested? Complete a Camp Staff Application (available on our web site or at the Council Service Center) and return it to the Council Service Center. Schedule an interview by contacting Jennifer at the Council Service Center 708-354-1111 or by e-mail at jdrada@bsamail.org. A Camp Staff application is available at: Camp Staff .

POPCORN FOR SALE

If anyone is interested in purchasing popcorn at a discounted price, please contact Kristy at ksulliva@bsamail.org.

NEW

OPERATION POPCORN

Operation Popcorn is a collaboration of SupportOurTroops.org, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Trails End Popcorn Company focused on reminding U.S. troops that as we go about our daily lives, we never forget what they are doing for us overseas. Boy

Scouts and Cub Scouts went out in to their communities to show their support for U.S. Troops by selling popcorn, which was donated to active duty troops and their families. 16 tons of popcorn was recently shipped to the U. S. Army in Kuwait! More information available at: Operation Popcorn. Related article available here: Article.

KANE COUNTY COUGARS

Who enjoys fun in the sun? And what is fun in the sun without baseball!?! Head out to see the Kane County Cougars for just a fun filled game or an even better OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT! Click Kane Cougars for more details. See you there!

WHITE SOX

Summer time is on its way and that means BASEBALL SEASON! Get your tickets quick to join us at the Scout Night in April to see the Sox.

CHICAGO SHAMROX

Bring your family out for some Irish spirited fun at the Shamrox Lacrosse game on Sat. April 26th at 7 p.m. For ticket information: click here.

ON-LINE LEARNING CENTER (OLC)

The BSA has instituted a new online learning center where you can take various online courses. Available here: Learning Center.

P.R.A.Y. news bulletins are now referenced on our website, 4th Quarter 2007 is now available. For information on the specials of PRAY items click: PRAY Specials.

NEW

FLORIDA SEA BASE

Set sail for the adventure of a lifetime! Open reservations are now available for the 2009 season at the beautiful Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. Spend a week sailing, scuba diving, fishing, or on a deserted island in the Atlantic Ocean. Check out the website at www.bsaseabase.org and make a reservation now. There are openings for the spring, summer, fall, and winter seasons.

NEW

SCOUTREACH PHILMONT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scoutreach Philmont scholarships are given to make up the difference that a Scout, his family, and the unit can't cover toward his Philmont fees. The scholarship committee believes that it is important for a Scout to contribute some portion of his fees through personal resources or unit fund-raising projects, thus meeting the spirit of the ninth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Thrifty. Most of the scholarship money available is restricted to Philmont attendance, rather than attendance at other BSA high-adventure bases, due to the donor's requirements. If you would like to recommend a Scout for consideration, please contact Kaitlin Crozier at kcrozier@bsamail.org for more information.

DEADLINE

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

For a limited time, youth staff applications are still being accepted for NYLT June 15-20 at our Adventure Camp in Rochelle. Follow this link NYLT Staff Application to apply. As well, the deadline for submitting participant applications is **April 4th**. Follow this link

NYLT Participant Application to apply. Don't miss this opportunity for scouts in your troop to take a nationally developed course which teaches individual leadership skills and focuses on applying them in team settings, which is very helpful in implementing the patrol method in scouting. More information about this program is available here: NYLT Fact Sheet.

DEADLINE

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

This is a required course for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be fully trained for their positions. All adults working with Boy Scouts out of doors or camping will benefit from Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. This weekend event on April 11-13 is offered at the Adventure Camp near Rochelle, IL. You must attend the entire weekend to complete the course. More information and registration available at: IOLS Flyer.

DEADLINE

WEBELOS LEADER OUTDOOR TRAINING (WLOT)

Along with New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Leader Specific Training and Youth Protection Training, this Cub Scout leader course is required to be fully trained as a either a Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Webelos Den Leader. WLOT is designed to provide leaders with the basic knowledge they need to deliver a successful outdoor program to Webelos Scouts. Please take advantage of this only twice a year offering at the council's new Cub Scout Adventure Camp in Rochelle, IL on Saturday, April 12th. More information and registration available at: WLOT.

TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The council's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) committee is hosting a Troop Leadership Training (TLT) session for Scoutmasters and Boy Scouts from throughout the council on Saturday, April 12, 2008. All participants in the council's NYLT course June 15-20, 2008 must complete this training as a prerequisite, either in this session or in their troop. However, this TLT session is open to all Boy Scouts regardless of whether they attend NYLT. Flyer for this training is available here: Troop Leadership.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING IN PERSON

Since April is Youth Protection Month, what better time than then to complete Youth Protection Training? Take the opportunity to attend the in-person version of this important training on Monday evening, April 21, and learn from both your instructor and fellow classmates. For more information and registration flyer, follow this link: YPT

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS/CUB SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

All adult leadership positions in BSA's Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs require completion of New Leader Essentials. For Cub Scout leaders, completion of Cub Scout Leader Specific Training is also required to be fully trained. Take advantage of New Leader Essentials on Monday, April 14th – 7:00pm-9:00pm, and/or Cub Scout Leader Specific on Wednesday, April 16th – 7:00pm-9:30pm, to further your training. Access the registration form for either or both courses at: NLE and CSLS.

NRA SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP

Scout groups are invited to the bi-annual NRA Shooting Sports Camp. These camps

serve to provide an organized and structured environment where young people can learn to shoot and handle firearms in a safe, responsible, and proficient manner. This is an ideal opportunity to introduce Scouts who have no experience with guns to the fun, challenge and discipline of the shooting sports. More information available here: Shooting Camp Flyer.

NEW

ANNUAL WOOD BADGE DINNER - APRIL 23, 2008

The Annual Wood Badge Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of La Grange. It will be a Potluck dinner, so bring an entrée, salad, or dessert to pass and some of your best Scouting stories. The cost is $ 4.00 at the door (to defray costs).

We plan on gathering by 6:30 PM, starting dinner by 7:00 PM. There will be a few door prizes, and several Wood Badgers getting their beads after dinner. We will have a "slide show" of the last Wood Badge class, and most likely we will be visited by "Vinnie". So, if you don't know who "Vinnie" is, come on out for some laughs, dinner, and of course a song.

You can Pre-Register by filling out a flyer and returning it to the Service Center or e-mailing Terry Tincher at asmtroop66@yahoo.com. Flyer available at: Wood Badge Dinner.

WOODBADGE C-24-08

Learn how the 5 aspects of the Scouting Program, mesh together in the 21st Century: **TRAINING – ACTIVITIES – CAMPING – ADVANCEMENT - COMMISSIONER SERVICE**

Training dates are August 22 – 24, 2008 AND September 19 – 21, 2008. Go to www.chicagowoodbadge.org now and pull down the information. Do not wait. Register today. Our goal is to provide a high quality and exciting program that meets the needs of all scouts, helping them in character development and advancement. For more information please contact elawrenc@bsamail.org or (708) 352-3144.

NEW

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

There are BSA adult volunteers who have been consistently registered since April 2003 in the same position. These dedicated volunteers have not had a criminal background check (CBC) conducted by the BSA. Some versions of the BSA adult applications prior to April 2003 did not have a complete authorization and disclosure statement for a criminal background check to be conducted. To continue to provide a safe environment for youth participating in the Scouting program, the National Council will address this situation by providing a vehicle for having a CBC conducted on those volunteers. For more information, please visit this link: Volunteers and Background Checks.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING ON THE WEB

Youth Protection Training is available on the web at: Youth Protection Training. Enter the website: Select **Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts**, scroll down and select **Training,** scroll down and select **Youth Protection,** Select **Narrated on-line web-based training program.** If you have questions contact lglover@bsamail.org or call the Council Service Center at 708-354-1111 ext. 20.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

New OA Newsletter Available Online: March - June 2008 Edition

BROTHERHOOD DAY

This event is for all Ordeal Members looking to further their experience in the Lodge and bring about a whole new generation of service. A gathering like this is a great chance to join in fellowship with other members just like you! Come and greet our new brothers on April 5th at the Greene Valley Forest Preserve, Site 10! Questions? Call John Findley at (708) 227-8628 or jjfins7@att.net. More information and flyer available at: Brotherhood Day.

To go directly to the Pachsegink 246 Lodge site follow this link: OA

For information on the Work Weekends in Rochelle go to: Work Weekends.
For information and registration forms for the Spring Fellowship go to: Spring Fellowship

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LEARNING FOR LIFE

Word of the Month:

Perseverance

Quote of the week: "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." — Calvin Coolidge

30th president of the United States

Upcoming...

Thank you to all who attended the Explorer Safety Conference Meeting on April 1st at US Customs and Border Patrol Office. Our next meeting will be May 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Suburban Council Office. Your input and ideas are taking us far and we are looking forward to a great event.

Learning for Life National Newsletter

Click here to learn more from our National Learning for Life office.

Interested?

For any youth who have completed the eighth grade and are not yet 21 looking for a way to gain practical knowledge and experience in a career, leadership, fun and new friends, Exploring is right for you.
If you or someone you know is interested in joining an Exploring post please contact Jessica Dillon at (708) 354-1111 ext. 18 or email jedillon@bsamail.org for details on the post near you. ----------

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TALL GRASS DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT DAY OF SERVICE:
Don't forget Saturday, April 19th is the Tall Grass District Day of Service. We are hoping to get all our units out in their communities working on service projects. Take some pictures and let us know what you are doing. And then don't forget to log those hours on the Good Turn for America website at www.goodturnforamerica.org.

COMBINED DISTRICT CAMPOREE:
If you missed the last meeting, that's okay. Try to attend the next meeting on April 30th. The time and location are to be determined. Please e-mail Bob Johnson at bjjj5456@aol.com for more information. This is your chance to make sure your scouts get the most out of the fall camporee.

Webelos to Scout Transition Time!!!
TROOPS: All Webelos that crossed over need to be registered in your Troop, please bring in any application into the Council Service Center with application fees.

PACKS: Make sure all your second-year Webelos are scheduled for a cross-over ceremony with a troop.

Any Webelos to Scout Transition questions should be addressed to Vicki Spiel at Vspiel@bsamail.org.

FOS:
Tall Grass would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to those who have supported our Friends of Scouting Campaign. It is because of your help and dedication that our program can be sustained. If you still have not had a presentation for your Unit, or have any cards and pledges outstanding, please contact Vicki Spiel.

TWIN LAKES DISTRICT

NEW

Survivor CAMP-O-REE 2008-
Boy Scouts! Get ready for the Twin Lakes' Annual Spring Camp-o-ree

Where: Rochelle, IL
When: Friday-Sunday, April 18-20th!
Arrival: 7:00-9:00pm
Activities: Fishing, Kick Ball, Frisbee, Lashing Competition,
First Aid Competition, Archery, Fire Building & Campfire!

NEW

TWIN LAKES ROUNDTABLE

Twin Lakes Roundtable will be April 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 7300 W. Division in River Forest. Discussion topics for Cub Scout Leaders - Service Projects, bring your ideas and past projects. Also will cover Good Turn for American and how your Pack/Den can add to the Twin Lakes goal for service hours. Discussion topics for Boy Scouts: Troop Leaders are asked to bring in handouts of their favorite top 3 campouts. Each Troop will be given time to talk about their favorite outing. (This would be a great time to bring along a Boy Scout to present.) Please bring in a handout to include a web-site, contact #, or any important info a new Troop who is adding camping to their program will need to get started. If possible please include a great campout site for Troops wanting to provide a Webelos/Troop or a Pack/Troop Campout. Many Packs/ Dens want to camp! Let's get them started.

NEW

TWIN LAKES ROUNDTABLE 2008-2009 PLANNING PROGRAM

The Twin Lakes Roundtable 2008-2009 planning program is in progress. Please send in your ideas on what you would like to see or hear about for the next year. This is open to both Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leaders. No idea is too small or un-important. Let us hear from you. E-mail your ideas to white_donnasue@ameritech.net and csrndtbl@sbcglobal.net.

Spring Recruiting!

Spring Recruiting is right around the corner. Please let Andrea know if informational materials (pamphlets to leave at schools etc) are needed to ensure success with our recruitment. Contact Andrea Goddard @ (708)354-1111 Ext. 16.

Boy Talks!

These talks are a crucial element for spring recruiting. Please call to make sure we can help with these exciting talks. Call Andrea Goddard @ (708) 354-1111 Ext. 16.

Thank You!

The Twin Lakes District would like to extend its sincerest thank you to everyone who has donated to our Friends of Scouting campaign. Keep those presentations coming! If you have not scheduled one, please make arrangements one right away with Andrea Goddard (708)354-1111 Ext. 16.

VOYAGEUR TRACE DISTRICT NEWS

Get Fired up for Cub Scouts

VT is currently seeking out Fire Houses to host Spring Recruitment Events. Call Chris For More Details!!! This is an invaluable resource to utilize for recruitment. Please call to make sure we can help you!! Call Chris Isit @ 708-354-1111 xt.15

Boy Scout Catholic Religious Emblems

Please advise the Catholic Scouts in your troop to contact Paul Szymczak for information about the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII medals. Deadline for registration is April 15th. Either call 708.352.7933 or email szymczaks@att.net. "A Scout is Reverent"

William D. Boyce
New-Unit Organizer Award

All volunteers are eligible to receive this honorable award!

- New-Unit Organizer Award Certificate
- New-Unit Organizer Award Uniform Insignia Square Knot
- Program devices to recognize additional new units organized
- "Organizer" lapel pin for civilian wear

For more info contact: District Executive – Chris Isit chisit@bsamail.org or VT Membership Chairman: Dave Wilson dhw@uic.edu

Mark Your Calendars!!!
Voyageur Trace Day Camp Date Change

VT Day Camp will be held August 6th-8th in Bedford Park
More details to follow: Contact Chris for more info: chisit@bsamail.org

Webelos to Scout Transition Time!!!

TROOPS: All Webelos that crossed over need to be registered in your Troop, please bring in any application into the Council Service Center with application fees.

PACKS: Make sure all your second-year Webelos are scheduled for a cross-over ceremony with a troop.

Any Webelos to Scout Transition questions should be addressed to Voyageur Trace Advancement Chair: Don Peterson dapsre@att.net or Chris Isit chisit@bsamail.org.

Thank You!!!

The Voyageur Trace District would like to extend its warmest thanks and gratitude to all who have donated to our Friends of Scouting campaign.

If you still have not had a presentation for your Unit, please schedule one right away with Beverly Carnevale bkc4140@aol.com or Dale Carnevale jdale4140@aol.com.

VT Roundtable

All Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Venturing Leaders are Expected to Attend

Voyageur Trace District Roundtable meets on the second Wednesday of every month at Ideal School, 9901 W 58th Street, Countryside from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Come, meet new friends and network with other leaders for lots of fresh ideas. Share what works well for you with other pack leaders. If you have not been to a Cub Scout/ Boy Scout Roundtable in the last few months you owe it to yourself and your pack to come and check us out. This is not your old, run of the mill, boring roundtable. We have lots of fun. See what we are doing, take the handouts back to your pack, and tell them what they are missing. Even if your pack meets on that night, you are encouraged to attend either of the other two districts the day before ours.

ATTENTION ALL CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT LEADERS!!!

Get a jump on Spring Recruitment and schedule your Recruitment Night with Chris Isit right away! chisit@bsamail.org 708-354-1111 x.15.

Sign Up for Email

Please sign-up for e-mail on the Des Plaines Valley home page @ www.bsa-dpvc.org.

Give your name, district, address, unit number, phone numbers, and E-mail address.

VENTURING

VENTURING PHOTO CONTEST

What images do you think best reflect the essence of Venturing? Capture them with your camera and then enter your favorite photographs in the "Venturing 10th Anniversary" photo contest. The contest is open to all registered youth members of the Venturing program. Photos should be submitted before August 1, 2008. Photos will be judged in four categories: **Wildlife, People,** the **Spirit of Venturing**, and **Spirit of Patriotism**. One winner from each of the four categories will receive a $200 BSA Supply gift card.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive a $400 BSA Supply gift certificate, and a three-day, all expenses paid trip with his/her parents to New York City to attend the annual Explorers Club meeting as the guest of Richard Wiese, the youngest ever president of The Explorers Club. Please email vspiel@bsamail.org with questions. Flyer and more information available at: Venturing Photo Contest.

Watch the VLC web news page for updates at DPVC Venturing.

SCOUT SHOP

STARTING APRIL 15TH - GREAT DEAL ON SWITCHBACK PANTS

Buy two pairs of Switchback pants by May 15 and receive each pair at the low price of $19.97/pair (regularly $39.95). Follow the link below for more Scout Shop Specials!

For information on the Scout Shop click: Scout shop
For information about Scout Shop Specials click: Scout Shop Specials

SCOUT SHOP HOURS

M-F: 9:00am-6:00pm
Sat: 9:00am-1:00pm – Sunday closed

SCOUT SHOP PHONE #: 708-352-3144

FOR THE COUNCIL EMPLOYEE DIRECTORY: Council Directory.

STANDARD STATEMENT OF REMOVAL

Please remember that if you wish to be removed from this mailing list or you are changing your e-mail address to reply to dpvc147@bsamail.org and let us know that you wish to be removed, or that you have changed your e-mail address. For address changes, please include your old address. New members can join by notifying us of their name, unit number, position in Scouting, and the city in which they live.