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SCOUTER'S CYBERNEWS

Boy Scouts of America - Des Plaines Valley Council – May 2, 2008

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

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NEW

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE FOR SCOUTING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 8, 2008 – A One Day Boy Scout Retreat for Boy Scouts working on Ad Altare Dei, Venture Scouts working on Pope Pius XII, and Scout Leaders who want to be trained as emblems folks. St. Louise de Marrilac Parish, LaGrange Park, IL More info to come!!!

Mark your calendar now for World Youth Day – Chicago. This festival program will be held on July 19, 2008 at St. Hyacinth Basilica, 2 PM – 10 PM, and is open to all Scouts and Venture Scouts who are at least Freshman in High School. Bishop Gustavo Garcia Siller will present the keynote address. Plenty of food, fun, prayer and music! Call Jesus Deleon, 312.243.3700, jdeloen@archchicago.org, to volunteer to be part of the organizing committee. Volunteers needed for decorations, choir, security, dance groups, musicians, poets, hospitality and more!

Mark your calendar today! Archdiocese of Chicago, Festival of Faith – Returns to Rosemont, October 16 & 17, **2009!**

Who is chaplain's aide in your unit? Ooops, you do not have one? You should. Ask your commissioner for the 411 on the role of the youth position of chaplains' aide in your unit especially with a great spring and summer ahead.

NEW

ALL DISTRICT BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

Des Plaines Valley Council will hold an All District Boy Scout Camporee on 10/10/2008 through 10/12/2008 at the Cub Scout Adventure Camp in Rochelle. This event is open to all Boy Scouts from Tall Grass, Twin Lakes and Voyageur Trace Districts. The theme of this event will be fitness, games and sports. Please mark your calendars to be sure your unit will not miss the exciting new event.

NEW

Service Opportunity

The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce Foundation is looking for another 5 adults to help supervise and 10 or more teenage youth to help at the Computer Recycling drive on Saturday, May 17th. They will be running two shifts. 8:00- 11:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping please contact Jessica Dillon for more details. jedillon@bsamail.org.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

It's not too late for Boy Scouts to apply for this fun and informative leadership course to be held June 15-20. Follow this link NYLT Participant Application to apply. Don't miss this opportunity for scouts in your troop to take a nationally developed leadership skills course. More information about this exciting program is available here: NYLT Fact Sheet.

POPCORN DISTRIBUTION CENTER NEEDED

If you know of a warehouse that would be willing to be our popcorn distribution center for our 2008 fall sale, please contact vspiel@bsamail.org. We have detailed information including dates and approximate number of pallets that we can provide for potential warehouse partners. It does not have to be in our council boundries; however, it should be relatively easy to get to.

SPRING 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.

EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION CHANGE

The 2008 printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-728A, has a notable change in Requirement 5. The Service Projects name and grand total of hours worked are now required. **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

FOSopoly GATHERING

Please join us for our next FOSopoly gathering at Via Bella in LaGrange on May 22. RSVP to ksulliva@bsamail.org or ext 25. Anyone who is involved in FOS is invited to attend.

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 arriving. They will 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. Please help us fund this adventure and create a wonderful cultural experience for our youth. We need both financial and personal support. Email Lynette Sarther at lsarther@bsamail.org with any questions or comments. Arigato-o gozaimasu (Thank you very much)!

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

All Leaders/Parents attending 4 Day/3 Night at Shin-Go-Beek or Weekend In Illinois at Rochelle, please join us May 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.at Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington Avenue LaGrange, Illinois 60525 Please come prepared to learn about the exciting summer ahead of you! Also please note that unless you hear otherwise, your *first choice* of weekend is where you are assigned.

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP MERIT BADGES

Once again this summer, you are encouraged to register for the merit badges your Scouts want to work on at Boy Scout Summer Camp electronically. Please complete the form and

send to dpvccampmbs@mindspring.com. Reference the Merit Badge Sign-Up Instructions with any questions on how to fill out the Merit Badge Sign-Up Form. Both are available at the 2008 summer camp section of the council website at: Summer Camp.

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. For the 2008 parent and leader's guidebook, follow this link: Weekend in Illinois Guide Book.

POPCORN FOR SALE

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

KANE COUNTY COUGARS

Summer is almost here! 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 on May 23rd** for only $10! Click Kane Cougars for more details. See you there!

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.

THE PINEWOOD CUP

The Official Pinewood World Championship will be held on August, 15-16, 2008 at the Dee Events Center, in Ogden, Utah, U.S.A. Please visit the web site at www.pinewoodcup.com for more details. We will be setting some Guinness World Records. Come and be part of the largest Pinewood race in history, or mail your car in to compete!

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.

LEAVE NO TRACE – OUTDOOR ETHICS

This Trainer Course assists the student participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace and techniques for disseminating these low impact skills. Successful graduates of the Trainer Course gain the skills to teach Leave No Trace techniques and ethics to Scout groups, clients, friends and family. More information and flyer available here: Leave No Trace.

NEW LEADER ESSENTIALS/CUB SCOUT LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

New Leader Essentials (required for all adult leader positions in BSA) and/or Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (in order to be a Trained Cub Scout Leader, attendance at both sessions is required). These trainings are scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the Elmwood Park Library. For more information and registration flyer: Training Flyer.

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.

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
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: *"When the world says, "Give up, "Hope whispers, "Try it one more time." ~Author Unknown*

Upcoming...

Dupage County Explorer Training Academy, hosted by Willowbrook Police Department. Graduation will be held **May 17th at 2:00 p.m.**

Explorer Safety Conference planning meeting will be **May 20th at 6:30** located at Northwest Suburban Council office in Mt. Prospect, IL.

Law Enforcement Exploring

The Western Springs Police Department is looking for new, determined and exited 14-20 year olds to join the fun of their Exploring Post. For more information contact Tony Jemison

at (708)246-8540 or tjemison@wsprings.com

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

NEW

ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMISSIONERS

The Tall Grass District Committee Meeting on May 6 will be re-scheduled for another day to be determined next week. The focus for the new date will be planning the fall program kickoff and the district committee would like to invite all the commissioners to the planning meeting.

MAY ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCEMENT

This is our last meeting until September. We've had a great time working with Scouters this year. Our last Roundtable discussion will be devoted to using the internet in out Units. This includes email and Web sites. If the Troop and Packs who have web sites would please send a representative, we will have a better discussion about how we all can take advantage of this technology. Mark Huegelmann, Boy Scout Commissioner, Linda Glover, Cub Scout Commissioner.

NEW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Please welcome your new District Executive Catherine (Kate) Forman. Kate has years of retail management as well as experience owning her own art business. She is excited to be joining our team. She can be reached at Ext. 19 and cforman@bsamail.org.

TALL GRASS DAY CAMP

Cub Scouts, Parents, and Leaders! Come and have fun exploring the stars, space travel, and the universe, along with games, crafts, nature and archery activities! Day Camp will be held at Camp Thunderbird in Woodridge - Session 1 is July 14-16, and Session 2 is July 23-25. Discover the universe courtesy of NASA, visit the Illinois Traveling Science Center to see fossils left from the glaciers, and view a Science Magic presentation from Chicago State University. You are encouraged to sign up as a pack, with two deep leadership and an adult for every 5 Cub Scouts, but individual Cub Scouts may register as long as they are accompanied by a parent. Please click on the link at: Tall Grass Day Camp. Medical form also required for participation at: Cub Scout Medical Form.

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.

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 Leader Essentials Training & Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

Location: Elmwood Park Library, 1 Conte Circle, Elmwood Park 60707

Date Saturday, 05/31/08

Class Times: Registration – 9:30am

New Leader Essentials,10:00am–Noon, Cub Scout Leader Specific Training,1:00pm–3:30pm

Cost: New Leader Essentials $2.00 / Cub Scout Leader Specific $5.00

Bring: Cub Scout Leader Book, notebook, pen or pencil.
Please dress in your Scout leader uniform.

Deadline: Monday, 05/26/08.

Information: Michael Jacobson, Course Director, at mhjguard-scouts@yahoo.com

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 or email at agoddard@bsamail.org

NEW

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.

FOS:

Twin Lakes 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 Andrea Goddard.

Twin Lakes Roundtable Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 pm

Location: 7300 W. Division, River Forest at Grace Lutheran Church.
Cub Scout Roundtable theme is: Looking Back to Next Year! What worked and what didn't including planning for next year.
Boy Scouts Roundtable: 7:30 to 8:00 topic is "Recruiting" then from 8:00 to 9:00 pm is training for "Safe Swim Defense" and "Safety Afloat".

For adults planning on attending summer camp or a high adventure water trip this would be a great opportunity to get a head start on your knowledge of swim safety. This program is also great for any parents who want to include water activities to their summer program with their families and have safety on their minds. Better to be safe than sorry! Take advantage of this program now....

Twin Lakes Roundtable 2008-2009 planning program 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 .

VOYAGEUR TRACE DISTRICT NEWS

Calling all Cub Scout Leaders...

We are in need of any Cub Scout memorabilia to display for recruitment days or for doing "Boy Talks." Please Call Chris Isit @ 708-354-1111 x15

Reminder!!!

Please remember to have your BSA Membership card on hand when doing any online training, so you will get the credit.

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

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
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 .

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

On April 17th, 2008, David Black our past Vice President was recognized with the Omicron Delta Kappa New Student Leader Award at the Saint Louis University Student Leadership and service Awards Banquet. This banquet is held annually to recognize the outstanding contributions of university students and staff for bettering the SLU community and surround St. Louis community through their leadership and service. The Omicron Delta Kappa New Student Leader Award is given by Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, which recognizes achievement in the following five areas: Scholarship, Athletics, Campus/Community Service, Social/Religious Activities, and Campus Government, Journalism, Speech and the Mass Media and Creative and Performing Arts. This award recognizes a first year student who has become involved in campus or community activities and maintains a strong academic standing. This student should have demonstrated the ability to lead as well as the potential to become a strong student leader at Saint Louis University and in the community.

Nikki Weston – Program Manager for Leadership
Department of Student Life – Saint Louis University

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

SCOUT SHOP

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.

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