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SCOUTER'S CYBERNEWS

Boy Scouts of America - Des Plaines Valley Council – May 30, 2008

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

For Previous Editions of Cybernews follow this link: Past Editions

NEW

UNAUTHORIZED AND RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

The Risk Management and Health and Safety Division of the Boy Scouts of America have received several inquiries as to whether paintball and laser tag are authorized Scouting activities. Per the *Guide to Safe Scouting, "The following activities have been declared unauthorized and restricted by the Boy Scouts of America . . . Pointing any type of firearm (including paintball, dye, or lasers) at any individual is unauthorized."*

Over the last several years, we have learned of three serious eye injuries that have taken place on Scouting outings in which paintball was one of the activities. Be aware of the following alert, which soon will be posted on the Scouting Safely area of *Scouting.org:* **Paintball is prohibited in Scouting!**

Paintball poses a significant risk of injury, especially among children. In contrast to other Scouting activities involving firearms, the object of paintball is to fire a pellet—at a speed of at least 300 feet per second—at another human. A paintball that hits the body may produce a mere sting or welt, but a paintball that strikes an eyeball can cause severe injury to the eye and even blindness. The Consumer Product Safety Commission noted three deaths between 2002 and 2005 from paintball gun equipment.

SUPPORT STAFF CHANGES:

We have made some adjustments in the duties of our support staff personnel due to the retirement of Georgie Mayle. View Council Directory for the revised Council Employee Directory.

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.

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)!

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.

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.

TRAINER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

This conference is designed to develop the skills needed to do any type of training. The skills are presented in a lively atmosphere that will be as much fun as it will be instructive.
Join us on Saturday, September 20, 2008, 8:00am-4:30pm. Registration deadline is Friday, September 12th.
A Registration form is available at: TDC.

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

Mark your calendars. Introduction to Outdoor Leader skills will be presented on Friday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 5th at Adventure Camp in Rochelle, IL. Registration form is available at: IOLS.

SUPERHEROES OF SCOUTING (Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow)

Join us as we offer a great opportunity for you to take basic leader, supplemental, and enrichment training, and specialty courses all at one convenient place.

Superheroes of Scouting is for all Cub Scout Leaders in our Council and will be held on Saturday, November 8th.

Mark your calendar and watch Cyber News for more in formation about this exciting event.

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

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...

Explorer Safety Conference early registration is due by May 31st!!! After that other councils will be invited to join in the fun and will fill numerous spaces. Hurry up before there is no more room!

Congratulations to all Explorers who graduated the 2008 Dupage County Explorer Training Academy, hosted by Willowbrook Police Department. You all did a great job and will be great law enforcement professionals someday.

Explorer Safety Conference planning meeting will be **July 1st, 2008.** It will be held at Park Ridge Community Center.

Law Enforcement Exploring
The Western Springs Police Department is looking for new, determined and excited 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
Father's Day Weekend
Tree Top Kid's toy store in Hinsdale has generously donated $1000.00 toward our FOS campaign and would like to continue that support throughout the year! We have partnered up with them in creating a "Boy Scout Weekend", June 14th and 15th from 11-3p.m. Scouts can come in and build a Lego toy to take home (Maybe something fun for Dad! J). In addition to participating in some great fun, all scouts will receive a 10% discount. You can contact Kate Forman at 708-354-1111 ext. 19 to register. This will ensure that they have enough projects for all participants. In addition to the discount, a percentage of all purchases will be donated back to Scouting. This is a wonderful opportunity for all involved! If you have any questions you can contact Kate Forman, DE for Tall Grass at cforman@bsamail.org.

Thank You!!
We have made huge progress in FOS over the past week and I want to thank everyone for their participation! Thank you to all the presenters and especially to all of you who have been so generous, it is because of you that our programs thrive!! If you still need to have a FOS presentation or have pledge cards outstanding please contact Kate Forman at cforman@bsamail.org.

Spring Recruitment\Boy Talks
Spring Recruitment is here; if you need any recruitment materials, i.e. flyers, booklets and \or pamphlets or would like to schedule a Boy Talk, which are the backbone to membership recruitment, please contact Kate Forman at cforman@bsamail.org or via phone at 708-354-1111 ext 19.

NEW
Day Camp-NEW LOCATION!
We are very happy to announce that Tall Grass Day Camp will be returning to Lemont Park District! Not only is the Park District a wonderful place for us to host Day Camp we will also be partnering with them to create service projects for the Scouts! More details will follow toward the beginning of July....Stay Tuned. If you have any questions contact Kate Forman at cforman@bsamail.org.

Fall Boy Scout Camporee
Please be sure to mark your calendars for the All District Boy Scout Camporee which will be held on October 10, 2008 to October 12, 2008 at the Cub Scout Adventure Camp in Rochelle. This is open to all Boy Scouts in Tall Grass, Twin Lakes, and Voyageur Trace Districts. Additional information is to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Good Turn for America
Have you logged you unit's service hours on the Good Turn for America website at www.goodturnforamerica.org? We would like to have 100% of our units participate this year. If you need assistance, contact Kate Forman at cforman@bsamail.org or Bob Johnson at bjjj5456@aol.com. We especially need help from our Boy Scout Troops in booking their Eagle Projects. Thank you for all your service you do for our communities!

TWIN LAKES DISTRICT

Spring Recruiting!
Spring Recruiting is almost over. 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

Boy Talks!
These talks are a crucial element to increase unit size for the fall. Please contact Andrea if you need help scheduling these boy talks or making flyers for an open house. Please call Andrea Goddard @ (708) 354-1111 Ext. 16.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING
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 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 .

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VOYAGEUR TRACE DISTRICT NEWS

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We especially need help from our Boy Scout Troops in booking their Eagle Projects. Thank you for all the service you do for our communities.

Thank You!
To all of the Troop leaders that registered their new recruits and a smooth Webelos to Scout transition. Thanks also to Don Peterson Dist. Advancement Chair.

A Shout out!
We will have another Call-a-Thon soon, and we need YOUR help; Call Chris Isit @ DPVC 708-354-1111 x15

Voyageur Trace Program Kickoff!!!
Mark your calendars for: Wednesday, August 13th

NEW
Voyageur Trace Day Camp
VT Day Camp will be held August 6th-8TH 9:00-3:00PM in Bedford Park
Register as a unit if possible to be sure your group will be together. Registration form is available at: VT Day Camp. Medical form also required for participation at: Cub Scout Medical Form. For more information contact: **Sean Kelly sjbkelley@hotmail.com.**

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.

NEW
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"

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

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

SCOUT SHOP

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

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