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IN MEMORY OF GLENN EUGENE "GENE" STONE, JR.

On Thursday, October 8, Gene Stone, Northeast Regional Director, passed away following a two-week hospitalization at the University Medical Center at Princeton, Princeton, New Jersey.

Gene's brilliant career began in 1973 in Billings/Great Falls, Montana, followed by continued advancement in St. Paul, Minnesota. He served as Scout Executive in Rapid City, SD., Belleville, IL, Memphis, TN, and Dallas, TX. His service also included Director of Cub Scouting at the National Office.

During his tenure in each assignment, Gene's reputation grew as a leader who was passionate about the program of Scouting and the people with whom he worked, both professional and volunteer alike. He earned the respect, admiration and affection of all with whom he came in contact.

However, perhaps the greatest testimony to this life so well-lived, both as a professional Scouter and community citizen, may be found in the countless numbers of people who called Gene their friend.

All of us join together in offering our love and support for his wife Kathy, the Stone's children, grandchildren and his parents.

He was our friend. There can be no greater tribute to Gene Stone.



PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Jim Wilson, Regional President

Good morning! As I write my "ponderings" for this edition of the *Northeaster*, I find I have lots of news and status items to pass on to you all...some good and some not so good. As I always have done in the past, let's start with the "good" news, because there is plenty.

The Northeast Region, the 68 included councils, and the 17,600 traditional packs, troops, and crews have commenced another solid program year. When you add in the 1,252 Exploring units and their 19,860 members, there are a total of almost 450,000 Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Explorers who are involved in Scouting in the NER. On top of that, councils in the northeast are working with 1,450 various schools and organizations to provide Learning for Life curriculum-based programs to an estimated 276,000 additional youth. That means a total of 746,000+ youth are participating in our great educational, fun-packed, leadership-developing, values-based programs. Wow...what great news and great results. Thanks to you all for being involved this year, and for making a difference in the lives of our youth.

Some other good news is that our council camps had a very solid summer camping season, with increasing numbers of youth and adults taking part in long-term camping. And the better news here is that all these camps did it safely...without camp-closing incidents, major injuries or illnesses or deaths. Of note also is that our councils and units took advantage of all the BSA's national high adventure bases in our second highest numbers ever. It was great to visit a number of local council and national camps and see the great facilities, exceptional activities and the abundance of smiles on the faces of youth and adults alike.

Last year you'll recall that the National BSA leadership rolled out the *New BSA*. In the year that the new focus and organization has been in place there have been some great results and some additional learning on what further actions need to take place if the BSA

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movement is going to remain the premier youth-serving / development organization for the next century. Some of these new actions were announced at the beginning of October, and involve some function reorganizations at the National Offices and a consolidation of regional organizations in Dallas, into a more efficient, cohesive and support-focused council operations team. While our regional team will relocate to Dallas as of the 1st of the year, it is expected that very positive results will come out of this action and bring more support and assistance to all our councils and units.

Simultaneously, the NER has implemented an organization which mirrors the National committee structure and has refocused all our efforts to provide maximum support and assistance to our councils. At this fall's Area Key Leadership Forums (which you all are invited to) the Region's Key 3 will discuss what we'd like to call the *New NER*, and how we think we can be of better service to our councils, units and youth.

On the not-so-good news side is the passing of our longtime

friend, colleague and great Regional Director, Gene Stone. Gene brought a true love of the program, motivation to see youth get the most out of our programs, a quiet focus on making everyone feel proud of what they do and an exceptional professional approach to how to lead our organization. He will be missed by one and all. I'd like to offer a very special thanks to Gene's wife, Kathy, and the entire Stone family for their sharing of Gene with us over the years.

We all have lots of things working within the *New BSA* and the *New NER*, as we look forward to 2010 and our centennial celebration. Keep on smiling, have FUN and let's make sure we all are working together to provide a well planned program, delivered by trained volunteers and professionals, with strong outdoor content, supported by caring and knowledgeable leaders, that will attract and retain youth across the Region. A pretty tall order.... but one we have proven is achievable.

Set Your Goals High and Then Make Them Happen



THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING...

By Hab Butler, Regional Commissioner

The title to this song fits some of what is now going on in the Boy Scouts of America...but not all.

Recently we have learned of reorganizations within the national staff and the regional offices. These changes are intended to improve the delivery of support for local councils. The methods to achieve those improvements include the centralization of most professionals and support staff into the National Office in Dallas, TX. Those changes will focus support that will result in stronger local councils, districts and units. Stronger includes increasing the number of councils who have achieved financial sustainability together with growth in new members – youth and adults – and the retention of Scouts and Scouters. There are many parts to this moving machine but it is that simple.

When change of any magnitude takes place it can be challenged, embraced or a combination of each. In our case, the need to achieve unity of purpose with change initiatives is “all about the kids”. They are why we exist. They are the reason volunteers and professionals work so hard to make things safe and better...continuously. While the old saying that “the only constant is change” is true...most of us kind of like things the way they were. We like things that way because we feel we can contribute and succeed by using the skills and knowledge we have developed over many years.

Our commitment to the kids has always been to “Do my best...” and we say our Honor is at the root of that commitment. Change brings opportunities for us to learn and contribute with a new organizational model. The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America has not changed. We all need to be focused on using our Scouting programs to help kids learn how to make ethical and moral decisions through the Scout Oath and Law.

At the end of the day, one of the tests for us is to succeed in seeing the Cubs who meet one afternoon a week, the Scouts who meet one night a week, the Venturers who meet regularly each month don't miss a beat in learning while having fun. Our needs will be to ensure our unit and youth leaders continue to receive world-class training, our camps are safe for everyone and sufficient funding is available for units, districts and councils.

Each Unit, District, Council and Area Commissioner is dedicated to providing very good support for each Unit Leader. Please make it a point to seek out one of our Commissioners and thank them for all they are doing. They are a very good group.

As we reflect upon the many contributions by Gene Stone and mourn his loss, let us be thankful for his time with us. He made a big difference as our Regional Director. When we look to the leadership we will have with Don McChesney, we are optimistic for our future.

There is not a doubt in my mind we will continue to be up to most any task that comes our way...as a team.

NORTHEAST REGION OFFICE CLOSING

As has been announced, the BSA is closing its four regional offices and will be consolidating regional operational support from the National Office in Irving, Texas. There will be a great many questions raised by local councils and volunteers alike.

Our new Regional Director, Don McChesney, and the other regional directors will now be located in the BSA's National Office, while our seven Area Directors will continue to function from their area offices, as they have been. Their role will be enhanced as they will become the primary conduit for support, especially for calling on specialists at the National Office who may be of assistance.

As of this printing, this is what else we can share:

1. MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE

It is the intent of the Northeast Region to maintain services, as much as possible, until December 31. Dependent on this are several factors:

- ◆ Support personnel remaining until Dec. 31.
- ◆ Timetable for going offline and packing computer equipment for shipment to Texas. It may wind up being a central e-mail address for communications ordinarily sent to our support staff. If this is the case, these e-mails will still be accessed by the region for distribution to the appropriate staff person for action. We will advise
- ◆ Timetable for the BSA to assume responsibility for services such as Tour Permit approvals.

2. DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, ETC.

As one would imagine, there are a myriad of details yet to be resolved however:

- ◆ Computer equipment, most printers and copy machines, phones and other electronic equipment will be shipped to Texas. Some printers and copy machines MIGHT be made available for sale.
- ◆ Furniture, file and storage cabinets will be appraised and may be made available for sale depending on National Office needs for transferring personnel.
- ◆ Remaining expendable supplies (paper, file folders etc.) may also be available for sale or donation to local councils.
- ◆ Artwork in the building will be shipped to Texas.

The above may change. We will advise when final decisions are made.



NORTHEAST REGION WELCOMES NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The leadership team of the Northeast Region would like to announce, and welcome, Don McChesney as the new Northeast Regional Director. Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive, made the formal announcement of Don's assignment simultaneously with the reorganization of the national staff. Don will be co-located in Dallas with the Council Operations team, while spending a considerable time in the northeast visiting councils, and ensuring the best service and support is being provided to all councils.

Don comes to the Northeast Region position from a very successful tour as the Scout Executive of the Atlanta Area Council in Georgia. Don commenced his career in Chicago, IL, and has served in six councils in the Central, Southern, and Western Regions. Don has also served on the National staff as the Director of Boy Scout programs.

Don will report onboard as the new Northeast Regional Director on the 1st of December and will join the Northeast Region Key 3 in providing leadership to the region and assistance and support to all our councils. Please join us in welcoming Don and his wife, Bonnie, to the Northeast Region. He can be reached at don.mcchesney@scouting.org.

NORTHEAST REGION TRUST FUND

The Northeast Region Trust Fund Grant Making Guidelines will be sent to councils in mid to late November. The guidelines will also be distributed twice via the regional Action Bulletin.

The "emphasis" for the 2010 will be determined by the Regional Trust Committee at its November meeting.

Remember, councils that were awarded grants in March of 2009 are required to submit an Interim Report by October 15th.

The committee will review applications and award grants in March 2010.

Deadline to file requests for 2009 is January 31, 2010.

NATIONAL BOATSWAIN FOR SEA SCOUTING IS NORTHEAST REGION SEA SCOUT



Pictured with Connor Rieve is Bob Mazucca, Chief Scout Executive

The Northeast Region Sea Scout Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009-2010 National Boatswain for Sea Scouting is Connor Rieve who is from the Northeast Region. Connor is with Ship 110 in the Connecticut Yankee Council which sails out of Captains Cove Seaport in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Connor, who has been involved with Sea Scouting for the past five years, continues to enjoy what the program provides the youth involved. One of his primary goals is to work closely with and support the four region Boatswains and help the Sea Scouting program to grow. Prior to being the National Boatswain, Connor was the Northeast Region's Boatswain in 2008-2009.

Though Sea Scouting is small in numbers with over 8,000 currently registered, it continues to be an outstanding program that teaches the Sea Scouts everything nautical from basic sailing to celestial navigation.

BSA BRAND ON DEMAND

Brand on Demand is an exciting new tool available to councils across the country and will make the process for developing print materials more efficient, effective and above all...more cost effective.

Brand on Demand is an online system, accessed through MYBSA and allows councils to customize printed material through desktop computers. The process is very simple...access the system, select a template, include custom information, download the file, print, post or send to a printer...just that easy.

All councils will be provided with a license or licenses, based on council grade, and have been asked to submit local contact information to national so use of the system may begin. Additional licenses may be purchased by councils at a cost of \$25 per month/per license.

This new program is another great example of the Boy Scouts emphasis on using the latest technology to improve service to local councils, units and youth.

WESTFALL RECEIVES ELKS MARVIN M. LEWIS AWARD



Brian P. Westfall, a member of Frostburg (MD) Elks Lodge #470, was one of four recipients of the Marvin M. Lewis Elks and Scouting Award presented at the 2009 Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, OR.

Brian has been involved as a youth and adult in the Boy Scouts of America for over 35 years. As a youth he earned both the Eagle Scout and God and Country Awards, held various leadership positions in his troop and served as Summer Camp Chief in the Order of the Arrow.

Brian currently serves as the Council Commissioner for Potomac Council and the Order of the Arrow Lodge Adviser for Ahtuhquog Lodge. He is also Vice President for Council Solutions and Program for the Northeast Region Area 4 Committee.

Over the years, he has held a variety of positions such as Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairman, Campmaster, Council Advancement Chairman and Executive Board and Committee member in four councils, has been especially active in adult leader training. He served on the staff for the 1997 Boy Scout Jamboree, and has already accepted his staff assignment for the 2010 Jamboree. He has previously been honored for his service to youth with the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver, the Vigil Honor and the Distinguished Commissioner Awards.

Approved by the Grand Lodge in 1998, the Marvin M. Lewis Award recognizes Elks in good standing who have significantly contributed to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients are presented the Marvin M. Lewis Medal, a lapel pin, a square knot and a certificate to honor their accomplishments.

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Distributed to key volunteer Scouters in local councils, regional volunteer Scouters, professional Scouters and retirees throughout our region. Short articles of general interest will be accepted subject to space and contents. Photos must be professional quality.

MARK KRIEBEL HONORED



From left to right: Gene Stone, Northeast Regional Director, Mark Kriebel and his wife Patricia Kriebel

Northeast Region Vice-President, Mark Kriebel, was recently honored with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award at ceremonies in Binghamton, NY.

Mark earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1968, has continued his service to Scouting for 41 years and is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Baden-Powell Council.

President and CEO of Arranged Sound, Inc, Mark is active in many civic organizations most notably, Rotary International.

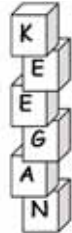
The Northeast Region joins his many friends in congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Northeast Region extends its congratulations to Jay Garee, Scout Executive of the Mohegan Council in Worcester, MA. He was recently honored as one of the 2009 “40 Under Forty” community leaders by the Worcester Business Journal.

Jay has been a professional Scouter for 16 years, is currently president of the Worcester Rotary Club and is active in his church and other community activities.



Douglas Fullman, Associate Regional Director/Program of the Northeast Region, is pleased to announce the arrival of his first grandchild. His son, Clark, and his wife, Becky, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy. Keegan Matthew Fullman was born at 12:43am on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, weighing in at 8 pounds 8 ounces and 21 ¾ inches. Baby Keegan, Mom, Dad and Grandpa are all doing well.

100TH ANNIVERSARY REMINDERS



Hopefully your council is in full swing with your Anniversary Celebrations. Be sure you are informing your Scouts and Scouters of the eight national opportunities that they have available to them.

The Year of Celebration award program began in September and many could be well on their way to earning a ribbon for their patch. Has your council planned any activities that will encourage their progress?

Also, don't forget, the Time Capsule items that are to go in to your council's box for the BSA 100 Tour were due to the museum curator on October 1, 2009. If you did not meet that deadline and still wish to participate, you must contact Elizabeth Brantley directly at 972-580-2152 or elizabeth.brantley@scoutint.org. You can find the details on

the 100th Anniversary website under BSA100 and Time Capsule details.

Don't forget to be promoting and collecting the Hall of Leadership nominations that are due to your council by February 8, 2010. By then councils should also have assembled their panel of judges and be prepared to submit their best 12 to the National Office by April 1, 2010.

Finally, for the fall, councils should be employing all resources to re-engage alumni in Scouting through the Alumni Connections program. There are lots of great ideas for reconnection in the tool kit on the 100th Anniversary website.

Please contact Don Shepard at the Northeast Region for all of your 100th Anniversary needs: don.shepard@scouting.org or (609) 655-6310.

**NEW RESPONSIBILITIES**

PETER ASHWORTH – Senior District Executive, from DE, East Providence, RI
ANTHONY BESSEY – Senior District Executive, from DE, Portland, ME
RUSSELL BEISEL – District Director, from DE, Lehigh Valley, PA
ERIC CHAMBERLIN – Finance Director, from DFiS, Oakland, NJ
ERIC CHASE – Director of Support Services, Baltimore, MD; from SE, Williamsport, PA
CHRISTOPHER COSCIA – Assistant Director of Field Service, from BSE, New York, NY
ERIC CREAMER – Senior District Executive, from DE, East Providence, RI
YASSELIN DIAZ – District Director, from DE, Philadelphia, PA
JOHN DIGBY – Finance Director, Hagerstown, MD (re-activation)
ROBERT DRURY – Senior District Executive, from DE, Batavia, NY
AMY FRANTZ – Senior District Executive, from DE, Lehigh Valley, PA
SEAN FRIEDLAND – Finance Director, from DE, Philadelphia, PA
ERNEST GONZALEZ – Finance Director, Bethesda, MD; from DiD, Harlingen, TX
SAMUEL GRIGA – District Director, from SDE, Doylestown, PA
KEVIN GROSS – District Director, Buffalo, NY; from PD, Cincinnati, OH
JOHN HAYNES – Senior District Executive, from DE, Bethesda, MD
LUIS HERNANDEZ, Jr. – Senior District Executive, Baltimore, MD (re-activation)
JARED RAMSDELL – Senior District Executive, from DE, East Hartford, CT
TIMOTHY RUPERT – Senior District Executive, from DE, Bethesda, MD
CINDY SCHERER – District Director, from DE, Philadelphia, PA
JOSEPH SCHILTZ – Field Director, from DE, New York, NY
DANIEL SULLIVAN – Field Director, from DE, New York, NY
DAVID SWARTZ – Field Director, from DE, New York, NY
RAYMOND TENNENT – Assistant Director of Field Service, from DFiS, Manchester, NH
JOHN WHITFORD – Senior District Executive, from DE, Butler, PA
JOSEPH WILTROUT – Director of Finance Services, from FiD, Manchester, NH

WELCOME NEW

ANTHONY CHIRDO – District Executive, Oakland, NJ
CHRISTINA JEAN-BAPTISTE – District Executive, New York, NY
MATTHEW FERNANDES – District Executive, Dayton, NJ
DEBORAH HARPE – District Executive, Haverhill, MA
GREGORY JACQUES – District Executive, Worcester, MA
JOHN KIM – District Executive, Oakland, NJ
BENJAMIN LACY – District Executive, Bethesda, MD
HUNTER McCORMICK – District Executive, Milton, MA
IAN MEADES – District Executive, Oakland, NJ
NICHOLAS NOWAK – District Executive, Rancocas, NJ
JOEL PERKINS – District Executive, Bethesda, MD
SHAWN PHILBIN – District Executive, Rochester, NY
BRIAN RAYMOND – District Executive, Livorno, Italy
JUSTIN RODSTROM – District Executive, New York, NY
SEAN TUCKER – District Executive, Bethesda, MD
BRYAN WHITE – District Executive, Wilmington, DE

**NATIONAL RECRUITING TEAM
RECOGNITION**

Congratulations go to those professional Scouters who have earned a certificate for recruiting **one** applicant who has been employed by a local council.

Also, congratulations to the professional Scouters who have earned the leather padfolio for recruiting **two** applicants who have been hired by a local council and have either completed PD-LI or are scheduled to attend same in the near future.

**Thank you for your continued support.
Keep up the good work.**

EARNED CERTIFICATE

Joseph Bridge, DE - Bethesda, MD
Randy Larson, SE - Haverhill, MA
Maria Rapier, LCE - New York, NY
Dan Sullivan, DE - New York, NY

**EARNED PADFOLIO**

Paul Knox, DFS - Albany, NY





RETIREMENTS



MICHAEL C. CHILDERS, Deputy Regional Director/Operations retired October 1 after a 36-year career. Beginning in St. Paul, MN, as a District Executive in 1973, he also served that council as Activities Director, Senior District Executive M/P and Field Director. In April 1987 he was named Scout Executive for the council in Casper, WY, followed by a promotion to Director of Council Services at the National Office in Irving, TX. In 1999 he was selected as Scout Executive in Milwaukee, WI, and joined the Northeast Region in his most current position in June of 2005.



WENDY H. EWALD, Area Secretary, retires January 1, 2010, after eight years of service in the Northeast Region. Wendy joined the staff in December of 2001 after previous employment in private industry.



DOUGLAS C. FULLMAN, Associate Regional Director/Program is retiring January 1 after 42 years of service. He began his career as Assistant District Executive in August of 1967 in the National Capital Area Council. He went into military transition from November 1967 – November 1969 returning to the National Capital Area Council as Assistant District Executive. He was promoted to District Executive and Multi-person District Executive in that council before joining the Robert E. Lee Council in Richmond, VA, in September 1976 as Finance and Public Relations Director. In June of 1984 Doug was selected as Scout Executive in the Dutchess County Council. He assumed his present assignment in the Northeast Region in October 1990.



SANDRA RETI, Program Secretary, is retiring January 1 after 12 years on the staff of the Northeast Region. Prior to joining the staff in July of 1997, Sandra was employed in private industry.



DEBBIE WENZEL, Human Resources Secretary, retires on January 1 with 40 years of service to the BSA beginning at the former National Council location in North Brunswick, NJ, in September, 1969. When the BSA headquarters moved to Texas, she was invited to join the Northeast Region in September 1980.



JOHN YANCHURAK, Mailroom Clerk, retires January 1 after 38 years of service to the BSA. He was first employed by the National Council in June of 1972 at the former headquarters in North Brunswick, NJ. He joined the Northeast Region in October of 1979.



JOHN G. GARDNER, Associate Regional Director/Endowment Development, retires on January 1 after 36 years of service. He began his career as Exploring Executive in Greater Pittsburgh Council in June of 1974. In March of 1977 he joined the staff in Edison, NJ, as District Executive and returned to Greater Pittsburgh Council in December 1980 as Finance Director/Public Relations Director. In August of 1986, John was promoted to Finance Director/Director of Support Service in Akron, OH. The council in Edison, NJ, selected him as their Scout Executive in June of 1991 and he continued as Assistant Scout Executive in Princeton, NJ, following a merger in January of 1999. He served on the staff of the council in Oakland, NJ, from April 2000 until June of 2003 when he was promoted to the Northeast Region and served as Associate Regional Director/Council Administration until he assumed his present assignment in July of 2003.

SCOUT EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT



WILLIAM T. DWYER, SE of the Cradle of Liberty Council, retires on November 1 with 38 years of service. Bill began his career as District Executive in Boston, MA, in October 1971. He was promoted to Finance Director in New York, NY, in January of 1983, Special Position Professional in 1985 and Director of Finance Services in 1987. He was selected as Scout Executive in Manchester, NH, in February 1992 and was named to his current position in Philadelphia in September of 1998.

MULTI-CULTURAL MARKETS SUCCESS

Recently, Scout Executive Bill Garrett of Revolutionary Trails Council, Utica, NY, shared this success story.

Bill wrote: Of note-this past July and August, the council sponsored and coached a baseball program for "inner-city youth." The program was a collaboration including the district attorney, the BSA, the Boys and Girls Club, Rotary, MLB, the American Legion and the Cal Ripken, Jr. Foundation (strategic alliances). It's officially called the RBI program (Reviving Baseball for the Inner-City). Nearly 85 youth participated that would not have the chance otherwise. **35+ joined a Scout unit after the season.** They were from diverse backgrounds, economically challenged, Latino, African American, Russian, Bosnian, Burmese, etc. 15% of Utica's population is refugee/immigrant. We will do so again in July/August 2010. We are getting back to the roots of Scouting-bringing everyone together! By the way, the BSA team, coached by District Director Ray Eschenbach and former Scout Executive Jake Harvey and managed by board member Gene Quadraro, won two games. Gene Quadraro (gquadraro@verizon.net) is happy to field any questions others may have.

The text of an e-mail from a happy parent:

RBI is an affiliate of Major League Baseball's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program. The program is run by the District Attorney's office in an effort to keep kids busy during the summer. All games are played at Quinn's playground on Rutger Street, which is where I grew up. The team sponsors are Boy Scouts of America, Rotary, McDonalds, John E. Creedon PBA, Boulevard Graphics and Poppy's.

My husband has a 13 year old boy on his team who was running the streets until 3am, drinking and getting into fights. He showed up to the first game in his uniform that he had on for 4 days, since it was issued to him. This kid has done a huge turnaround. He still gets into occasional fights but has been going home at night and now has a mentor from Mohawk Valley Community College and his mother has even started coming to his games. His skill level, attention level and respect for others have increased dramatically this season. I yelled his name after a nice hit and he turned around and gave me this huge smile. All these kids need is some encouragement.

All the kids have a story...This league has been a real benefit to a lot of kids this summer. I hope they continue it next year.



JAMBOREE UPDATES

2010 National Scout Jamboree

As of September 15 over 7900 youth have applied to be a part of one of the 233 troops being sent from throughout the Northeast Region. In addition, 2200 NER Scouters have volunteered to help staff this historic event. While youth vacancies exist, many councils have waitlists and will be endeavoring to place these Scouts in neighboring Jamboree Troops.

In advance of the BSA's deadline of October 1, \$144,000 in available funds for financial aid has been awarded and Campership applications are no longer being accepted. It is hoped that councils will ask local service clubs or veterans groups to help deserving Scouts.

Staff positions are filling quickly with a great many Jamboree departments already full. Anyone still considering a staff position should act soon.

2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden



The website has been live and the NER already has a surprising number of youth and leader applicants as well as adults interested in the Jamboree's service corps (IST). The website address is: www.scouting.org/worldjamboree. A host of general information is available in addition to registration information. The NER has been allocated 10 troops/400 Scouts & leaders.



CAMP MAPS AND ENTRANCES

Have you looked at the entrance to your camp lately? Have you followed the published map provided by the council to the camp in the past year? Both of these give us a great opportunity to build credibility and confidence in our program. The entrance to camp and camp sign should be well maintained, painted, clean and attractive. The roads to camp should be well marked with clear directions for the first time drivers.

Maps often become outdated. Accuracy on directions, roads, camp entrances, addresses, phone numbers of the camp and the council and contacts are very important. Let's assist our public by publishing a clear and up-to-date map which will communicate effectively the way to our camps. Note: If you publish new maps to any of your camps, please send one to your Area Director and the Program Director Douglass C. Fullman of the Northeast Region.

PHILMONT AND NAYLE CAMPERSHIPS



Each year campership money is made available to assist youth participants attending Philmont and Philmont National Advanced Youth Leader Experience. These funds are administered separately. Camperships may be used for council contingents and for youth attending through their units. Councils will be mailed materials on these camperships with recommended allotments based on historical use and 2010 Philmont sign-up.

WOOD BADGE COURSE DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE



Under the direction of Bob Sirhal, Blake Prichard and Bob Dealaman, the Wood Badge Course Directors' Conference will be held at Camp Alpine in New Jersey from Friday, October 23, through Sunday,

October 25, 2009.

Invitations have been sent to the July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2011, course directors, staff advisers and backup course directors.

Attendance is required for all July 1, 2010, to July 1, 2011, course directors in order to conduct their course.

14 SCOUTS RECEIVE NESA MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

This year 14 Scouts from the Northeast Region received \$1,000 scholarships through the NESA Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to the 2009 National Eagle Scout winners in the Northeast Region.

John-Paul Eugene Couce	Patriots' Path
James Michael Creeley, Jr.	Susquehanna
Christopher Austin Devine	Northern New Jersey
Christopher Paul Gardner	Boston Minuteman
Jeremy Michael Garrard	Westmoreland-Fayette
Ian Turner Gibson	Tidewater
Shawn Alexander Goldsmith	Theodore Roosevelt
Grant Erik Johnson	National Capital Area
Timothy J. Manning	Greenwich
Christopher James McCloskey	Connecticut Yankee
Ross Christian Pallansch	National Capital Area
Thomas Justin Richards	Cradle of Liberty
David James Uber	Greater Pittsburgh
Steven Michael Wrobel	Greater Niagara Frontier

OA SECTION OFFICERS' TRAINING



The Northeast Region's Section Officers' training for the Order of the Arrow will be held at Camp Alpine in New Jersey on Friday, November 6, through Sunday, November 8. Section officers, advisers and staff advisers, as well as section conclave service council personnel, should attend. Materials and registration have been mailed to designated persons.

NESA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

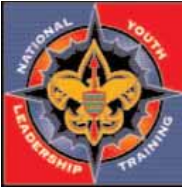
Congratulations to the following 2009 National Eagle Scout Scholarship winners in the Northeast Region

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Granted By</u>	<u>Council</u>
Richard Carey Gangloff	\$20,000	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	Patriots' Path
Daniel Harry Brynien	\$ 3,000	National Eagle Scout Association	Cradle of Liberty
Angelo Michael Carbonaro	\$ 3,000	National Eagle Scout Association	Central New Jersey
Willys David DeVoll	\$ 3,000	National Eagle Scout Association	Connecticut Yankee
Michael Allan Kling	\$ 3,000	National Eagle Scout Association	Hudson Valley
Shane Walker	\$ 3,000	National Eagle Scout Association	National Capital Area
Andrew T. Cyphers	\$ 3,000	National Eagle Scout Association	Baltimore Area
Brendon Kraig Dunham	\$ 2,500	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	Baden-Powell
Michael Andrew Gordon	\$ 2,500	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	Connecticut Yankee
James David Lewis	\$ 2,500	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	National Capital Area
Mark Andrew Mancini	\$ 2,500	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	Penn's Woods
Peter Cornelius Schaper	\$ 2,500	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	Northern New Jersey
Paul Schragen	\$ 2,500	Lawrence S. Cooke Endowment	Cradle of Liberty

NEW CUB CAMPSCHOOL REGIONAL COORDINATOR NAMED

Dan Albert of Connecticut Rivers Council has been named as the successor for Earl Davison who stepped down after many years of support to the Northeast Region camp school program. Dan has many years of resident and day camp school staffs along with his long tenure in cub camping and other programs. In his role as Regional Coordinator Dan will provide volunteer leadership to the Cub Scout Camp Schools primarily encompassing staff and program. Join the Northeast Region in welcoming Dan to this volunteer leadership role.

REGION YLT CONFERENCE SEMINAR IN OCTOBER



The Northeast Region will be conducting a Youth Leader Training Conference Seminar on October 23 – October 25, 2009, at Alpine Scout Reservation under the leadership of Chairman John Glockner. Councils should send the Course Director/Scoutmaster, SPL and Course Staff Adviser to the seminar. Invitations have been sent to each council. The course will be held in conjunction with the region Wood Badge Course Directors' Conference.

PROGRAM THEMES FOR NORTHEAST REGION CAMP SCHOOLS

As a way to enhance the development of themes used in Cub Scout Day Camps and Resident Camps, the National Camping Schools in the Northeast Region will be using the following themes:

- 2010 Investigating the Past/Discovering our Future – BSA 100th Anniversary
- 2011 Age of the Dinosaurs
- 2012 Circus
- 2013 American Folk Heroes (Huck Finn, Rafting, etc.)

Camp School staff and students are encouraged to bring costumes, skits, schedules, programs and ideas to share at the schools. Cub Scout Day Camp schools will use the theme for its opening, projects, theme dinner and campfire.

Resident National Camping Schools will use the theme for the Cub Scout Day, Cub Scout Wide Game/Activity and theme dinner.

FALL CUB DAY CAMP AND RESIDENT CAMP PROGRAM DIRECTOR CAMP SCHOOL

In an effort to respond to the many requests for a fall Cub Camp School we will again offer a school from November 6-8, 2009, at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA. This year's school will also feature a Resident Camp Program Director section. The school will be led by Director Shirley Couteau of National Capital Area Council. We need your council to plan for 2010 now and send participants to make this another huge success! Application and information are available at the Northeast Region website at www.nerbsa.org, program section and cub campschools. We look forward to serving you this fall.

COUNCIL AND UNIT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY POLICIES

The following guidelines must be followed for unit and council-level international activities:

Any unit, district or council international activity must have written approval of the local council. (This policy includes camporees and Wood Badge reunions). This written approval, along with a written summary of the proposed activity, must be submitted to the region for approval by the region and the International Division, BSA.

If the project involves more than one local council, it must be approved in writing by each local council and the International Division upon recommendation of the Regional Director. A regional staff member must monitor the event.

Approved activities must be supervised and administered by and remain the responsibility of the council or region requesting the event.

Support services available from the International Division include guidance and procedures for involving Scouts of other countries, communication with Scout Associations in other countries and guidelines on planning and international protocol.

The supervising council or region has the responsibility to see that all policies of the BSA regarding insurance, registered leadership, youth protection, health and safety and program are followed.

2009 CENTENNIAL QUALITY COUNCIL AWARD



Last year the Northeast Region showed progress toward our objective to have every council achieve the Centennial Quality Council Award in 2010. Twelve additional councils hit the mark last year. Our Strategic Plan states that the Centennial Quality Council and District standard is the minimum criteria for assuring that the promise is kept to the youth, families and organizations we serve.

It is critically important that progress toward achieving this award is monitored and action plans are in place to assure success. Keep the vision to improve the QUALITY of the program always in mind. Review and adjust your action plan at each meeting of the council and district key three. Recognize leaders who are making positive progress at every opportunity. Keep the focus of achieving your commitment at the top of the priority list.

Reminder: Councils that achieve Centennial Quality Council for 2009 will be recognized at a special Council Key Three Reception Dinner and program. The recognition, in conjunction with the Northeast Region Executive Board Meeting, will be held on Thursday, March 11th, at the Center City Marriott, Lancaster, PA.

Showing positive growth seems to be one of the biggest obstacles (along with positive finances) we encounter as we work to achieve the Centennial Quality Council Award. We encourage you to keep your eye on the ball as we work together at winning the game on behalf of those that will benefit from our victory.

We are confident that 2009 will continue our winning streak as a Quality Region!!

ADVANCED LEADER TRAINING FOR VENTURING – POWDER HORN

Making sure that leaders are trained is a great way to build excitement and solid unit programming for youth members. We have seen the results in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs, and the same is true for Venturing. Powder Horn training is a **high adventure resource-management course**, and is designed to introduce leaders to activities and resources necessary to plan and conduct a successful Outdoor Venture Crew Program. The primary focus of Powder Horn is where to find the support resources in their local communities to offer these programs for the Ventures in their crews.

The courses and host councils scheduled to conduct Powder Horn Courses in 2010

- ♦ *Suffolk County Council & Theodore Roosevelt Council*
May 14 – 16, 2010 *Schiff Scout Reservation*
June 11 – 13, 2010 *Baiting Hollow Scout Camp*
- ♦ *Yankee Clipper Council*
May 21 – 23, 2010 *Camp Wah-tut-Ca*
June 4 – 6, 2010 *Lone Tree Scout Reservation*
- ♦ *Greater Niagara Frontier Council*
August 20 – 22, 2010 *Camp Scouthaven*
September 10 – 12, 2010 *Schoelkoff Scout Reservation*

Participant qualifications:

1. Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
2. Completed the Venturing Leader Basic Training (for Venturing adults) or Scoutmaster Fundamentals (for Boy Scout adults) prior to attending the Powder Horn course or New Leader Essentials plus position specific training.
3. Be able to meet physical requirements of BSA Class III physical in a backcountry environment.
4. Must have their Scout Executive's approval.

For more information about the 2010 courses, please contact the host council or visit the Powder Horn website www.powderhorn-bsa.org.

MEMBERSHIP TIDBITS

The Northeast Region councils are in full recruitment mode. The Northeast Regional level volunteers led by Bill Grogg of the Hudson Valley Council stand ready to support your needs.

Thanks should also be given to the cluster of northeast councils led by Cradle of Liberty, Patriots' Path, Jersey Shore, Central New Jersey and Minsi Trails who further developed the "Words To Live By" campaign and "Be A Scout" website. Today more than ever we need to expand our thinking and use every tool in the kit as we try to reach all of the

available youth in our service areas. We appreciate your efforts in paving the way for a nationally adopted campaign and for continuing to emulate the Scout Law, assisting more councils every day to become part of this new venture.

Please contact us at the Northeast Region if you need any support during your drive to succeed this fall. Keep up the tireless effort. Be sure to consult the Best Practices and other resources provided to you at www.nerbsa.org membership section.

2009 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ten Arrowmen from the Northeast Region were awarded the OA's highest recognition, the Distinguished Service Award, at the National OA Conference held on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, this past summer. This year's recipients from the Northeast Region were:

Darrell Donahue

Darrell is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Pamola Lodge of the Katahdin Area Council. He has served as a member of the AIA staff at NOAC's and ArrowCorps5. He is currently on the national Committee of the Order of the Arrow

Jonathan Fuller

Jon is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders Award recipient of the T'Kaen DoD lodge of the Five Rivers Council. He served as the 2006 Region Chief for the Northeast Region.

Kenneth Hager

Ken is a Vigil Honor member of the Wagion Lodge of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council and is an Eagle Scout. Ken served as the 2007 Region Chief of the Northeast Region.

Adam Heaps

Adam is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Wunita Gokhos Lodge of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council. He served as a Section Chief and the 2006 NOAC Conference Vice Chief of Special Events.

Sean M. Murray

Sean served as the 2006 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders Award recipient of the Otahnagon OA Lodge of the Baden-Powell Council.

David Nguyen

Dave is a past Section Chief, an Eagle Scout Founders Award recipient and Vigil Honor member of the Lowwapaneu Lodge of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. Dave served on the ArrowCorps5 staff and gave exceptional leadership to promoting the Service projects and High Adventure programs of the Order.

James W. Palmer

Judge Palmer is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Japeechen Lodge of the Jersey Shore Council. He has served on the National Committee and as a Section Adviser.

Patrick Rooney

Patrick served as the 2008 Northeast Region OA Chief. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge of the National Capital Area Council.

David Schaub

Dave is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member and Founders Award recipient of the Unami Lodge, Cradle of Liberty Council. He served as a Section Chief and on the staff of ArrowCorps5.

Kaylene Trick

Kay is a member of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow. She is a Vigil Honor member of the Woapea Sisilija Lodge of the Susquehanna Council. Kay has served on numerous NOAC staffs and has given leadership to the Northeast Region National Lodge Adviser Seminars.

Other recipients with previous affiliations with the Northeast Region were John Green, who served on the Region Staff and is now giving leadership at the National Office in Outdoor Adventures Group (Formerly National Director of Program) and Robert Mazzuca, previously Scout Executive of the Greater Pittsburgh Council and now Chief Scout Executive.

The Distinguished Service Award honors those who render outstanding and distinguished service to the Order beyond the lodge level, on a sectional, regional or national basis. It is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences, typically every two to three years.

The Northeast Region is also pleased to announce that Sandra Reti, Program Secretary for the Northeast Region, was also honored with the, Red Feather Award for her dedicated service to the regions Order of the Arrow activities and programs for over 10 years.

2010 AFL-CIO/VFW WOOD BADGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The VFW and AFL-CIO are offering scholarship programs for 2010 Wood Badge courses to all VFW members in good standing. Applicants must be able to satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites. Application deadline is March 31, 2010. The AFL-CIO Scholarship is available to any lifetime or dues-paying union member. Application deadline is January 15, 2010. Applications are available at local council offices. Councils may obtain these applications through Bin Service of the BSA.

NORTHEAST REGION THIRD QUARTER MEMBERSHIP IS 746,021

Ending the third quarter of 2009, the Northeast Region has a total membership of 746,021 total youth members with 20,300 units.

Special commendations are extended to the following council Scout Executives and volunteer leadership for setting the pace in council membership growth, relative to council size.

<u>NORTHEAST REGION</u>	<u>September 2008</u>	<u>September 2009</u>	<u>Percent +/- %</u>
<u>Traditional Membership</u>			
Tiger Cubs	20,898	19,069	-8.8%
Cub Scouts	119,339	114,321	-4.2%
Webelos Scouts	121,366	120,201	-1.0%
Total Cub Age	261,603	253,591	-3.1%
Boy Scouts	167,374	165,646	-1.0%
Varsity Scouts	1,416	1,111	-21.5%
Total Scout Age	168,790	166,757	-1.2%
Venturers	30,612	29,332	-4.2%
Total Traditional	461,005	449,680	-2.5%
Learning for Life/Exploring	434,605	296,341	-31.8%
TOTAL YOUTH	895,610	746,021	-16.7%

<u>Headquarters</u>	<u>Scout Executive</u>	<u>% Gain</u>
Bethesda, MD	Al Lambert	1.6%
Manchester, NH	Mike Kaufman	2.9%
East Hartford, CT	Harry Pokorny	2.8%
Hawthorne, NY	Marc Andreo	4.5%
Wilmington, DE	Patrick Sterrett	1.4%
San Juan, PR	Curtis Palmer	3.5%
Dayton, NJ	Marc Richardson	2.9%
Greenwich, CT	Mike Robertson	21.4%
St. Thomas, VI	Ed Harvey	19.0%

Twenty-six councils had a membership gain and three pace-setting councils had a growth of 4% or more. Congratulations to all professional and volunteer Scouters for your magnificent leadership that produced these fine results.

NER 2009 QUALITY MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

CRITERIA

- ❖ The council has a functioning Marketing and Communications Committee with a top Executive Board member as its chair.
- ❖ The council has named a professional staff member accountable for Marketing and Communications functions: this person attends the region's Marketing Summit.
- ❖ The council has a written marketing plan with explicit goals, objectives and measurements. The plan must have been updated within the past two years (attach copy with application).
- ❖ The council has an up-to-date Disaster Recovery Plan & Crisis Management plan, following the National Recommended Materials & Guidelines.
- ❖ The council has a Nationally approved council website.
- ❖ The council has submitted a good idea or best practice through MyBSA's, "Innovation Engine".
- ❖ The council's Marketing and Communications function includes **FIVE** of seven items listed below:
 1. High quality collateral materials, including those used for recruiting, camping, fundraising, programs and events, etc.

2. A minimum of 12 releases/briefings of local Scouting events are submitted to local news media.
3. Implemented unit public relations training programs. The number of training programs presented is attached to the application.
4. The council has a line item in the operating budget for marketing.
5. Collaborating with neighboring councils with cluster marketing initiatives.
6. Participation in the National President's Marketing Awards for Excellence by submitting an entry form and support materials.
7. The council is actively engaged in planning and promoting activities for the BSA's 100th Anniversary. Has recruited a 100th Anniversary Chairman and registered their information into the National 100th Anniversary Website.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 2009

This form and all required samples should be mailed to: Northeast Regional Office, Attn: Susu Garcia, PO Box 268, Jamesburg, NJ 08831