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Welcome to our November edition of the TAC Family E-News! There is a lot here this month both from our council and news from the National Office. Please take the time to scroll down and see all that is going on. As we approach Thanksgiving, we want to thank you for all you do to provide great programs to youth and families all through the year.

Thank you Veterans! As you remember Veteran's Day, thank you to all of our Scouters who serve and support the US Forces. We appreciate your sacrfices and being on the front line in preserving freedom and liberty.

We remember all who have given their lives in the cause of freedom. We do remember. We do honor your sacrifice.

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For US Government employees it is time to support the Combined Federal Campaign. This annual campaign supports good work throughout the world and we hope you and all your families will support this effort. As part of our Scouting family we hope that you will consider supporting and promoting Transatlantic Council to all your families and friends. This support provides funds throughout 2013 to support leaders and youth in our council. Thank you for your support in promoting the CFC campaign!

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships

The applications for the 2013 NESA Eagle Scout scholarships are now available at www.nesa.org The homepage features a link that leads directly to the forms. Please help us spread the word to Eagle Scouts in your council.
These are the only scholarship applications acceptable in 2013. NESA recommends that you establish a link to the applications on your website to ensure that you always distribute the correct version. These applications must be printed and mailed to the national office when completed.
All applicants are required to be Eagle Scouts and NESA members. All scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than midnight onDecember 31, 2012

How to Log in Service Hours for Journey to Excellence

As part of Journey to Excellence units can and should log in the service hours that they perform. A service project is something that helps other people, a community, where we make a difference. I notice on Facebook lots of great things our units do in their community, supporting American Cemeteries overseas, service projects, etc. Take the time to log in your hours. Your unit ID is the same as your unit advancement ID. Look back through the year and think of what you have done. You can log in at

https://scoutnet.scouting.org/gtfa/ui/security/login.aspx

Join us for A GREAT Klondike Derby

18-21 January

The leader's guide is now on our website in the TAC News section on our website. Jonathan Callahan and team have a great program planned for Saturday and Sunday is a great day to build your troop esprit de corps.

This is for Troops, Venture Crews and Varsity Teams. There is a limited number of slots and last year we sold out. Everything you need to know about the event is in the Guide or write to program@tac-bsa.org and we will provide you an answer.

Order your Transatlantic Council Jamboree Patch Set

Help support your council jamboree contingent and have a really great set of patches. These professionally designed patches are sought after throughout the Boy Scouts of America. Order your set at http://www.tac-bsa.org/Jamboree/Patches/2013%20Patches

Transatlantic Council Summer Program

We look forward to welcoming Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers to our camps. We have an outstanding program planned to support our youth. We are updating our website with the dates but wanted to give you a head's up to help you plan your 2013 summer program

Boy Scout Camps

Baden-Powell, Nottingham, England 22-28 June, Patrol Cooking, $325 per youth participant, Nick Airey, Director

Camp Alpine, Kandersteg, Switzerland 30 June-6 July Patrol Cooking, $325 per youth participant, Melissa Mitchell, Director

Bayern, Garmisch, Germany 3 sessions, Session 1 (13-19 July) Session 2 (20-26 July) Session 3 (27 July - 2 August), $300 Patrol Cookin
Pete Maskovich, Director

Cub Scout Camping

At Camp Freedom, Oberdachstetten, Germany

12-14 July Fiesta Weekend Family Camping Cost $30 per youth and $15 per adult (includes youth t-shirt) (adult free if they agree to l

15-18 July Searching the Origins of Cub Scouting, Cub Scout Resident Camp (Cubs + Leaders/Parents, no siblings), $125 Cubs, $60 Adult volunteering to serve in a staff role

19-21 July STEM/NOVA Weekend open to Cub Families $30 per youth and $15 per adult (includes youth t-shirt) (adult free if they agree t

22-25 July STEM/NOVA Week open to Cubs, siblings and parents $125 Cubs, $60 Adults and $20 for adults volunteering to serve in a staf

Training Opportunities

Kodiak, 7-13 July Garmisch for Scouts 14 and older and Venturers, Jonathan Callahan, Director

Wood Badge for adult leaders, 3-9 August at Camp Freedom, Eric Cooley, Course Director

National Youth Leader Training, 10-16 August at Camp Freedom, Duke Whitten, Course Director

New in 2013

Venture Camp/Boy Scout Camp in Turkey

We are organizing a TAC Sea Base/Venture Camp near Antalya, Turkey for 29 June to 6 July. The finishing touches are being made to the contracts. The camp will be open to Venture Crews/Explorer Posts/Varsity Teams. It is not open to Venture Patrols. We are also having a E Scout camp on the same site for Troops in Turkey, SE Europe, and Eastern Mediterreanean. Details will be sent out as soon as they are av

We are working on a Merit Badge Weekend for STEM/NOVA at Camp Freedom on 26-28 July (looking for volunteer chair)

Also watch for new activities and programs with Bayern that will be offered on a provisional basis (individual sign ups rather than troop sign ups)

HELP WANTED CUB RESIDENT CAMP DIRECTOR

We are looking for the best person to direct our Cub Scouting Resident Camp this summer. This is a paid seasonal position. The person would need to be available from July 7th to July 26 to organize, and direct Cub Scout Camping.

Salary is commeusrate with experience. If you do not have a current Resident Camp National Camp School Certificate, training will be provided (National Camp School).

To set up an interview please send your resume to Pete Maskovich at peter.maskovich@scouting.org

CAMP STAFF

We are accepting staff applications for all of our camps at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/campstaff/

We are looking for staffers to serve on all of our summer camp staffs. To serve as a staff member you must be 15 years or older during camp. We do hire a limited number of Counselors in Training, who may be 14 years of age.

National Camp School For Cub Scout Day Camp

29 November - 2 December at Camp Freedom, Obedachstetten

We will be conducting our annual course for Cub Scout Day Camp Directors and Program Directors at Camp Freedom. This certification is necessary to conduct an official BSA Cub Day Camp. The certification is vaild for five years.

We will support any community wishing to conduct a 3 to 5 day camp for youth in its and surrounding communities. This doesn't have to be during the summer but can also be during a break or a long weekend.

Fees for directors are covered by the council for volunteers agreeing to serve as Camp Director or Program Director

To register for the course please do so quickly at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/ncs-daycamp/

FALL RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Packs

From 1 August to 1 December a free Pinewood Derby car for each member of your pack if your pack recruits more youth from 1 August this year than last year with a minimum of five youth recruited. A list of all youth in the pack must be turned in to registration@tac-bsa.org by 1 December along with all registration forms.

Packs already earning their free Pinewood Derbies as of November 8 if the list of youth is turned in

Barbarossa District	
Pack 84	Kaiserslautern/Ramstein LDS Church
Pack 156	Ramstein
Charlemagne District	
Pack 8	Amsterdam
Pack 140	The Hague
Pack 865	Copenhagen
Mayflower District	
Waiting for first one	
Edelweiss District	
Pack 50	Garmisch
Pack 97	Ansbach
Pack 147	Munich
Pack 303	Hohenfels
Mediterranean District	
Pack 53	Sigonella
Pack 236	Rome
Pack 273	Lisbon
Pack 353	Ankara
Pack 520	Istanbul
Rheingold District	
Pack 13	Wiesbaden
Pack 154	Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart

For Troops

Yes, by popular demand the patrol kits are back. Yes, you can earn another patrol kit of cooking gear, stove, chef's tool kit and lantern if you recruit six new Scouts (yes transfers count). For troops that have 32 or more registered youth as of 30 June, we know you can recruit 8 youth to earn your kit.

Troops already earning kits as of October 15

Barbarossa District	
Troop 84	Kaiserslautern/Ramstein LDS Church
Charlemagne District	
Troop 100	Brunssum, NL
Troop 112	Paris
Troop 130	Geneva

Troop 682	Geneva
Mayflower District	
Troop 248	Aberdeen
Edelweiss District	
Waiting for first one	
Mediterranean District	
Troop 10	Madrid
Troop 353	Ankara
Troop 343	Athens
Rheingold District	
Troop 44	Boeblingen, Germany
Troop 65	Wiesbaden
Troop 107	Wiesbaden

For Venture Crews

We will work with the Venturing Leadership Council to develop appropriate recognition for Crews who increase their membership.

Check with your District Executive to find out how many youth you need to recruit! (note for Executives, that would be the Excel Spreadsheet Vince sent :-)

Scout Shop News

TAC Shop news at www.tac-bsa.org/Shop and like us on Facebook

SALE!!!

All Nylon Shirts and Pants 35% off while supplies last!! Limited to stock on hand.

Get your Venturing Shirts and Pants at 50% off while supplies last. Limited to stock on hand.

From 1 September - 30 November 2012 registered scouts and scouters can receive 10% off of a complete uniform set. Go to www.tac-bsa.org/Shop to order your complete uniform. Limited to registered members of Transatlantic Council.

New to Scouting and you are an E-5 or below? You may be eligible for a free uniform shirt. Check with your District Executive, Registration or the Scout Shop for details. We have a specific grant to support military families just joining Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts or Venturing to provide a new shirt!

The Scout Shop will process orders received by 12 noon on 14 DECEMBER. We will close for inventory starting on 17 December and will re-open for business on 2 January. Please plan accordingly and order you badges, patches, pinewood derbies etc. now!!! This closures mirrors closely the National Supply Center so items may not be available there as well.

You Can Still Order your 2012 Popcorn

We still have some popcorn available for resale. We will send it to locations wishing to sell popcorn. This is a popular fund-raiser in the US and one that works here as well. Take a look around your community and if there is no one selling you have a real opportunity. We have locations like Spangdahlem that earn thousands of dollars for their unit program by selling 100 cases. If you are concerned about having lots of popcorn left over even after your best effort we will work with you to have a plan. We want you to sell popcorn and to lower your dues or to help offset the costs for activiites. If we can help you be successful that is our goal.

Where can you order popcorn?...right here of course at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/2012popcorn-order

Popcorn is a great way to earn funds for your program. We are proud that units earned over $40,000 for local programs last

year.

Peacelight of Bethlehem

An oil lamp has been burning continuously for centuries in the Grotto where Christ was born in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This is the Peacelight flame. The Peacelight of Bethlehem movement started in Austria in 1986 as a charitable refief mission for the poor "Light in Darkness", sponsored by the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF). Every Advent, to thank the Austrians for their generous donations to its mission ORF in collaboration with Austrian Airlines, organizes a trip to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to light the first Peacelight lantern from the eternal flame burning in the Church Grotto. The flame is flown to Viennaand distributed to Scout groups from all over Europe at a special ceremony in Vienna on December 15th. From there Scouts deliver the flame and its message throughout Europe and North America.

The theme for this year's celebration is"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good"(Gen 1).

TAC Scouts and Scouters will send a delegation to Vienna for the ceremony and receive the flame on behalf of the Council.

The flame will be distributed by train in Italy on Saturday December 15thand throughout Germany on Sunday, December 16th. You will receive a distribution timetable at the end of November as well as Guidelines and Procedures for this.

Spread the Peacelight message to your families, schools and places of work or worship.

Your Scout Troop or Pack can collect the flame from the nearest central distribution to share with your local community.

If your unit is interested in participating please send an e-mail to program@tac-bsa.org with your name, your unit and community

You can purchase patches for $2.00 per patch and a year segment (2007-2012 available) for $.80 per segment by sending an order to our shop at tacbsa@bsamail.org

They're back...our TAC Trained Leader Neckerchiefs!!!

The neckerchiefs are available for registered direct contact leaders who are fully trained. "Direct Contact" Leaders are leaders who work directly with youth. Den Leaders and Assistants (including Webelos Leaders and Assistants), Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. We will also provide the neckerchief to trained Committee Chairs and trained Commissioners. Commissioners do have a mission besides completing training and that is helping their unit(s) complete a leader's training inventory (a list of who has completed what training with approximate dates)

Training requirements for positions can be found at http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Adults/Training/Trained%20Leader.aspx

To order your neckerchief please visit www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/leaderneckerchief

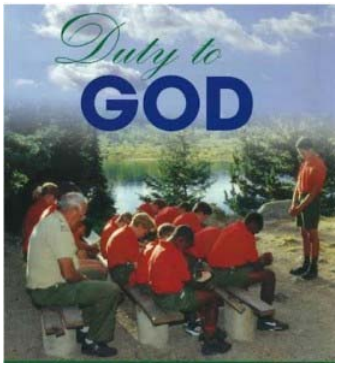
Duke of Edinburgh Award now available for TAC Venturers/Explorers/and Varsity Teams

Philmont Training Center 2013 conference registration is now open! Volunteers and professionals c online at myScouting.org under the "Event Registration" tab. For a full list of 2013 conferences, vis www.philmonttrainingcenter.org.

The conferences at PTC are conducted each summer and fall by the various departments and committees of th Council. We are committed to support your council by providing the highest quality experience, in an environm truly unique. The beauty of Philmont and the outstanding program we offer to family members make a Philmo Center conference a tremendous atmosphere for learning, sharing, fellowship, family togetherness, and Scouti

Volunteers who attend return to their local councils better trained and further motivated to serve their local Sc programs. Recently, Scout executives received an email encouraging them to submit a list of volunteers to inv summer. Many times we have been told that the reason a person attends a conference at the Philmont Trainin because someone they knew and respected personally asked them.

Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator Position Officially Approved



Since the inception of the Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) concept, it has been recognized that, like so many other Scouting functions, there needs to be a unit-level position to correspond to the council and district. The REC team is now complete with the addition of the Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator (UREC). The UREC is now recognized as a position on the unit committee.

The Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator position was created to strengthen units by building an infrastructure that would create cohesiveness between units and district- and council-level volunteers, ultimately to better serve youth members in the realm of Duty to God.

The responsibility of the coordinator is to educate, motivate, evaluate, and facilitate the religious emblems program at the unit level. In addition to serving on the unit committee, a key function of the position is to serve as the liaison to the District Religious Emblems Coordinator. Of course there is a new patch being developed to accompany the position.

Additional information regarding the position, including a complete position description, can be found by viewing the brief Religious Emblems Coordinator presentation on scouting.org

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We're proud to announce that the **Boy Scouts of America Discover® Prepaid Card** is now available!

With the Scout Prepaid Card, parents will be teaching their Scout how to manage money wisely. This is NOT a credit card, bu a prepaid, reloadable card that can be replenished from any bank account. It's a great way for Scouts to manage their dail spending, and it's safer and more convenient than carrying cash.

With the Scout Prepaid Card, Scouts will show their support of our iconic organization while learning important lessons c money management. **Please help us get the word out by forwarding this email to colleagues, friends, and family.** Yo may also access "spread the word" tools at Scouting.org/BSAprepaid, where you'll find template emails, social media posts fliers, and more. Get your Scout a BSA Discover Prepaid Card today by clicking on the Order Now button a www.ScoutsAreThrifty.com.

Also, be on the lookout for more information regarding the new **Boy Scouts of America Credit Card**. In addition to all of th existing rewards and benefits Discover offers, this card will offer a Scouts Rewards section where cardholders may donat their points to a council or purchase Scout Shop products with their points.

This card will be available on November 15, 2012, for anyone to apply, so visit www.BoyScoutCreditCard.com and stay tune for additional information as this date approaches.

CubCast has been a great tool for sharing new information about the Cub Scouting program and for helping le with questions about how to improve their dens and packs.

During our transition month, we will be re-airing the October 2011 CubCast on Citizenship to give you a feel f type of content we will offer. When you tune in in November, you'll notice that instead of two shorter segmen new format will include a single, but longer, podcast. This will allow us to delve a bit deeper into those topics volunteers really want to know more about.

Additionally, we're introducing some new co-hosts that we think you'll love, along with a great new theme sor in and tell us what you think.

You can find us by clicking on the CubCast tab at www.scouting.org/ScoutCast.

More for Cub Leaders, you do know that the Year B Cub Scout Program Plans are now available. They can be found at Cub Scout Year B Lesson Plans Manual (this is a large file)

One Oath and Law Approved for All BSA Programs

We know many of you have been discussing this and thought we should share the information as we have it for when this shoudl be adopted. On Oct. 17, the BSA's Executive Board approved a resolution to use the Scout Oath and Scout Law in the Cub Scout and Venturing programs. Specifically, the changes approved are as follows: Cub Scouts: Adopt the Scout Oath and Scout Law for use in the Cub Scout program, retiring the Cub Scout Promise.

- **Revise the Core Values of Cub Scouts to align exactly with the 12 points of the Scout Law.**
- **Retire the Law of the Pack, while maintaining the concept of "Akela" as leader.**
- **Maintain the current Cub Scout motto, sign, salute, and handshake.**

Venturing:

- **Retire the Venturing Oath, Code, sign, and salute .**
- **Adopt the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout sign, and Scout salute.**
- **Engage the task force and National Youth Cabinet to determine whether Venturing should have a differentiating motto/slogan or adopt "Be Prepared."**

These changes will become effective with the release of youth handbooks and leader aids supporting this, approximately Jan. 1, 2014, for Venturing-related changes and May 15, 2015, for Cub Scout- and Boy Scout-related changes. Changes to publications, websites, and other materials should NOT be initiated based on this article. Those will be handled based on the previously stated timing and will be initiated by the task forces working on the respective programs.

Unit and District Tools will be made available to the Scouting community

. With many additional features being released in the near future, this new tool is the first step in replacing the current membership system.
To access Unit and District Tools at this time, BSA members must log in to their MyScouting accounts and click the link located on the landing page. Once they are taken to the new tool they should be able to log in using their current MyScouting user name and password.

You can see what the program can do for your district or unit by visiting www.tac-bsa.org/Resources

Order of the Arrow Re-registration

It is time to renew your Order of the Arrow dues. Each year you do need to re-register. You can do that on-line at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/oaregistration

The dues are $15 per year until January 31, 2013 and cover you through December 31, 2013

You cannot wear your Lodge flap if you haven't paid your dues (we check you know). Thanks for being a member of a great Lodge

The National OA leadership team will be traveling from the US to deliver the OA National Leadership Seminar to youth and adults in our council on 16-18 November at Camp Freedom. The course is now full but please let us know if you are interested (program@tac-bsa.org) and we will see if we can fit you on or let you know if the wait-list is too long. This is a unique opportunity and we are glad that so many of you have taken advantage of it including most of our Lodge and Chapter Leadership.

Boy Scouts of America JV Files

Boy Scouts of America IV Files

Many of you have been reading about the BSA Ineligible Volunteer files. In the TAC News section of our website are some resources to help you understand and share information. We have copy of an external report from Dr. Warren, as well as an offical statement from Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock. Our office will help you (POC Vince Cozzone, Tony Dvorak) if you have questions or concerns from parents and chartered organizations. Any instance of child abuse is one too many. We will continue to do all we can to ensure the safety of youth in our program. You as our leaders and parents play a key role in making sure that the rules and guidelines established are followed. They are there for the protection of all.

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