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Why Cub Scouting Uniforms?

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment.

Personal equality - The uniform represents a democratic idea of equality, bringing people of different backgrounds together in the Scouting tradition.

Identification - The uniform identifies youth and adult members of the Boy Scouts of America, visible as a force for good in the community. When properly and smartly worn, the uniform can build good unit spirit.

Achievement - The uniform shows the wearer's activity, responsibility, and achievement. The accomplishments of every youth and adult member can be recognized by the insignia worn on the uniform.

Personal commitment - The uniform is a constant reminder to all members of their commitment to the ideals and purpose of the Scouting movement. It is a way of making visible members' commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and helping others at all times.

The leaders of Scouting—volunteer and professional—should promote the wearing of the correct, complete uniform on all suitable occasions.

Boy Scouts of America Raise \$10Million to Support Our Troops

The numbers are now in! They did it again! They just can't stop themselves! Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and good people down streets across America got together in Fall of 2009 and put together over \$10,000,000 worth of trail mix and Trails-End popcorn for SupportOurTroops.Org to send to the troops all over the world. Just look at the amazing history of this program. Launched in 2007 in the middle of a recession, good Americans sent \$5,000,000 to the troops the first year. In 2008 the economy imploded. So what did the people do? They bought an additional \$1,000,000 dollars more stuff to send their troops, for a total of \$6,000,000 in 2008! Then in 2009 the recession and unemployment worsened. They're reaction? Send \$4 million more to the troops for a total of \$10,000,000 in just that one year! A 66% increase over the previous year!

Oregon lawsuit claims Boy Scouts sex abuse coverup

PORTLAND, Oregon - The Boy Scouts of America has long kept an extensive archive of secret documents that chronicle the sexual abuse of young boys by Scout leaders over the years. The "perversion files," a nickname the Boy Scouts are said to have used for the documents, have rarely been seen by the public, but that could all change in the

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coming weeks in an Oregon courtroom. The lawyer for a man who was molested in the 1980s by a Scout leader has obtained about 1,000 Boy Scouts sex files and is expected to release some of them at a trial that began Wednesday. The lawyer says the files show how the Boy Scouts have covered up abuse for decades. The trial is significant because the files could offer a rare window into how the Boy Scouts have responded to sex abuse by Scout leaders. The only other time the documents are believed to have been presented at a trial was in the 1980s in Virginia.

BSA Response to Media (Portland, Oregon)

You may have heard about recent news coverage regarding a civil case in Portland, OR. Because this matter involves active litigation the BSA is not able to discuss specific points of this case, therefore the recent coverage you've read is based on the opening arguments from the plaintiff's attorney and does not include the BSA's side of the story. The safety of our youth members and participants is our highest priority. Unfortunately, child abuse is a societal problem and there is no fail-safe method for screening out abusers. However, the BSA has always been on the forefront of Youth Protection and has the most respected Youth Protection measures of any youth-serving organization. (See handout)

Facts About Boy Scouts

Service

In 2008, service projects were conducted by more than 2.8 million youth members and nearly 1.2 million volunteers.

- 35,194,360 service hours were reported in 2008.
- \$712,685,790 of service was provided by Scouts and leaders to communities across America. (Based on \$20.25 Independent Sector value of volunteer time for 2008)

Volunteers

1,165,828 volunteers provided leadership for Scouting programs in 2008.

- On average, Scout volunteers give 20 hours per month in service to Scouting. This equals approximately 279,798,720 hours of volunteer time given to support Scouting in 2008. (Source: Volunteer Outcomes Study, Research & Evaluation)

A Camp Experience that Fits

- **Webelos Resident** — a week long, 5-night/6-day overnight camping experience. The week is for boys entering the **fourth and fifth grades**. Activities are programmed to help Webelos age Cub Scouts with achievements for their rank.
- **Cub Adventure** — is a week long, 5-night/6-day overnight program of fun for **Bears and Wolves**. Programming is appropriate for boys entering the second or third grade.

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- **Cub Experience** - A shorter, 2-night/3-day overnight experience to introduce a Cub Scout to overnight resident camping.
- **Cub/Family Overnight** - is for the Cub Scout and adult partner. This two day/one night stay at camp gives a Cub Scout a sampling of what resident camp is like. Other family members may join in all the fun at camp.
- **Twilight camp** — is programmed for the family. Scheduled in the evening after regular working hours, families can come and have a picnic then take part in the camp activities. It's a way to interact with your Cub Scout in the busy summer months. Programs for all ages.
- **Day Camp** — is run Monday through Friday at convenient locations. This Cub Scout Summer Program is fun and learning without the overnight element. Many boys are introduced to the Cub Scout Outdoor Summer Program at Day Camp before progressing to a resident camp program. Day Camp is most appropriate for Tigers, Wolves and Bears. (See Camptime News)

Adventure Base 100 Lands in East Hartford on June 27th

Adventure Base 100 is the ultimate Scouting experience. This experiential 10,000-square-foot campus provides an exciting view of the Boy Scouts of America's illustrious 100-year history and influential future. Rolling into more than 40 different cities across the country in 2010, Adventure Base 100 features a ropes course, hands-on exhibits, a multi-sensory IMAX-like Go Scouting! Dome, and much, much more! Adventure Base 100 will be at Cabelas in East Hartford on June 27th from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Leave No Trace Trainer Course

Leave No Trace Trainers Course will be offered on April 24, 8:00 AM thru April 25, 1:00 PM at Camp Mattatuck Plymouth, CT. Course is limited to 16 participants. The course will be offered several other times in different camps.

This course covers the seven Leave No Trace principles and teaching techniques to enable you to teach others about them. Course is open to all Scouters and Scouts 14 years or older.

Each student will be responsible for preparing and delivering a 10 -15 minute presentation. Topics will be assigned and sent with the equipment list. Participants need to provide their own camping equipment and a class 1 medical form (an equipment list will be provided once registration is received).

Cost is \$25.00 per participant which includes educational materials. Participants need to provide their own meals.

This is an outdoor program and includes a short backpack trip to a "backcountry site" within Camp Mattatuck.

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2010 EMS Connecticut Rivers Council Scout Show

Silver Bay: The first Boy Scout Campout in the United States

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States the 2010 EMS/Connecticut Rivers Council Jamboree is featuring a Re-enactment of the original Boy Scout Camp in the USA. Silver Bay located in Lake George, New York was the sight for a gathering of 20 groups in February 1910 who came together to formally form the Boy Scouts of America. The Council Jamboree will have displays and activities dedicated to educating Scouts and Scouters about the early days of the Scouting Movement.

Climbing Walls and Obstacle Courses

Boy Scouts will have opportunities to test their physical skills on obstacle courses and climbing walls at the EMS/CRC Council Jamboree. Of course the Council's climbing committee will inspect and insure the safety of these activities. Rest assured that the excitement of a 30 foot climb will test the best athletes. While trying to improve upon your best time through an obstacle run can leave the almost fit person exhausted.

These activities are always in great demand and for that reason the EMS/CRC Scout Jamboree will have more than one course and wall for the pleasure of the boys. Scouts can test themselves or bring their units by and see just who can meet these challenges.

Council Service Project

The Connecticut Rivers Council is collecting eye glasses and cell phones. The collection of 10,000 glasses and phones is the goal that has been set for our Council's 100th Anniversary service project. No need to wait to bring old glasses and phones to the EMS/CT Rivers Council Jamboree, collection boxes are at the Scout office. The collection has begun, let's make this a rousing success. For additional information call 860 913 2751.

A Scout is Reverent

Church Service for all faiths will be conducted on Friday or Saturday evening at the Council Jamboree. Please consult the Jamboree schedule for the location and time of the service of your choice.

More Food Choices, Vendors Planned

In an effort to respond to suggestions made by leaders following the last show we have expanded the number of food vendors at the Council Jamboree. At the last show there was one vendor offering hamburgers. This time there will be at least five professional vendors with food ranging from hot dogs and hamburgers to fried dough. This is in response to all the comments made that Scouts just did not have the time to return to a camp sight and cook for lunch. These vendors have promised reasonable pricing and quality food. For those who choose to eat this way bring money for your lunch. There are also on the Fairgrounds property.

Registrations Due on April 15th

Registrations for both campers and Scout Day Visitors are due April 15th.

Important Dates

Final Registration Date.....April 15, 2010

Leaders Meeting @ Hebron Fair 1PM....April 25

EMS/CT Rivers Jamboree.....June 4/5/6

Late fees will apply to units and individuals registering after April 15th.