



## Toqua District Program Report – January 2008

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### ADVANCEMENT (Chairman - Jane Spreng)

#### Cub Scouts

Webelos Advancement Day - Nov 17<sup>th</sup> was a success because of all the hard work of all those involved. There were almost 100 Webelos who attended. The "Meet the Troops" was a hit. Troops that participated were 15, 18, 20, 141 and 246. Toqua's OA helped impressively with this event.

World Conservation Day - Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> was another huge success. This was again accomplished because of the dedication of all the volunteers. It was a chilly day and what a plus to have Earth Fare keep containers filled with hot chocolate and hot cider for everyone! There were 90 scouts register (most on-site). The volunteers were patient and re-adjusted to the larger groups. Thankfully, we had two Naturalists, so we were able to accept all the on-site registrations.

Do the Zoo- This event is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> - as of today, no one had registered. Somehow pre-registration has to take place, as if the majority is on-site registration; this puts a huge strain on those who planned the event in trying to make sure there will be enough volunteers, supplies, etc.

#### Boy Scouts

For the month of December two (2) Eagle boards were conducted. This puts us over 70 for 2007. One of the goals for Advancement this year is to do more in-depth studies on all rank advances per troop, etc. This is going to take some cooperation from people at the scout office which hasn't been accomplished yet.

#### District Banquet

The planning stages are about to be launched for the banquet which is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Council Advancement

Eagle Recognition Banquet (2007 Eagles) - March 30<sup>th</sup> - place TBD

January 1, 2008 new rank requirements for TF, SC, FC become effective. These changes will help support the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, keeping youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

### ACTIVITIES & CIVIC SERVICE (Chairman - Steve Rainey)

#### Cub Scouts

District Pinewood Derby - The PWD is scheduled for April 5 (time and location TBD). More details should be available soon.



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### Boy Scouts

District Winter Camporee - The next camporee is scheduled for January 25-27, 2008. The theme "Out Hike, Out Camp, Out Cook" will be employed as Boy Scouts backpack at the East Tennessee Tree Farm on the Hiawassee River near Etowah, TN. Steve Kyle will chair this event. The leader's guide and registration materials are currently available on the Toqua website. Preregistration deadline is the January 17 Roundtable.

### Council Activities

2010 Centennial Jamboree - Applications are currently available on the council website for scouts to attend the next National Jamboree at AP Hill, Virginia, July 2010. Over 120 boys have signed up thus far. Only 180 youth will participate in this landmark event. A \$100 fee is required to hold the scout's registration.

#### Qualifications for Scouts:

- Be at least First Class Scout at the time of attendance at Jamboree
- Have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and not reached his 18th birthday by August 2, 2010.
- Participate in pre-jamboree training.
- Submit a completed medical form.
- Be approved by his Scoutmaster and the local council jamboree committee.

Scouting for Food - Bag distribution is February 2 and pickup is the following Saturday, February 9. Bags will be distributed at the January 17<sup>th</sup> Roundtable. Thomas Pendleton is the District Chairman, and Kent Turnbull is the Council Chairman for this event. Contact either one for additional details.

Ice Bears Hockey Boy Scout Night - The next Ice Bears Night is January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Order tickets directly through the Ice Bears by Jan. 25 to receive the discounted rate. The flyer is available on the Toqua website.

Lady Vols Boy Scout Night - On February 3, 2008 at 3PM, the Lady Vols will play Kentucky. Scouts are invited to buy tickets by February 1<sup>st</sup> to receive discounted prices of \$7 per person. See the council website for the flyer.

Dixie Stampede - Scouts are invited on February 23, 2008 to the Dixie Stampede in Pigeon Forge for Scout Night. Cost is \$22.81 per person. See the council website for the flyer and additional details.

Smokies Baseball - On April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM, the Smokies will have the next Scout Night. Scouts can get discounted tickets and Boy Scouts and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos can camp on the field. See the flyer at the council website for full details and costs.

Cumberland Trails Conference - The First Annual Scout Weekend will be May 16-18, 2008. There will be an opportunity for five and ten mile hikes on Sunday. Camping will be held at Nick's Creek



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Camp on the New River in Campbell County. Trail work begins at 7:30AM on Saturday and continues until 2PM, with a lunch break on the trail. Scouts provide all food and gear. This is primitive camping with no running water or electricity. Porta-potties will be provided by the conference. Cost is \$3 per scout. A special patch is included.

### TRAINING (Chairman - Sandra Lee)

#### Cub Scouts

New Leader Essentials and Cub Specific Training - Both of these basic training courses will be presented at the Church for Latter Day Saints (Grigsby Chapel Road, Farragut) on February 16, beginning at 8:15AM for NLE and 10:15AM for Cub Specific. Call Dawn Francescon at (865) 966-8528, cell: 368-1554, [francescond@aol.com](mailto:francescond@aol.com) for additional details.

BALOO and Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders - Both of these trainings will be presented to Cub Scout Leaders on February 2 from 9AM to 5PM at Farragut Presbyterian Church on Jamestowne Road in Farragut. Registration information is available on the Toqua website.

#### Boy Scouts

New Leader Essentials - This will be taught again on March 3, 2008. Location pending. Cost is \$5.

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training - This training is scheduled for March 8, 2008. Location pending. Cost is \$10.

Outdoor Skills Training - Training will be at Camp Pellissippi April 11- 13, 2008. The cost of the weekend course is \$35. If you register for all three classes, the cost is only \$40! Registration deadline for each of these events is February 27. Submit registration and fees to the scout office. Contact Shawn Carson for details on any of the above Boy Scout training courses at 220-2030 or [shawncarson@knology.net](mailto:shawncarson@knology.net).

#### Council Activities

Trainer Development Conference - This is a "train the trainer" type course to help trainers become more effective. All leaders are invited on February 9 from 8:30AM to 4:30PM to attend the training at the Scout Service Center. Cost is free, but you must pre-register. Registration information is available on the Toqua website.

University of Scouting - The University of Scouting will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Crown College. Early bird registration is \$16.00 through Feb. 22, 2008. On Feb. 23, 2008, fee will be \$20.00. Some classes may have additional fees.

New this year will be a Scouting Display competition which is in two categories:

1. Historical or memorabilia
2. Scouting activities/program



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All information is listed in packet to sign up for this competition.

Below is the link to the Registration Packet. This packet includes all information about classes and how to sign up.

[http://www.ehotadistrict.com/events/2008/university\\_of\\_scouting\\_2008.pdf](http://www.ehotadistrict.com/events/2008/university_of_scouting_2008.pdf)

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Bates @ 689-8032.

Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - The council's next Wood Badge Training is scheduled at Camp Buck Toms for Oct. 10-12 and Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2008. All adult leaders are encouraged to attend Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is leadership training at its best! Randy Stevens will be Scoutmaster, and Tom Newman will be the Staff Advisor for this training event. The electronic version of the brochure/application is available on the Toqua website. You may pick up paper copies from the scout office or from Shawn Carson or Michelle Anderson.

### CAMPING (Chairman - Beth Blanchard)

#### Cub Scouts

Day Camp - Day Camp Directors are currently being selected and will be trained in March. Flyers need to be developed in the next couple of months for promotions. Three camps are currently under consideration: Day Camp in June, Twilight Camp in July, and Lenoir City Twilight Camp.

GSMC Webelos Jamboree - This all new event is scheduled for March 8, 2008. This is for all Webelos in the council. Those 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos who would like to crossover at this event will be allowed to camp with a troop on March 8 and continue with a Boy Scout program after crossover. First year Webelos will have a day program and will return home after an exciting campfire program. A general information flyer is currently available on Toqua.org, and the application is due out next week. Boy Scout troops are encouraged to work the event and spend the night with the boys who are crossing over. Questions should be directed to Steve Rainey, event chairman (250-7863 or [stvrainey@yahoo.com](mailto:stvrainey@yahoo.com)).

#### Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Winter Camp - This new camp was held at Camp Buck Toms in December 2007. There were approximately 50 youth and 20 adult participants. The council would like to try this camp again next year. The biggest issue for this camp is the water situation. Camp Buck Toms needs to have an upgrade on its ability to use water during cold weather months, at least in the Dining Hall and Training Lodge.

Boy Scout Summer Camp - The Leader's Guide is available for download on the council website.

Order of the Arrow - OA Election Training is scheduled for Jan. 17 and 24 (7PM) at Concord United Methodist. Contact Jack Watson for additional information at [jwatson423@aol.com](mailto:jwatson423@aol.com).