



Toqua District Program Report – March 2008



ADVANCEMENT (Chairman - Jane Spreng, RL_Spreng@msn.com)

Cub Scouts

World Conservation Day - (scheduled for February 23rd) was postponed due to the soaring cases of flu and Knox County Schools being closed two days prior.

Boy Scouts

Eagle Board - Nine (9) Eagle Boards were held for February for Troops 20, 45, 46, 59 (2), 125, 444, 530, 535.

District Banquet

"There's Nothing Stronger than...The Heart of a Volunteer" will be held on March 13th at Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church - 400 Everett Road - Farragut. Our guest speaker will be Melanie Robinson, Vice President of Human Resources', ImagePoint, speaking on volunteerism. As of today, thirty-five people have signed up for the banquet.

Council Advancement

Eagle Recognition Banquet (2007 Eagles) - March 30th @ 2pm
Ball Camp Baptist Church - 2412 Ball Camp/Byington Rd., Knoxville
Cost \$10.00 by March 19th or \$15.00 at the door
Charles is to post flyer on Toqua Web. Register at the Council office.



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ACTIVITIES & CIVIC SERVICE (Chairman - Steve Rainey, stvrainey@yahoo.com)

Cub Scouts

District Pinewood Derby - The PWD is scheduled for April 5 at Beaty Chevrolet on Parkside. Pack 59 will run the event and concessions. The flyer is now available through the Toqua website.

Boy Scouts

Spring Camporee - The Spring Camporee is scheduled for May 2-4th. The theme for this year is "Highland Games" and the location will be the East Tennessee Tree Farm on the Hiwassee River near Etowah, TN. This event will include an exciting program and the callout of newly elected candidates to the OA. Kent Turnbull (k Turnbull@comcast.net) is chairman for this event. Volunteers are needed to run events and help with coordination. A final flyer will be available on the Toqua website soon.

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.

Smokies Baseball - On April 25th at 7:15PM, the Smokies will have the next Scout Night. Scouts can get discounted tickets and Boy Scouts and 2nd 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 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.

Scout Days at Six Flags, Kentucky Kingdom - June 7th and 8th. Tickets are \$16.99 each. Flyers are available at the Scout Office or you can get more information at www.sixflags.com.



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TRAINING (Chairman - Sandra Lee, donaldwlee@bellsouth.net)

Cub Scouts (Dawn Francescon - chairman)

New Leader Essentials and Cub Specific Training - Next training is scheduled for April 16 at St. John Newmanns School. Call Dawn Francescon at (865) 966-8528, cell: 368-1554, francescond@aol.com for additional details.

Boy Scouts (Shawn Carson - chairman)

New Leader Essentials - On March 3, 2008, twelve Boy Scout Leaders were trained in NLE.

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

Outdoor Skills Training - Training will be at Camp Pellissippi, April 11- 13, 2008. The cost of the weekend course is \$35. 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 .

Venturing (Cheryl Hair - chairman)

Cheryl plans to have Venture Leader Specific Training in August 2008.

Council Activities

Wood Badge for the 21st 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 21st 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.



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CAMPING (Chairman - Beth Blanchard, bethblanchard@hotmail.com)

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Camping Promotion Chairman Vacancy - There is currently a vacancy for the Cub Scout Camping Promotion position. This position is in charge of promoting Cub Scout Day Camps, Family Camps and Resident Camps. Additionally, the incumbent assists the camping chairman in the selection process of Day Camp Directors. Anyone interested in interviewing for this position should speak with Beth Blanchard. Contact her at dlbeth@yahoo.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp - (June 3rd - 6th, 2008) Dawn Francescon and Lisa Haun are in the process of recruiting staff and volunteers to work camp. We are hoping to find someone to take over the Webelos program. LaQuita Misner will be coordinating the Webelos II Program for us, but has requested help if at all possible for the Webelos I program.

Cub Scout Twilight Camp - Jeff Hazlewood will be taking over as Director for Wes Lovell who most likely will have to be out of town the week of camp. We are actively searching for a Program Director.

We have several people who are willing to attend Camp School and take on Director roles for next year, but this does not help us this year.

Cub Scout Lenoir City Twilight Camp - This camp has been postponed until next year.

Spring Cub Scout Family Camp - Spring Family Camp is scheduled for April 19th and 20th. The theme is "Cubs on Target." The flyer will be mailed to all registered Scouts and are available on the council website.

Please note: the council is actively seeking new Family Camp Directors and Program Directors for this year. If you know of someone who is interested in being trained in these director roles, please contact Michelle Anderson @ chelleanderson@mac.com.

Webelos Resident Camp -

There will be two sessions of Resident Camp this year. The first is July 13th to 16th; the second is July 16th to 19th. The Parent Meeting is scheduled for June 24th, 7 pm at the Scout Office. Lisa Hurtt is the Director, and Sharon Dunn is the Program Director for these camps. Flyers for this event should be out within week or so at the council office and on the council website.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Summer Camp - Activities are focused on registrations for summer camp at Camp Buck Toms. Unit preregistrations are running ahead of 2007 levels for all weeks (approximately 2000 scouts), with Week 1 at capacity and several other weeks near capacity. Registration for specific course/program requests began on March 3, and is proceeding rapidly.



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Information to date indicates that 26 Toqua Troops plan to attend summer camp at Camp Buck Toms, 2 Troops will be going out-of-Council to attend Camp Daniel Boone, 1 Troop will not be attending any BSA summer camp, and 3 Troops are still undecided about summer camp plans. Camp promotion discussions are continuing with these latter units, and they are expected to be added to the CBT fold shortly.

This year, Summer Camp will be running the Trading Post instead of National. They will be able to sell more of the Scout-asked-for items than last year.

Order of the Arrow - Current activities are focused on conducting Unit Elections and preparing for the Spring Fellowship, scheduled March 28-30, at Camp Buck Toms. An OA Workday and May Ordeal are scheduled to help prepare Camp Buck Toms for summer camp.

OA Winter Campout - Toqua OA is planning their Annual Winter Camp Out at Camp Pellissippi in Andersonville. The dates are March 7-9, 2008. The cost is \$15 per person. RSVP is due by Thurs, Mar. 6, at the OA Meeting. Scouts should bring signed permission slip with Class 1 medical form & money to the meeting. They will be sleeping in tents, if you can help bring equipment, please let Joseph Stombaugh know. He can be reached at 742-4843. They are meeting at Sam & Andy's Restaurant on Kingston Pike in Farragut at 6:00 p.m. on Fri, Mar. 7. They plan to return on Sun, Mar. 9 at 11:10 am.

If you need more information, go to:

<http://www.toqua.org/CalendarEvents.htm?Program=OA#843>

NYLT - Murphy Monceaux will be Course Director this year and Leona Layman will be Scoutmaster. The course will be the first week of June.

Venturing

Venturing Summer Camp - Venturing will have a week of Summer Camp at Camp Buck Toms for the first time this year. They will be there the week of June 1st, during NYLT and ROTC. They will utilize the COPE course when it is not being used by the other groups. Some of the planned activities include Land Navigation, COPE, Canoeing and Wilderness First Aid. The fee for this week will be the same as normal camp fees. Space is extremely limited.

Planned Council Camp Updates

The Council is looking into having the local utility company take over the maintenance of the lines and poles at Camp Buck Toms. This would require an additional monthly fee, but would take the burden of replacing and maintaining these items off of Camp.

The local fire department has purchased a new fire hydrant for CBT, but the water lines need to be moved about 1000 feet to be closer to Admin and the Dining Hall. The Council is looking into donations of water line and time and resources to install the hydrant. There is no time line for this project.



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The Council is working on securing a grant from the Timkin Company to help replace necessary items in the kitchen including the freezer motor, tilt skillet and ice maker. They are also wanting to replace some of the roofs at Camp Buck Toms.

The Council is also looking into purchasing a new mower for Camp Pellissippi.