



Toqua District Program Report – April 2008



GENERAL PROGRAM NOTES (Chairman - Michelle Anderson, chelleanderson@mac.com)

Planning Calendar for 2008-09

Program Chairmen are currently collecting dates for the update of our district calendar. We hope to have a tentative calendar in the next few weeks.

The council Program Highlights meeting is scheduled for May 1 at Crown College. More details to follow. Ideally, our calendar should be ready for distribution that evening.

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

Boy Scouts

Eagle Boards were held on March 27th and seven (7) more scouts took their boards. The total now for the year is 17. For the first three months of this year, a grand total of 2,911 hours has been devoted to various community needs through Eagle Projects.

District Banquet - Our banquet "There is Nothing Stronger...than the heart of a Volunteer" was held on March 13th at Union-Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

- 52 People signed up (41 paid the late fee this year)
- Our speaker, Melanie Robinson of ImagePoint gave a great talk on how important and rewarding volunteerism is.
- The food was great - Minnie and Cheryl along with their children did all the buying, cooking and serving of the food, which saved quite a bit of money (over \$500.00). If we do this again, we need to make sure there is more help with the cooking as this is a major undertaking for just a few people.
- Congratulations to our District Award of Merit Recipients: Simms Embler, Scott Ewing, Brenda Koch, and Robert McFarland.
- Having door prizes really added some gusto to the evening. Autozone donated many of the items this year.
- Ad Sales were low again this year, but not unexpected with today's economy. So many of the businesses have to contact their corporate office for authorization which usually ends up with the request denied.
- Next year's banquet is planned for March 12, 2009.

Council Advancement

Reminder: New Eagle Scout Rank Application

The new printing of the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-728, has a notable change. Now, under requirement #5, the name of the candidate's Eagle Service Project is required, as well as the grand total of hours devoted to it (from page 10 of the Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook). The new application will be required beginning **May 1, 2008**. The information about Eagle Service Projects will be entered along with other information from Eagle Scout rank applications, and will be stored on a council database. The Council office will be able to generate project summary reports at the district and council level.



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

Cub Scouts

District Pinewood Derby - The PWD is scheduled for April 5th at Beaty Chevrolet. The open race starts at 1:00 and the finals start at 4:00. Pack 59 will be running the event as well as the concessions. The flyer is available online.

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 (kturnbull@comcast.net) is chairman for this event. Volunteers are needed to run events and help with coordination. A final flyer is available on the Toqua website.

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)

There is a staff meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 10:00 am at Sandra Lee's house, 6400 Brandywine Drive, Lenoir City. (986-2775 donaldwlee@bellsouth.net)

New Leader Essentials and Cub Specific Training - Next training has been rescheduled for April 26 at First Farragut United Methodist Church, Church, 12733 Kingston Pike, 37922. Contact Dawn Francescon at (865) 966-8528, cell: 368-1554, francescond@aol.com for additional details. Meet in room the conference room located to the right as one enters the main entrance for the class.

Boy Scouts (Shawn Carson - chairman)

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) The next Venture Leader Specific Training is scheduled for August 23, 2008 from 9am to 3pm.

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 Sandra Lee.



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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) We are still seeking a candidate for Webelos Director. Please let Beth Blanchard (dlbeth@yahoo.com) know if you are interested.

Cub Scout Twilight Camp - We are still actively searching for a Program Director.

Spring Cub Scout Family Camp - Spring Family Camp is scheduled for April 19th and 20th. The theme is "Cubs on Target." The flyer is available on the council website. Sign up today!

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 will be available soon at the council office and on the council website.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Summer Camp - Most Toqua Troops have registered to attend summer camp at Camp Buck Toms, with the exception of 2 Troops attending out-of-Council camp at Camp Daniel Boone, and 1 unit not attending summer camp. Three other units plan to attend CBT, but have not yet completed their registrations. Registrations are filling up fast, with Weeks 1 and 3 already completely full and accepting no new reservations; other weeks also promise to have very good attendance for 2008.

Order of the Arrow - Spring Fellowship was held March 28-30 at Camp Buck Toms and went very well. Unit Elections have been completed for all Toqua Troops with Scouts eligible for OA membership except one, which will be completed this weekend.

Planned Council Camp Updates

The Council has received a sizeable grant of \$65,000 from the Timken Foundation to update the Camp Buck Toms' kitchen. These updates should be completed by Summer Camp.