

## DIRECT SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

### **HOLD FOR ASIA CAMPOREE STORY**

#### ***LONE SCOUT CALEB YANKEE'S WEBSITE***

Caleb Yankee is a Lone Scout in Ontario, Canada. To let others know of his adventures, Caleb has developed his own website, [www.lonescouts.wordpress.com](http://www.lonescouts.wordpress.com). Be sure to visit his site to see what this Lone Scout is doing.

#### ***SANTIAGO PACK 3700 HAS HAD AN EXCITING YEAR***

The Cub Scouts of Pack 3700 in Santiago, Chile, have had a very busy year. They've participated in a bike rodeo, visited the American Embassy and a police station, had a campout, and competed in a pinewood derby.



At the bike rodeo, all of the Scouts and their siblings had the chance to run a circuit of bike repairs, obstacle course, and road safety, and then we take them on a 40-minute ride. It's quite a group that sets out for the big ride!



The Webelos got to work on their Citizenship pin during a visit to the American Embassy. They saw the commercial section, and met an FBI agent who showed them all of his gear and talked about what he does. He then handcuffed one of the boys and marched them down to the Marine who has the keys to let them out. The Marines showed them their gear and



helped them put it on (some of the gear weighed more than some of the kids!).

After that they went outside for a flag ceremony. The Marines showed the boys how to form up and how they salute the flag, and the boys showed the Marines how they salute.

### **Meet Kenya's New Eagle Scouts**



(From left to right: Ambassador Gratton, Jesse Ham, Thomas McGee, Mark Manning, and Brent Derocher)

BSA Troop 140, Nairobi, Kenya, held its Court of Honor ceremony on May 13 and inducted four boys to the rank of Eagle Scout. U.S. Ambassador Scott Gratton was both the guest of honor and host, welcoming members of Troop 140 and their families to his residence.

In recognition of their accomplishment, troop committee chair John Power, noted that it was an extraordinary achievement to have four Scouts inducted as Eagle Scouts at one time. In honor of the

occasion, Ambassador Gratton presented each boy with a certificate of recognition and commemorative coin.

This group of Eagle Scouts organized service projects benefiting Kenyan youth. Brent Derocher constructed desks for students at the Pangani School located in the Mathare area of Nairobi. Jesse Ham organized a community cleanup event and painted classrooms at the Hope Center School in Mathare. Thomas McGee collected donations of books and board games and set up a library at The Nest children's home in Limuru. Lone Scout Mark Manning built school desks for the AIC Primary School in Kijabe. In all, these Eagle Scout projects represent 670 hours of community service.

### ***TROOP 1776, SULAYMANIA, IRAQ***



Boy Scout Troop 1776 is chartered by Millennium Relief and Development Services in Sulaymania, Iraq. The new troop had the opportunity to visit the U.S. Consulate in Erbil. Consul General Paul Sutphin visited with the troop and posed for a group photo.

### ***CUB SCOUT PACK 173, ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN***

Cub Scout Pack 173, chartered by the QSI International School of Astana, celebrated the end of their first year with an overnight campout. Congrats to all the stalwart Scouts and parents who braved the rain and hail. It may have dampened the bedding but I hope not the spirits. The accompanying photo is from that campout.

Cubmaster Robert Timm thanked all the boys and parents who pitched in to make the pack a possibility. He said the Law of the Pack says that "The Cub Scout helps the pack go" but it takes a lot of Akelas to make the pack go, too.



As with all Direct Service units, there will be some members who will be moving and not returning to the pack in the fall. It's certain though that they will be leaving with some happy Scouting memories of their time in Pack 173.