

## Direct Service Email News

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Website: [www.directservicebsa.org](http://www.directservicebsa.org)Email address: [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org)**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES NEW SCOUT EXECUTIVE**

Wayne Brock has been selected as the next Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. Wayne has had a long and distinguished career in the BSA. He currently serves as the chief operating officer at our national office. Wayne will start his new role on September 1.

He follows Robert "Bob" Mazzuca, who will retire in August at the conclusion of his five-year term as Chief Scout Executive. The professional leadership change coincides with a transition of Scouting's national president, the organization's top volunteer leader

**THE EAGLES' NEST**

We are honored to recognize the following Scouts who have earned the rank since our last newsletter.

NAME	TROOP #	LOCATION
Ralph Boustros	970	Doha, Qatar
Grant Thomas Coalmer	826	Manama, Bahrain
Thomas Farrell Curry	183	Guangzhou, China
Ali Ahmad Fazal	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Alexander Quinn Fulling	500	Moscow, Russia
Seth Joseph Hickox	500	Moscow, Russia
Jarom Joseph Hyde	709	Hong Kong
Mark John Jerry	938	Safat, Kuwait
Henry Cabaniss Johnson	257	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Jungwoo Kang	500	Moscow, Russia
Jad Sameer Kano	454	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Mehraan Azaad Keval	806	Amman, Jordan
Michael Samuel Koehlmoos	455	Jakarta, Indonesia
David Zhiwen Larsen	12	Shanghai, China
Louis James Ferdinand Levy	183	Guangzhou, China
Fredrick Caleb Lewis	709	Hong Kong
Logan Casey Marquardt	870	Alice Springs, Australia
Joseph Stanley Merusi	222	Penang, Malaysia
Ryan Carter Moon	511	Calgary, AB, Canada
Thomas Everett Moyer	Lone Scout	Hanoi, Vietnam
Lawrence Michael Ng	1	Hong Kong
Todd Kevin Okeson	Lone Scout	Suzhou, China
Preston Scott Overson	3	Mexico City, Mexico
Michael A. Parra	701	Cairo, Egypt
Aaron Spencer Perez	970	Doha, Qatar
Benjamin Harding Perkins	709	Hong Kong
Jacob Christian Peterson	980	Kiev Ukraine
Daniel Lawrence Phipps	257	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Mitchel Joseph Pink	442	Stirling, WA, Australia
Samuel Adams Quillin	943	Beijing, China

James Robert Rigby	970	Doha, Qatar
Justin Isaac Salama	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Jules Robert Silberberg	500	Moscow, Russia
Steven Craig Smith	709	Hong Kong
Niels Jeffrey Snow	500	Moscow, Russia
Tyler Vincent Wilkins	1	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

### ***NEW UNITS JOIN DIRECT SERVICE***

The following units have joined Direct Service since our last newsletter:

- Cub Scout Pack 3788, Shekou, China, chartered by the SEEC (Shekou Educational Enrichment Consortium)
- Boy Scout Troop 221, Jubail, Saudi Arabia, chartered by ISG Jubail Parent Teacher Organization
- Boy Scout Troop 451, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, chartered by Raytheon Middle East Systems

### ***NEW SCOUTS AND LEADERS? SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS NOW***

Now that summer is over and meetings have begun, your troop, pack, and crew are bound to have new members joining up. Don't hold on to their applications; get them registered right away! It is very important that you send in applications for new members as soon as possible. Remember, any merit badges, ranks, or awards they earn cannot be credited to their record if they are not registered. Applications can be emailed to Terry Meyers at Direct Service (terry.meyers@scouting.org). Prorate their registration fee at \$1.25 a month from the month they join until your unit's charter expires.

### ***BSA INTRODUCES THE CYBER CHIP***



Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert NetSmartz® Workshop, part of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies.

The Cyber Chip can be earned by any youth in the BSA's programs. The material is tailored at each level for age-appropriateness. Topics include cyberbullying, cellphone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft. Resources for this program are available at [www.scouting.org/cyberchip](http://www.scouting.org/cyberchip). The Cyber Chip can be used as a tool to show skill and commitment to what's right in the cyberworld. Many unit leaders will require youth to earn the Cyber Chip before allowing any electronic use on outings. This is a decision each unit can make on its own, much like the Totin' Chip is used today.

The Cyber Chip pocket card and patch can be purchased through Direct Service or a certificate can be downloaded for free online:

#### **Boy Scout Cyber Chip:**

Emblem No. 615496, \$2.99

Pocket Certificate No. 615438, \$.79

#### **Cub Scout Cyber Chip:**

Emblem No. 615495, \$2.99

Pocket Certificate No. 615437, \$.79



### **Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant**

Do you have Life Scouts in your troop working on their Eagle Scout Service project? Are you aware that Home improvement retailer Lowe's has teamed with the Boy Scouts of America to provide the Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant for candidates working on their Eagle Scout service project?

A generous contribution from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has made it possible for local councils to present selected *Eagle Scout candidates who are planning a construction-based project with a \$100 prepaid gift card to be used toward their service projects.*

The Direct Service Eagle project review board will determine which projects qualify for a Lowe's grant and then distribute its allotment of the \$100 prepaid gift cards to recipients. The prepaid gift cards do not have to be used at a Lowe's store, but must be used to purchase building materials and equipment for the Eagle candidate's service project.

To qualify for a Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact Grant, the individual must complete and submit the [Lowe's grant application](#)  to Terry Meyers at [terry.meyers@scouting.org](mailto:terry.meyers@scouting.org) along with copies of pages 6 through 10 of the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927.

## ARE YOU A MESSENGER OF PEACE?

All over the world, Scouts are doing service projects that help people. They solve conflicts in school by preventing bullying, lead peer education programs, help the poor and the hungry, create solutions to environmental problems, and run countless other service projects. Messengers of Peace (MOP) is the initiative that brings all of this work together.



Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace. Using state-of-the-art social media, the initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities. The initiative is inspired by the World Scout Committee, administered by the World Scout Bureau, and driven by Scouts worldwide

Submitting MOP-related projects is easy for BSA units. All they need to do is check the Messengers of Peace box when entering a service project through the Journey to Excellence website ([www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence](http://www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence)). Doing so will add the project to the map on the Messengers of Peace website (<http://scoutmessengers.com>) and will generate a unit certificate.

Any Scout or Scouter who participates in a qualifying project is eligible to wear a Messengers of Peace ring patch around the World Crest on his or her uniform. To purchase these ring patches, Direct Service units may order them through [terry.meyers@scouting.org](mailto:terry.meyers@scouting.org).

Every Scout who runs a service project is a Messenger of Peace. Together, we create a network of Messengers of Peace all over the world. What are you waiting for? Become a Messenger of Peace!

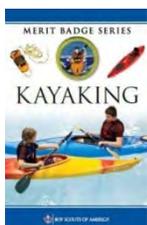
## CUB SCOUT DERBIES

Racing in a Cub Scout derby is great fun. You'll get to design your racing vehicle, work with a parent to build it, and see it perform on race day. Win or lose, you'll take pride in having done your best. When you race in a Cub Scout derby, you learn craft skills, the rules of fair play, and good sportsmanship—things you will remember all your life.

The main types of derbies are the pinewood derby, raingutter regatta, space derby, and Cubmobile derby. More information can be found at the official pinewood derby website, [www.pinewoodderby.org](http://www.pinewoodderby.org). This site has information for pack leaders and parents. Membership is free and offers many ideas, photos, and videos as well as derby car design plans, free tips, and secrets to make your car a winner!

## INTRODUCING THE KAYAKING MERIT BADGE

Although the official industry launch of the new Kayaking merit badge didn't take place until the Outdoor Retailer Summer Market event Aug. 2–5 in Salt Lake City, the "earn date" for the badge has been moved up to June 13 to accommodate Scouts who were heading to summer camp. The official badge pamphlet (No. 614941) and merit badge (No. 615305) can be ordered through the Direct Service administrator.



This merit badge can be earned concurrently with the Kayaking BSA Award, but earning one does not automatically qualify the Scout for earning the other.

This merit badge should be taught on quiet water without significant wind, waves, or current. The boats should be hard-shell kayaks with large, open cockpits from which the Scout can easily perform a wet exit, or they should be sit-on-tops or inflatable crafts. The boats should preferably be solo boats, and all testing should be done with the Scout as a solo paddler. A kayak with a spray skirt should be permitted only when the Scout has had prior kayak training and is able to perform a wet exit with a skirt to the counselor's satisfaction.

### ***Now Available—Search and Rescue Merit Badge!***

The Search and Rescue merit badge was announced recently at the [2012 National Search and Rescue Conference](#). The conference was hosted by the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR) and the Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The merit badge pamphlet is now available.



Every year, thousands of people who were reported missing are saved by specialized search and rescue (SAR) teams. With high-tech navigation tools readily available, many people are able to self-evacuate from remote areas, but the critical skills of SAR are still essential to saving lives.

Because society in general is very attuned to urban searches, such as Amber Alerts (children) and Silver Alerts (seniors), we will be providing a one-page list called Staying Found—which helps members of the community understand what they can do if a person goes missing. All information will be available shortly.

### ***Even More New Merit Badges Are Coming Your Way***

The BSA has plans for even more merit badges to be released over the next few years. Here's a brief look at what is coming.

**Programming** - A tech-focused merit badge for the 21st century. *Estimated release: 2013*

**Game Design** - Slated to include both traditional games and video games, this sure-to-be-popular merit badge will test Scouts' creativity, computer skills, and planning abilities. *Estimated release: 2013*

**Animation** - Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities. *Estimated release: 2013-2014*

**Signs, Signals, and Codes** - American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used language in the United States. The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications. *Estimated release: late 2014 or 2015*

### **Changes Coming to Current Merit Badges**

In addition to the new badges mentioned above, there will also be changes to the requirements for some of the current merit badges.

**Cycling** - *Update expected in 2013* – Adds a mountain biking option for Scouts.

**Cooking** - *Update expected in 2013 or 2014* – *Current proposal is to* better incorporate the BSA's healthy living initiatives.

### ***GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT – A Great Resource for Packs, Troops, and Crews.***

Ever had a question regarding current BSA advancement requirements? The BSA's *Guide to Advancement* is the place to find the answers. In addition to the downloadable PDF edition, this guide is now available in an indexed online version. For the web version, go to [www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/GuideToAdvancement.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/GuideToAdvancement.aspx).

The PDF version is available to download from

[www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/boyscouts/advancementandawards/resources.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/boyscouts/advancementandawards/resources.aspx). Note that the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, the Eagle Scout Rank Application, and many other resources can also be found here.

### ***CUB SCOUT LEADERS – The Pace of Advancement in a Pack***

A Cub Scout should earn the rank for his grade or age; he does not go back and work on previous ranks that he missed. Generally speaking, a Cub Scout should advance one rank per year.

A Cub Scout's advancement progress depends on several parameters including his own motivation, the encouragement and help he gets from family and leaders, and his need for recognition. These factors will vary for each boy. Generally, between the parent/guardian, den leader, and others, they will know if the effort put forth is

really the Cub Scout's best. In any event, and absent special needs, the Cub Scout should start working on the next year's rank along with his den no later than the beginning of the next school year.

**Are your Cub Scouts advancing?** Be sure to report their progress by sending an advancement report to Terry Meyer. This document is available from the Resource section of [www.directservicebsa.org](http://www.directservicebsa.org).

### ***JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR and JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET***



Scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell, saw the need, in 1920, for a gathering of representatives of Scouting from all around the world to hold a jamboree to promote and foster a worldwide brotherhood of Scouting. The Scouting movement successfully continues to have world and national jamborees every four years, alternating the events on two-year intervals. The jamboree energy fostering Scouting brotherhood is now accessible every year on the third weekend in



October with Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet.

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA), is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee. There are many ways to get your Scouts involved in JOTA.

Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) is an economical way of communicating around the world. The event allows Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the world through the Internet and share more information than just "Hi." The exchanges can include such information as name, location of event, Scout rank, age, and hobbies. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships. Another great idea is to incorporate JOTI participation to help fulfill a Citizenship in the World or Computers merit badge requirement!

To learn more about how to participate in JOTA and JOTI, visit [www.scouting.org/international](http://www.scouting.org/international).

JOTI and JOTA patches are temporary insignia to be worn on the right pocket of the Scout uniform or on jackets or vests, and they cost \$4 each. They are available in LIMITED QUANTITY, so order early! Please allow four weeks for delivery. Checks or money orders will be accepted and must be made payable to Boy Scouts of America. We also accept American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards. Send requests for patches to:

Boy Scouts of America  
Jamboree-on-the-Internet S221  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
Or call the International Department at (972) 580-2405.

### ***PANAMA SCOUT GONE HOME***



Our Direct Service family has suffered a great loss. Edgar O. Vasquez G, former assistant Scoutmaster and committee member for Troop 24, Balboa Heights, Panama, passed away on June 25, 2012. He was 42 years old.

Edgar joined Troop 24 in 1985. In his many Scouting roles, he served as chapter adviser for Chiriqui Chapter, Gamewinink Lodge 555; Boy Scout district roundtable commissioner for Panama Canal District; summer camp merit badge counselor; and fall camporee director.

As assistant project coordinator for the Environment Division in the Panama Canal Authority, Edgar was in charge of the annual Beaches, Rivers and Lakes Cleanup Campaign sponsored by the Panama Canal Authority and Ocean Conservancy along with other volunteer organizations directly related to the Clean Up the World Campaign. In addition, he was responsible for social projects in communities settled close to the watershed of the Panama Canal. Scouting skills and training helped him to improve relationships between the Panama Canal Authority and local authorities looking

for support for their needs. He was widely known by many volunteer organizations for his model of excellence, cooperation, integrity, courtesy, and friendliness.

Edgar earned his Wood Badge beads, was an Order of the Arrow member, and received the Scouter's Training Award. He also received the "La Orden del Espiritu de las Buenas Obras" – Order of the Spirit of Good Deeds, an award created by the old Canal Zone Council to honor Scouters for their outstanding service.

His funeral service gathered Scouts, Scouters, family, and friends who came together to honor his legacy of love and unmatched ability to reach out to people and to remember a man who always exemplified the best of the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan.

Edgar leaves behind his wife, Vicky, and two sons, Oliver and Ethan. All of Troop 24's former members as well as the BSA Scouting family will miss him greatly. Let his memory continue to strengthen the spirit of Scouting in each of us.

*The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.*

*Lord Baden-Powell, age 80. From his last letters, September 1940.*

## ***CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES***

### **Direct Service Units:**

Pack and Troop 12 (Shanghai): <http://12.shanghaiscouts.org>  
Pack 3060 and Troop 60 (New Delhi): [www.newdelhiscouts.org](http://www.newdelhiscouts.org)  
Pack and Troop 969 (Shanghai): <http://969.shanghaiscouts.org>  
*Lone Scout Caleb Yankee*: <http://lonescouts.wordpress.com/>

### **Sites of Interest:**

Boy Scouts of America: [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)  
BSA National Supply Group online catalog: [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)  
*Boy Scout Fieldbook* companion site: [www.bsafieldbook.org](http://www.bsafieldbook.org)  
*Boys' Life* magazine: <http://boyslife.org>  
BSA Hispanic Initiatives: [www.scouting.org/HispanicInitiatives](http://www.scouting.org/HispanicInitiatives)  
BSA International: [www.scouting.org/international](http://www.scouting.org/international)  
Jamboree-on-the-Air: [www.scouting.org/jota](http://www.scouting.org/jota)  
Jamboree-on-the-Internet: [www.joti.org](http://www.joti.org)  
MyScouting: [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)  
Scout requirements: [www.scouting.org/boyscouts](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts)  
*Scouting* magazine: <http://scoutingmagazine.org>  
Venturing: [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing)