



National Capital Area Council CENTENNIAL BULLETIN

March 2010

This month's bulletin showcases the Centennial Get Fit Program and provides updates on how to get involved in the Centennial Camporee and Parade. Also included: the exciting Nationwide 'Get in the Game' Geocaching Program and Historical Merit Badges brought back for the Centennial Year.

Centennial Get Fit Program

As part of our Centennial celebration, the National Capital Area Council is partnering with the United States Marines Youth Foundation to deliver a fitness program to our Scouts this year for fun, advancement and good health. See www.boyscouts-ncac.org/getfit and Page 2 of this bulletin for more information on how your unit can get involved.

Get in the Game ! with Geocaching

For our 100th Anniversary, BSA is tapping into the fun and excitement of Geocaching. Five main Scout-related Geocaching activities have been organized to share Scouting skills and adventure. See <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/Geocaching.aspx> and Page 3 of this bulletin for more information.



Historical Merit Badge Program

There are plans to bring back a number of historic merit badges just for this year. Scouts will be able to earn these discontinued merit badges in honor of the Centennial. Those being considered were first offered in 1910 and 1911, and original requirements will be used where possible. Kickoff of this program is on hold for the moment, but should start soon. Details can be found at http://www.bsa-sjac.org/forms/advancement/2010_Historical_Merit_Badges.pdf, just be aware this may change and watch the 100th Anniversary website for updates.

Centennial Camporee Update

For units who have registered, the deadline for finalizing unit numbers is March 15th, and troops have until April 15th to add Webelos crossovers. There are openings on Camporee Staff in nearly all areas: program (Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venturing), transportation/parking, security, communication, docent/guide, food service, OA Service Corps, commissioner staff, and medical. You can register on-line, just go to http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2010 and look for "Staff Registration".



Grand Centennial Parade – Registration is Now Open!

The parade is coming: the Grand Centennial Parade on July 25th, 2010 down Constitution Avenue. On-line registration is open for **Reviewing and Marching Units, Divisional Support Units, Eagle Scout Division, and Adult Special Assignments**. Description of each and on-line registration can be found at: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=34474&orgkey=2010>



See Pages 4 and 5 of this Bulletin for summary information on all Council and National Centennial Activities. This summary is updated every month, so read closely and distribute this Bulletin freely to all NCAC Scouts and Scouters !



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MONTHLY FEATURED ACTIVITIES**

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Centennial Get Fit Program

As part of the BSA Centennial Celebration, the National Capital Area Council is partnering with The United States Marines Youth Foundation to deliver a dynamic fitness program to our Scouts throughout the year.



Physical Fitness is part of BSA Advancement. The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs all have physical fitness requirements. In the course of a Scout's advancement, if he starts as a Tiger and ends as a Venturer, he will already participate in some kind of BSA fitness program almost every year:

| Cub Scout Program | Boy Scout Program | Venturing Program |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness Beltloop • Wolf Cub Fitness Assessment • Webelos—Athlete Activity Badge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenderfoot Physical Fitness Requirements • Personal Fitness Merit Badge • Athletics Merit Badge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Award for Sports • Personal Improvement Project, Venturing Gold Award • Quest Award |

Leaders and youth can also pursue the BSA Physical Fitness Award (see <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Publications/PhysicalFitness.aspx>)

Get Fit Program Goals. The Get Fit program is designed to unify and supplement these requirements—giving leaders the opportunity to satisfy already existing advancement requirements through council-wide fitness events and competitions and an annual unit-level fitness assessment. All while providing a fun and challenging fitness program for youth and adult leaders.

Teaming up with the Marines. To accomplish these goals, we will use the Marines Youth Foundation's "National Youth Physical Fitness Program". A booklet was recently delivered to all NCAC units through the February District Roundtables.

Youth who complete the program as described in the booklet can receive a handsome certificate from the Marines Youth Foundation. High school-age Scouts even have the opportunity to compete in teams at regional and national levels. It's a great way to make fitness fun and prepare your Scouts for the rigors of high adventure camping.

How do you get involved? The NCAC 'Get Fit' website (www.boyscouts-ncac.org/getfit) has links to the physical fitness advancement requirements listed above and will be regularly updated with council-wide events and activities related to physical fitness, including the following:

- Council-wide fitness competitions at the Council Centennial Camporee and Summer Camp at Goshen
- Local NCAC-area races and fun runs
- Cub Scout Day Camps where the Marine Corps will be running obstacle courses
- An NCAC 'Get Fit' Program presence on the National Mall during Centennial Scouting on the Mall, July 23 - August 8, 2010

But Most Importantly. Go to NCAC 'Get Fit' website to sign up a representative from your unit to be a 'Get Fit' Program Liaison. That person will receive all program updates by email.

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Get in the Game! with Geocaching

For the 100th Anniversary Celebration, BSA is tapping into the fun and excitement of geocaching. Through 'Get in the Game' geocaching events, Scouts and non-Scouts are searching for prizes in this fast-paced outdoor quest.



What is Geocaching?

Put simply, it's a high tech treasure hunt. Players hide containers, called 'caches' or 'geocaches' outdoors and then share the coordinates. Then other players seek them out using GPS navigation devices. It's fun, challenging and interesting for individuals, families and groups.

What do you need to play?

- Some form of electronic navigation device, most often GPS units. Some retailers offer discounts to Scout groups if you don't already have one. There are geocaching apps for the iPhone and other cell phones. You'll also need a map and compass – the technology only takes you so far and when you get close to a cache site you need traditional orienteering skills.
- To build a cache, all you need is a piece of paper to serve as a log, Scouting items like patches and photos, and a plastic container.

Get in the Game Activities

BSA has developed five geocaching activities:

- [**Pillars of Scouting**](#) — "Travel Bugs®" that go from cache to cache around the nation to highlight core Scouting values.
- [**Cache to Eagle®**](#) — BSA districts across America are hiding caches to showcase some of Scouting's great gifts to America, Eagle Scout service project sites. Learn how this program started at Geoscouting.com.
- [**Treasures of Scouting**](#) — Caches around the country that showcase Scouting people and programs: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Scouting Alumni, and Volunteers.
- [**Race to 2010**](#) — Pinewood Derby cars have just started zooming around the nation.
- [**Cache In Trash Out**](#) — Partnering with Geocaching.com, Scouts join in a single day of service throughout America.

Some of these activities, like *Race to 2010*, have just started and others will be available soon. Each of the activities listed above has its own information sheet and resources. Although some activities may require Council coordination, others can be undertaken by units.

The starting point for all information that your unit needs to 'Get in the Game' is the central website at <http://scouting.org/100years/100years/Geocaching.aspx>.

Address any questions and input to NCAC Get in the Game Coordinator Eric Steele at eric.steele@Scouting.org

Good Luck and Happy Caching !





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Council Centennial Activities

National Centennial Activities

Centennial Camporee



When: May 29-31, 2010
What: Council-wide camporee with programs for Cubs, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Games, contests and a special arena show.
Where: Goshen Scout Reservation
Update: See December Bulletin for Full Registration Details. Updates provided in January, February and this Bulletin.
Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at george.crittenden@scouting.org
Lead Commissioner: Jerry Prentice at jerry@prenticegroup.com
For more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial

BSA National Hall of Leadership

When: February 2009 to April 2 2010
What: A one-time opportunity to recognize and thank Scouts, leaders, and volunteers (past and present) for their contributions. Deserving Scouts and volunteers can be nominated on-line.
Where: No physical location
Update: See February Bulletin for more details.
Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at george.crittenden@scouting.org
For more information: Nominations can be made at: www.scouting.org/100years/100years/nationalhallofleadership.aspx

Grand Centennial Parade



When: July 25, 2010 (the day before the National Jamboree opening)
What: Scouting units from all over the country (est 12,000) marching in 10 historic divisions, each representing a decade of the 100 years of BSA, plus an Eagle Scout division. Plus five floats, bands, drum & bugle corps, balloons, thousands of Scouts reviewing along the parade route.
Where: Constitution Avenue 7th to 17th St NW, Washington DC
Update: NCAC units will be invited to march and review and volunteer in other capacities.
See more details in the November 2009 and February 2010 Bulletins.
Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at george.crittenden@scouting.org
Lead Commissioner: Carl Stout at carlstoutbsa@cox.net
For more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial

Generations Connection

When: April 2009 to December 2010
What: A series of opportunities at national, council, district and unit level to celebrate the important, positive impact that Scouting has had on American families. Includes on-line resources to share your family scouting story and trace/document your Scouting ancestry.
Where: Various
Update: The tree is a symbol of generations connections (family tree). BSA has formed a partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation. Official 100th anniversary trees can be ordered at www.arborday.org/boyscouts and used at unit or district level family recognition events. For each tree purchased, another will be planted in Montana at the newly created Boy Scouts of America Centennial Forest.
For more information: Download guides and other resources at: www.scouting.org/100years/100years/GenerationsConnection.aspx

Centennial Scouting on the Mall



When: July 23rd – August 8th, 2010
What: Longest continuous Scouting presence on the National Mall in history. Showcase of all things Scouting with scoutcraft, merit badges, camping, service projects etc.
Where: Scouting on the Mall will be located on the Northeast quadrant of the grounds of the Washington Monument near Constitution Ave and 5th Street NW
Update: See December Bulletin for more details.
Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at: george.crittenden@scouting.org
Lead Commissioner: Tony Quinn at Tony.Quinn2@usdoj.gov
For more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial

Adventure Base 100

When: January 2010 to November 2010
What: A travelling Scouting hands-on exhibit. A truck that unfolds into 10,000 square feet of immersive Scout-related experiences with a high-tech museum, ropes course, interactive kiosks, etc.
Where: Starts in Pasasena and stop at major media markets throughout the country, including Scouting on the Mall.
Update: Adventure Base is operated by local councils and will require participation from NCAC units during the Scouting on Mall timeframe.
See December Bulletin for more details.
Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at: george.crittenden@scouting.org
For more information: see www.scouting.org/100years/100years/AdventureBase100.aspx



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Centennial Get-Fit Program

When: Beginning Jan 2010, continuous as a unit activity during and beyond the Centennial year.

What: Activities to enhance the physical readiness of Scouts and adults. Provide opportunities for annual national fitness competitions.

Where: Unit level, other venues to be determined.

Update: See Page 2 of this Bulletin

Council Coordinator: Peter Johnson at pjohnson@boyscouts-ncac.org or Sue Hart at shart@boyscouts-ncac.org

Lead Commissioner: To be assigned

For more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial

Alumni Connection

When: Launched August 2007 and continuous through the Centennial

What: Invitations and resources to bring BSA alumni back to the Scouting program. Through a national website, alumni can search for Scouting friends and mentors, upload photos and stories onto an on-line scrapbook, and learn how to engage in Centennial activities.

Where: Online

Update: See January Bulletin for more details

For more information: Start at www.BSAalumni.org

Get in the Game ! – Geocaching

When: Throughout the Centennial Year

What: A high-tech treasure hunt nation-wide and a way to get youth involved in Scouting. BSA has developed five geocaching activities to appeal to all age groups: Pillars of Scouting, Cache to Eagle, Treasures of Scouting, Race to 2010, and Cache In Trash Out.

Where: To be accomplished at Council, District and Unit level.

Update: See Page 3 of this Bulletin for more details.

Council Coordinator: Eric Steele at eric.steele@Scouting.org

For more information: See www.scouting.org/100years/100years/Geocaching.aspx

A Year of Celebration

When: September 2009 to December 2010

What: A unique centennial awards program, centering on five Scouting core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement and the Outdoors. Anyone ever involved in Scouting can earn the 100th anniversary commemorative patch. A ribbon can be earned to hang from the patch for each of the core values.

Where: To be accomplished at Council, District and Unit level.

Update: See October Bulletin for more details.

For more information: Start at www.BSAalumni.org

Other National Centennial Activities

Pitch for Scouting

Major league baseball will join BSA in a shared celebration of 100 years of Scouting. Scout celebrations will be on the field and involved in the game in both major and minor league ballparks. Emphasizing fun, fitness and family, "Pitch for Scouting" will celebrate the traditions and shared values of both the BSA and MLB.

For more information: Coming soon.

BSA Centennial Coin

350,000 silver dollar coins will be minted in honor of the Centennial. For each coin sold, there will be a \$10 surcharge – representing a \$3,500,000 donation – that will be made available to local councils in the form of grants for the extension of Scouting in hard to serve areas.

See January Bulletin for details

For more information:

www.scouting.org/Media/PressReleases/PreviousYears/2008/20081020.aspx

A Shining Light Across America

Planned for Sat July 31st 2010 (during the National Jamboree), a stage show with national broadcast using virtual hookups will transmit out and bring in local participation from locations across the country.

See February Bulletin for details

For more information:

www.scouting.org/100years/100years/ShiningLight.aspx