

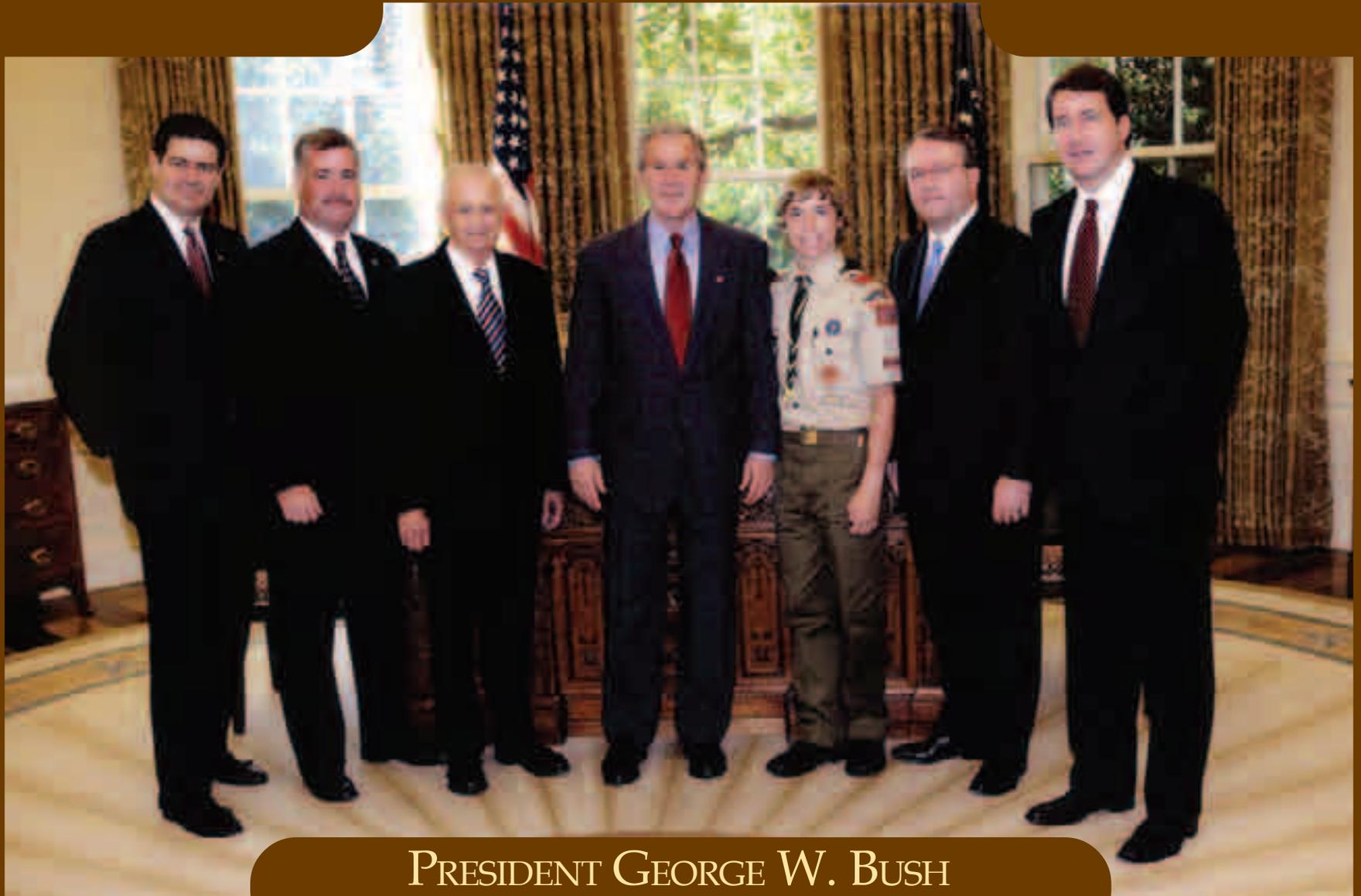
Passing the Torch - Scouting's Legacy



2006 Annual Report

*Scouts Honor President Gerald R. Ford
Our Nation's Only Eagle Scout President*

National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America



PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH
34TH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Our Mission

Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Vision Statement of the National Capital Area Council

The vision for the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) is to accomplish the mission of the BSA in such an exemplary manner as to be recognized by our public as the premier youth organization in the communities we serve and by other councils and the National Council as second to none in all our endeavors.

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

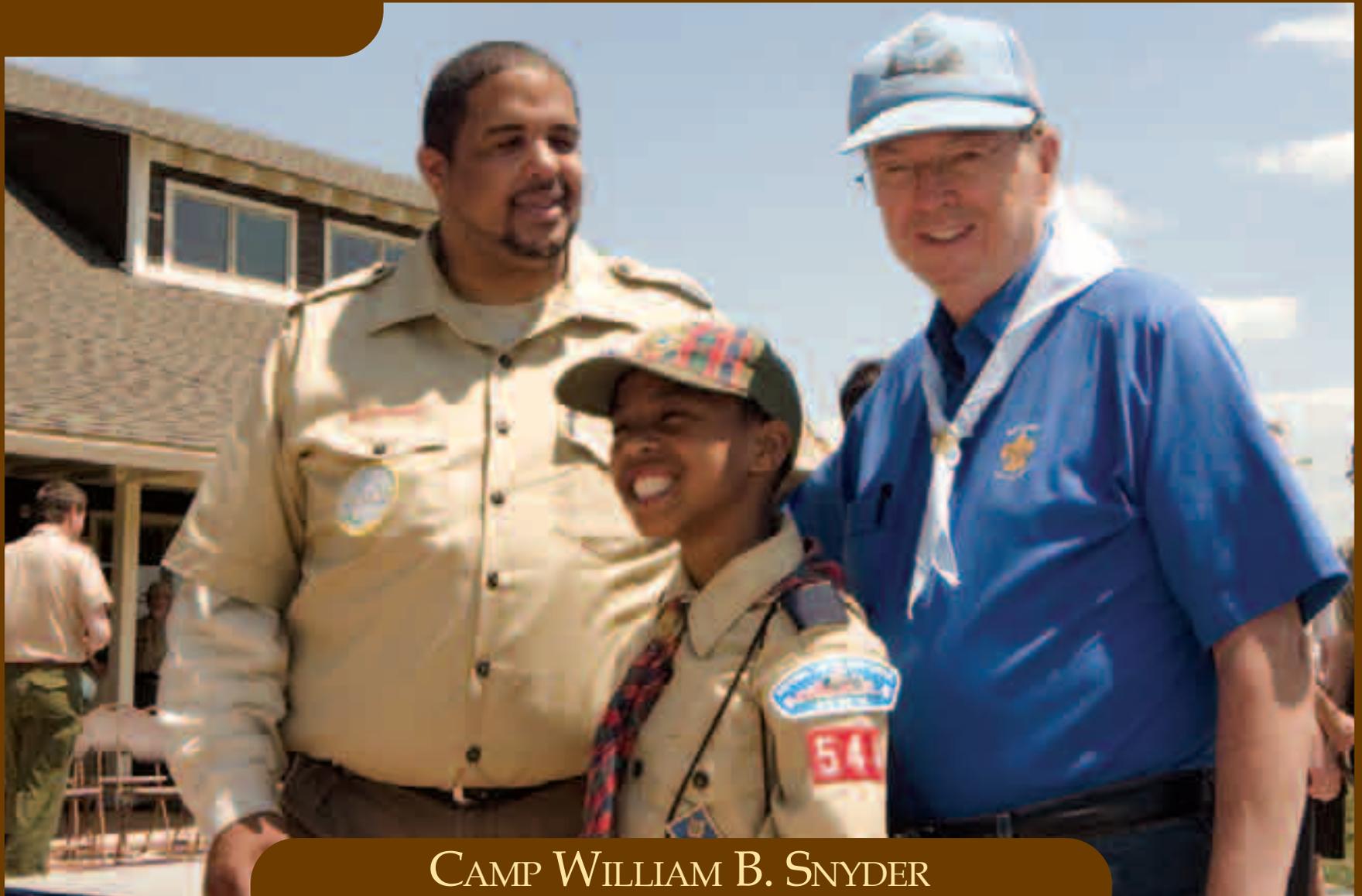
Trustworthy,	Obedient,
Loyal,	Cheerful,
Helpful,	Thrifty,
Friendly,	Brave,
Courteous,	Clean, and
Kind,	Reverent.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION

Learning the responsibilities and rights of being a citizen of the United States of America is one of the ways Scouting helps develop strong leaders for tomorrow.

Sample Requirements

1. Explain what citizenship in the nation means and what it takes to be a good citizen of this country. Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of a responsible and active American citizen.
3. Watch the national evening news five days in a row...Discuss the national issues you learned about with your counselor. Choose one of the issues and explain how it affects you and your family.
4. Discuss each of the following documents with your counselor...
 - a. Declaration of Independence
 - b. Preamble to the Constitution
 - c. The Constitution
 - d. Bill of Rights
 - e. Amendments to the Constitution
5. List the six functions of government as noted in the preamble to the Constitution. Discuss with your counselor how these functions affect your family and local community.
8. Name your two senators...Write a letter about a national issue and send it to one of these elected officials.



CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER

BILL SNYDER (RIGHT) PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF SCOUTING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



AMERICAN HERITAGE

Our national heritage must be learned and passed along.

Sample Requirements

1. Read the Declaration of Independence. Pay close attention to the section that begins with "We hold these truths to be self-evident" and ends with "to provide new Guards for future security." Rewrite that section in your own words, making it as easy to understand as possible. Then share your writing with your merit badge counselor and discuss the importance of the Declaration of Independence.
2. Do TWO of the following:
 - a. Select two individuals from American history, one a political leader (a president, senator, etc.) and the other a private citizen (a writer, religious leader, etc.). Find out about each person's accomplishments and compare the contributions each has made to America's heritage.
 - c. With your counselor's approval, interview two veterans of the U.S. military. Find out what their experiences were like. Ask the veterans what they believe they accomplished.
3. Do the following:
 - a. Select a topic that is currently in the news. Explain how today's events are related to or affected by the events and values of America's past.

THE LEGACY OF SCOUTING

Boys Joined to Have Fun

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America cannot be achieved if youth do not join. More youth than ever before enrolled during 2006 looking for the fun and adventure they had been promised. The NCAC truly delivered on that promise. Leaders were recruited and trained, top-notch camp staff were recruited, additional program supplies were purchased, and the nation's finest camp facility opened for its charter year of Cub Scout resident camping at Camp William B. Snyder.

Through Fun & Adventures Character Was Built

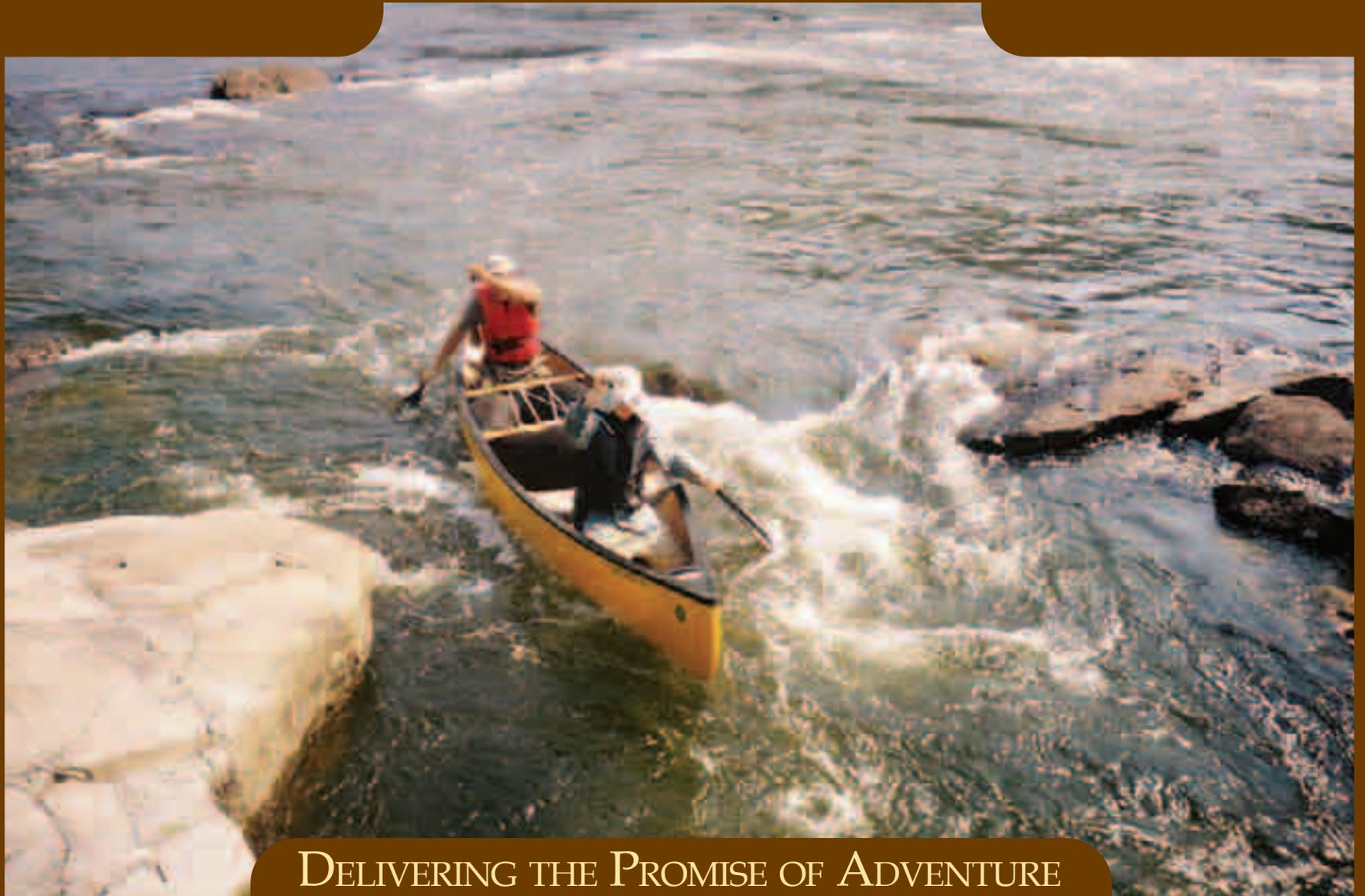
The adventure of learning first aid, how to take care of yourself and others, and how to swim are just a few of the methods Scouting uses to build character. This is proved daily when a Scout offers to help a classmate learn a tough subject, or simply does his chores without parental request. Sometimes a Scout demonstrates these new skills by saving a life. Thirteen Scouts and Scouters were presented lifesaving or meritorious action awards in 2006.

The Effect Scouting Had On Our Communities

Several thousand service projects across our area impacted our communities, the nation, and across the globe. Eagle Scout Jared Allan led his team of Scouts and volunteers to collect 100 bikes and ship them to developing countries in Africa to assist the poor by improving their lives. Other Eagle service projects included hygiene kits for Hurricane Katrina victims, creating audio books on tape for blind or illiterate children in Bucharest, and preparing and delivering complete lasagna dinners to wounded Marines and Soldiers at the National Naval Hospital.

Our nation's only Eagle Scout President, Gerald R. Ford, fully understood the values of Scouting. He put into action the lessons learned in order to pull together the leadership, youth, and facilities it takes to build ethical and moral values in tomorrow's leaders.

As a National Quality Council, our council is fully "**Delivering the Promise**" to our youth.



DELIVERING THE PROMISE OF ADVENTURE
A WEEK-LONG CANOE TREK ON THE JAMES RIVER AT GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION



CANOEING

Self-confidence is instilled when young boys learn they can handle themselves on the open water.

Sample Requirements

1. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that co-occur while canoeing, including hypothermia, heat reactions, dehydration, insect stings, tick bites, and blisters.
2. Do the following:
 - a. Identify the conditions that must exist before performing CPR on a person. Explain how such conditions are recognized.
 6. With a companion, wearing the proper PFD and appropriately dressed for the weather and water conditions, use a properly equipped canoe to demonstrate the following:
 - d. Change places while afloat in the canoe.
 - e. In deep water, exit the canoe and get back in without capsizing.
 - f. Capsize the canoe and demonstrate how staying with a capsized canoe will support both paddlers.
 - g. Swim, tow, or push a swamped canoe 50 feet to shallow water. In the shallow water, empty the swamped canoe and reenter it.
 - h. In deep water, rescue a swamped canoe and its paddlers by emptying the swamped canoe and helping the paddlers safely reenter their boat without capsizing.

PROGRAM

Eagle Career Day

235 Eagle Scouts joined Eagle Class Honoree Dr. Alan Merten, President of George Mason University, at the annual Eagle Career Day Dinner. The event was chaired by Edwin Meese, III, former Attorney General and a Fellow at the Heritage Foundation.

Membership

48,981 Cubs, Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers were registered in 1,691 packs, troops, teams and crews on December 31, 2006. 35,563 youth participated in the Learning for Life program. The NCAC boasts the highest ratio of volunteer-to-youth of any council in the U.S.A. with 23,123 registered adult volunteers.

Advancements & Awards

In 2006, 1,144 Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and a total of 21,609 rank advancements were earned by the Scouts. Camping, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Family Life, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, and Swimming were the most popular merit badges earned, each totaling over 1,000.

Scouting for Food

The 16th Annual Scouting for Food campaign collected nearly 1 million pounds of non-perishable food for the needy. Across the council's geographic region, Scouts placed Scouting for Food bags on neighborhood doorsteps. Later, these bags were picked up and delivered to the National Capital Food Bank and various area shelters. Thousands of hungry people were helped through Scouting's efforts.

Eagle Scout Service Projects

Each Eagle Scout planned, led, and completed an Eagle Scout service project. Projects ranged from trail maintenance and beautification of local schools and religious institutions, to the restoration of historical cemeteries and other landmarks. All Eagle Scout service projects must show leadership, help individuals, communities or organizations, and not be on Scout property.



CUB WORLD OPENS!
HAVING FUN & LEARNING TO SWIM AT CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER



CAMPING

Cub Scout Day Camp

4,560 Cub and Webelos Scouts “flew to greater heights” in the 2006 “Wings of Wonder” Day Camps, serving 23% of our Cub Scout youth membership.

Goshen Scout Reservation

The NCAC operates Goshen Scout Reservation, one of the largest and finest Scout camps in America. 5,132 youth and 1,789 adults enjoyed outdoor experiences second to none in 2006.

High Adventure Programs

More of our Scouts attend Philmont Scout Reservation and the Florida Sea Base than any other Scout council in America. 1,789 Scouts had “mountain top experiences” at both of these extraordinary BSA facilities.

Camp William B. Snyder Programs

With one year already completed, the future could not be brighter as the campfires continue to burn at Camp William B. Snyder in 2007. Since the Grand Opening on May 6, 2006, Cub World welcomed 884 boys to the camp’s inaugural “*Lights, Camera, and Action*” summer and will without a doubt, double the attendance in 2007, as Cub Scouts go in search of the “*Legends and Mysteries*” of Cub World.

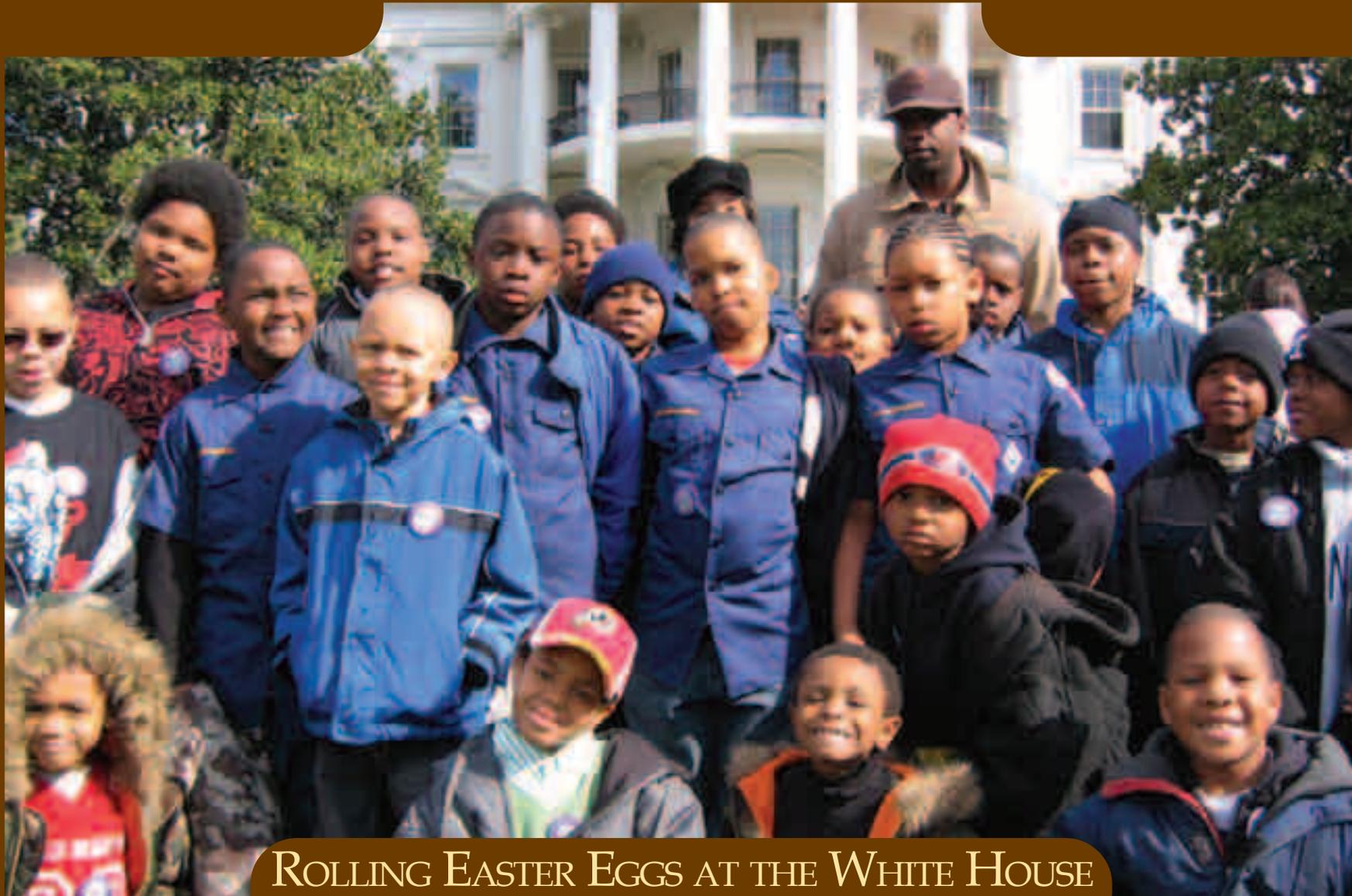
In addition, the camp continued to offer the multiple Merit Badge Day programs, and increased to over 750 attendees throughout the year. The camp’s reputation continues to grow as a premier weekend location at the local Scout unit and district level. As the 2008 year approaches, Camp William B. Snyder will continue to lead the way in providing multiple quality outdoor program experiences for the youth of the National Capital Area Council.

PIONEERING

Tomorrow’s engineers other come from those Scout earning this merit badge. Camping skills and learning how to make do with what you have available is a key element of success in many fields of endeavor.

Sample Requirements

8. Demonstrate the use of rope tackle to lift a weight of 25 pounds and pulling a log at least 6 inches in diameter and 6 feet long with the tackle. Use the tackle to put tension on a line. Explain the advantages and limitations of using a rope tackle. In your explanation, describe the potential damage that friction can do to a rope.
9. By yourself, build an A-trestle OR X-trestle OR H-trestle using square and diagonal lashings. Explain the application of the trestle you build. Demonstrate how to tie two spars together using a shear lashing.
10. With a group of Scouts, OR on your own, select a pioneering project. With your counselor’s guidance, create a rough sketch of the project. Make a list of the ropes and spars needed, then build the project. (Note: This requirement may be done at summer camp, at district or council events, or on a troop camp outing.)



ROLLING EASTER EGGS AT THE WHITE HOUSE
SCOUTREACH OPENS THE DOOR FOR YOUTH IN EVERY COMMUNITY

SCOUTREACH

The ScoutReach Program

The ScoutReach program is designed to help bring Scouting to disadvantaged youth in the Washington, DC area. Scholarships, or “Camperships,” are given to ScoutReach members to assist with the cost of participating in council activities such as Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub World and Goshen Scout Reservation. Presently the ScoutReach program supports the youth of 28 area schools.

The ScoutReach program has several unique features found in few if any other ScoutReach programs in the country. The council employs a leader for each school served, selected by the principal and paid a stipend. For every 5 to 7 schools the council employs a ScoutReach Director to assist in strengthening the program. To ensure the program meets the needs of the youth, a ScoutReach committee composed of principals and community leaders provides volunteer leadership and support to the program. ScoutReach programs are a priority of the council.

Camping Experiences

Youth from Washington, DC and Prince George’s County were treated to Cub Scout Day Camp at Greenbelt Park in Maryland. Scouts and adult volunteers were provided with a great week of outdoor games, sports, handicrafts, and fun. In addition to the reduced fees, bus transportation was also provided. Staff and volunteer Scouters provided the necessary supervision for the program. Not only did the scouts have an opportunity to go to day camp, but experienced the fun and excitement of Cub World, located at Camp William B. Synder. One of the aims of the program is to prepare and give youth from urban communities quality camping experiences.

Super Activities

The ScoutReach program organizes a variety of activities for its youth members throughout the year. These activities include attending Georgetown Hoyas and Washington Wizards basketball games, a pine wood derby race, and several opportunities to participate in council activities and local parades. A horseback riding program has been established in conjunction with the National Center for Therapeutic Riding.



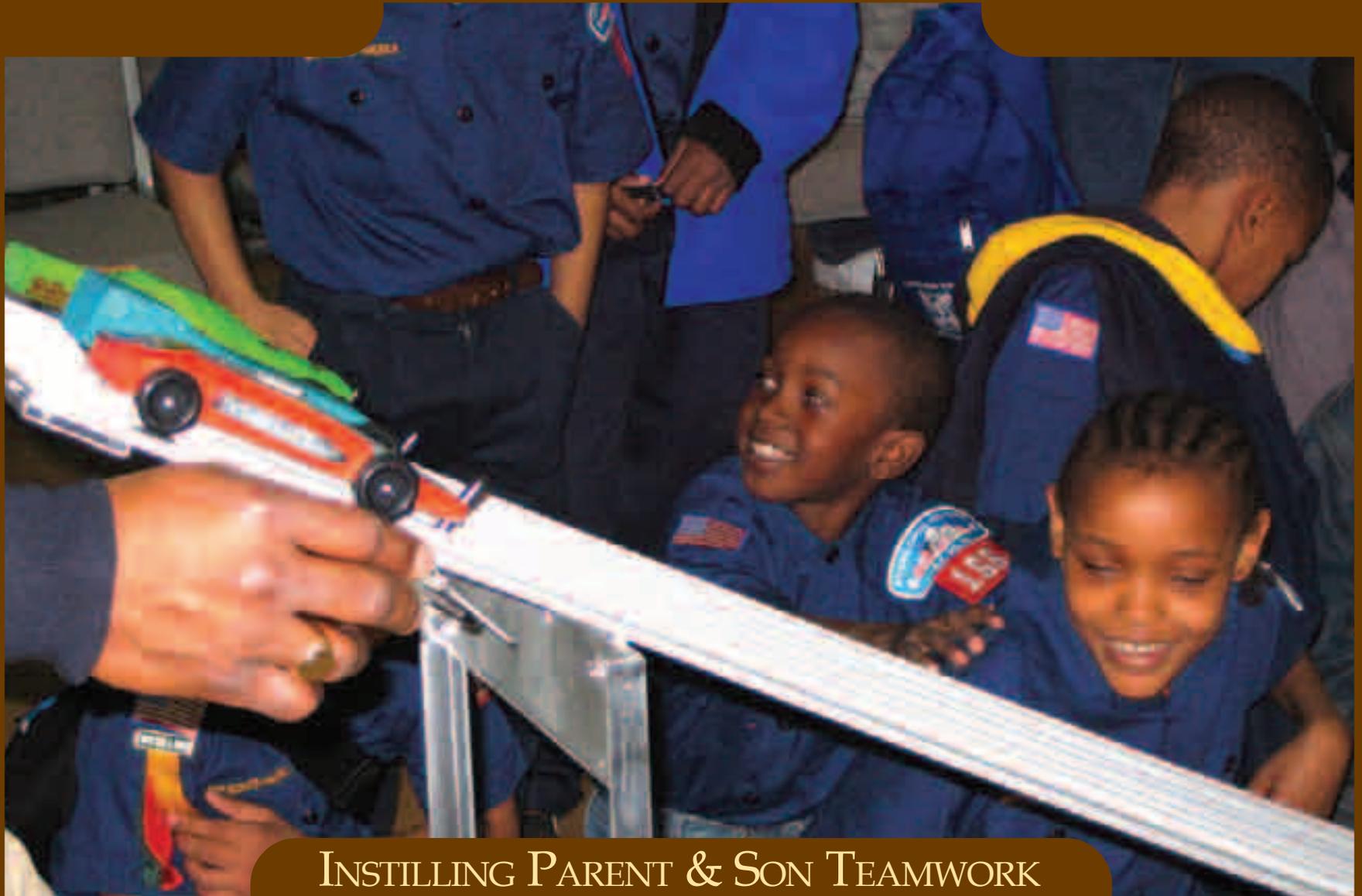
TRAFFIC SAFETY

Learning the proper way to interact with traffic at an early age helps develop skills needed throughout a lifetime.

Sample Requirements

1. Do the following:
 - a. Describe the top 10 mistakes new drivers frequently make. Name the two items you are required by law to carry with you whenever you operate a motor vehicle.
 - b. Describe how alcohol and other drugs affect the human body and why a person should never drink and drive, or drive while under the influence of any mind-altering substances, including prescription drugs, cold medications, and illicit drugs.
 - c. Explain why a driver who is fatigued or distracted should not operate a motor vehicle.

5. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Interview a traffic law enforcement officer in your community to identify what three traffic safety problems the officer is most concerned about. Discuss with your merit badge counselor possible ways to solve one of those problems.
 - b. Initiate and organize an activity or event to demonstrate the importance of traffic safety.



INSTILLING PARENT & SON TEAMWORK
BUILDING A PINEWOOD DERBY CAR DEVELOPS INDIVIDUAL PRIDE & SKILLS



FUNDING THE PROGRAM

Special Events

In 2006 over \$1.5 million was contributed to the council through special fundraising events. Whether it is a golf outing, an awards dinner or a reception, donors to these functions participate in a fun and informative program that helps them to understand the impact of Scouting in our communities. Many of these events salute a leader in government, industry or the community at large, drawing in new donors to Scouting. Among our distinguished honorees in 2006 were President George W. Bush; Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas); Leo Gerard, International President, United Steel Workers; Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Illinois); Kenneth Duberstein, The Duberstein Group; Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Mississippi); Jon Couch, President, Rand Construction Corporation; Wayne Bowers, President, W.E. Bowers; Dr. Bahman Atefi, Chairman and CEO, Alion Science and Technology; and Donald R. Dunner, Partner, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP

Friends of Scouting

Thousands of Scout leaders, families of Scouts, staff and members of the Council Executive Board give time and their treasure to support Scouting. Their philanthropy truly breaths life in to the program support that helps so many Scouts and leaders. In 2006, 14 of the Council's 28 districts exceeded their overall Friends of Scouting Goals. \$1,463,598 was raised in the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

Popcorn Campaign

A record 565 units participated in the Fall 2006 Popcorn Fundraising Campaign selling over \$2.55 million. An impressive 91 units sold over \$10,000 with all the units averaging sales of \$4,500. Over \$818,500 directly supported local units to benefit their programs and another \$800,000 supported council programs. In addition to earning money for their unit as part of the Popcorn Sale, NCAC Scouts also learned valuable life skills such as budget planning, goal setting and self-reliance. Thanks to Fred Fisch for his continued leadership of the Popcorn Campaign.

Endowment

The Council Endowment Committee would like to thank Lt Gen Russell C. Davis USAF (Ret). This past year NCAC added 43 James E. West Fellowships along with 2 new members of the 1910 Society. Overall, the council added \$99,700 to the endowment fund. The Council Endowment Committee also welcomes Ronald Adolphi as the new Chairman and looks forward to his leadership.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

With a national concern over the debts of its citizens, this "required" merit badge helps youth learn early how to manage their personal affairs.

Sample Requirements

2. Do the following:
 - a. Prepare a budget reflecting your expected income, expenses, and savings.
 - b. Compare expected income with expected expenses.
 1. If expenses exceed income, determine steps to balance the budget.
 2. If income exceeds expenses, state how you would use the excess money (new goal, savings).
3. Discuss with your merit badge counselor FIVE of the following:
 - a. The emotions you feel when you receive money.
 - b. Your understanding of how the amount of money you have with you affects your spending habits.
 - c. Your thoughts when you buy something new and your thoughts about the same item three months later. Explain the concept of buyer's remorse.
 - d. How hunger affects you when shopping for food items.
 - e. Your experience of an item you have purchased after seeing or hearing advertisements for it. Did the item work as well as advertised?
 - g. Charitable giving. Explain its purpose and your thoughts about it.



INSTILLING VALUES
SCOUTS PRACTICE THEIR DUTY TO GOD ON SCOUT SUNDAY

SERVICE AREA

Service Area

Districts assist with the implementation of Scouting and NCAC's Strategic Long-Range Plan. Support is provided to twenty-eight districts serving the metropolitan National Capital area.

The service area of the NCAC includes the District of Columbia; Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties in Maryland, and in Virginia: Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, Caroline, King George, Stafford, and Culpeper counties and the independent cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg.



MARYLAND

VIRGINIA

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

"A Scout is reverent."

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

The 12th point of the Scout Law is an integral part of instilling ethical values and morals in Scouting youth. All Scouts show this by being faithful in their duty to God.

Some Scouts and leaders make a decision to provide extra support or delve deeper into their religion. This may qualify them for a special recognition, or religious emblem, from their church. These emblems are not Scouting awards, but rather conferred on a Scout or Scouter by his religious leader.

Each faith has its own requirements for earning its emblem.

During 2006 over 1,000 NCAC Scouts and Scouters earned their faith's religious emblem.





HEROES

SCOUTING'S DIVERSE HEROES CHANGE LIVES

**LIFESAVING**

Not everyone can swim. This merit badge goes beyond swimming, and teaches how to assist those non-swimmers who find themselves in deep water.

Sample Requirements

2. Explain the following:
 - a. Common drowning situations and how to prevent them.
 - b. How to identify persons in the water who need assistance.
 - c. The order of methods in water rescue.
 - d. How rescue techniques vary depending on the setting and the condition of the person needing assistance.
 - e. Situations for which in-water rescues should not be undertaken.
3. Demonstrate "reaching" rescues using various items such as arms, legs, towels, shirts, paddles, and poles.
10. In deep water, show how to escape from a victim's grasp on your wrist. Repeat for front and rear holds about the head and shoulders.
12. Describe how to respond if a victim submerges before being reached by a rescuer, and do the following:
 - a. Recover a 10-pound weight in 8 to 10 feet of water using a feetfirst surface dive.
 - b. Repeat using a headfirst surface dive.

OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Friends of Scouting	\$1,542,675
Special Events (Net)	1,677,157
Foundations	150,000
United Ways	434,096
Sales of Supplies	301,032
Popcorn Sales (Net)	881,085
Investments	254,480
Camps & Activities	3,035,579
Government Grants	644,491
Other Revenue	211,636
Total Income	\$9,132,231

Expenses

Program	\$7,123,140
Management & General	493,190
Fundraising	1,416,961
Charter & National Service Fee	80,739
Total Expenses	\$9,114,030
Excess of Public Support & Revenue over Expenses	\$18,201

For the Year Ending 12/31/2006 (unaudited)



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