National Capital Area Council
CENTENNIAL BULLETIN
MONTHLY FEATURED ACTIVITIES

November 2009

This month's bulletin highlights the Council Centennial Grand Parade and showcases the new Centennial Stamp, while updating all other Council and National Centennial Programs and Events.

Centennial Camporee Registration is Still Open !

Despite rumors to the contrary, registration for the Council-wide Centennial Camporee to be held Memorial Day Weekend 2010 is not full or closed. Open registration is available until December 15th. The link below takes you directly to the online unit registration. Also be sure to attend your District Roundtable in November – a Council representative is scheduled to be there with even more information.

http://www.www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=487058

Grand Centennial Parade

Come on down in July 2010 and be part of the Grand Centennial Parade of the Boy Scouts of America. Thousands of Scouts and Scouters will march down Constitution Avenue in the heart of our Nation's Capital past many prominent and historic monuments and the White House. This is the first BSA parade to be held on Constitution Avenue since the 1937 National Jamboree. See Page 2 of this bulletin for more details.

Announcing the 2010 "Celebrate Scouting" Stamp!

In 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will receive an incredible honor from the United States Postal Service (USPS), the "Celebrate Scouting" stamp. Offering a tribute to the impact of a century of Scouting on the American landscape, the stamp will become widely available during the summer of 2010.

This week, we will gather with many of those who have worked to make this stamp a reality for the unveiling of the artwork. Where else? The Smithsonian National Postal Museum. Scouts, volunteers, BSA professional staff, and community supporters are invited to take part in this momentous occasion. We'll have a small appreciation gift for all event attendees.

Time:	10 a.m.
Program Length:	45 to 60 minutes
Date:	Thursday, November 12
Location:	Smithsonian National Postal Museum 2 Massachusetts Ave., N.E.; Washington, DC 20002

See Pages 3 and 4 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 !

Corrections/Comments to Scott Staron at starons@dandp.com

Grand Centennial Parade

July 25, 2010

"Scouting in Action – A Century of Values"

Everyone loves a parade!!

Come on down in July 2010 and be part of the Grand Centennial Parade of the Boy Scouts of America.
We are now able to share greater details with you as we move forward with the planning – so here is the latest update:

When: July 25, 2010, 1:00 pm step-off. Most marching elements will begin assembling by 11:00 am. Participants will need to plan to be in DC around 10:00 am for staging. Last elements will disperse by 5:00 pm…

Where: Constitution Avenue in the heart of our Nation's Capital, from 7th Street NW to 17th Street NW,

Themes:
Scouting in Action: Five floats depicting BSA principles of Leadership, Achievement, Service, Character and Outdoors.

A Century of Values: Ten historic divisions, each representing a decade, followed by an Eagle Scout division.

Features: Every BSA council will send a marching unit of 21 Scouts - Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venturers, or a composite unit Councils will be organized by State which will be distributed across all the decades. Bands or drum and bugle corps will march with each division. Thousands of Scouts attending in review. Helium balloons...floats…antique cars…

Special Participation Opportunities for National Capital Area Council Units:

Following are just some of the many opportunities that will be available. Application procedures and selection criteria for participation are being developed and will be advertised soon. Watch this bulletin and regularly check online at www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial.

- NCAC Jamboree units will act as ceremonial marshals.
- Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Posts will be invited to march in the parade.
- NCAC troops, crews or ships will provide banner bearers and color guard and flag bearers for each division.
- NCAC Packs, Troops, Crews or Ships will provide members to walk with each float: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Outdoor, and Achievement;
- 100 NCAC Boy Scouts will be asked to carry 100 massed American Flags.
- Special assignments will be made by NCAC Adults or Venturers (18 years or older): Parade Lead Banner (2); Feather Flags (110); Walking American Flag (45); 30x60 Large American Flag (40); Balloon handlers (220); Group Captains for some parade elements (164).

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Council 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: Full registration 1 Oct to 15 Dec. There is a new tri-fold camporee advertising brochure available in pdf format. The file is too large to include with this bulletin, but suggest checking with your District Commissioner to obtain a copy. More Camporee details should also be provided over the next few months at District Roundtables.
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

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 on Page 2 of this bulletin

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

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: National Mall between Washington Monument and WW II Memorial.
Update: More information coming soon.

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

National Centennial Activities

BSA National Hall of Leadership

When: February 2009 to February 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: Nominations are collected by national BSA. NCAC nominees are sent back to council for selection and forwarding of 12 semi-finalists to a national judging panel. One inductee will be selected from each Council.

Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at: george.crittenden@scouting.org

For more information: Nominations can be made at: www.scouting.org/100years/100years/nationalhallofleadership.aspx

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

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.
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: More information coming soon.

Council Coordinator: George Crittenden at george.crittenden@scouting.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: Most online resources appear to be still under development. "Reconnect" only takes you to MyScouting but nothing else yet. "Reengage" provides useful links for re-engaging alumni. "Rekindle" does not yet appear to functional. "Resources" provides useful links to other BSA sites.

For more information: Start at www.BSAalumni.org

Gala 2010

When: February 9, 2010. Reception 6:30-7:30 pm. Dinner/program 7:30-9:45 pm
What: Black tie, high profile dinner to celebrate our past and launch the BSA into its next 100 years. Participation by national, regional and local leadership. Individual tickets or corporate sponsorships.

Where: National Building Museum, Washington DC

Update: Formal invitations to be mailed Fall 2009. Submit invitation requests for individuals to Council Commissioner Rick Hillenbrand at scouting@cox.net. Sponsorship prospects, contact Keith Christopher at keith.christopher@scouting.org.
Council Coordinator: Magne Gunderson at magne.gundersen@scouting.org
Lead Commissioner: Rick Hillenbrand at scouts@cox.net.

For more information: Rick Hillenbrand at scouting@cox.net

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

Get in the Game ! – Geocaching

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.

For more information: See www.scouting.org/100years/100years/Geocaching.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. Local councils will gather in venues large and small to host their own shining light activities leading up to the mass broadcast.
For more information:
www.scouting.org/100years/100years/ShiningLight.aspx

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.

For more information:
www.scouting.org/Media/PressReleases/PreviousYears/2008/20081020.aspx

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