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Thoughts from the District Chair

Where has the time gone? The six late-August days of Wood Badge 90 at Philmont are only distant memories, and the first half of the 2009/2010 Scout program year is nearly over. Once again, the North Trail District has planned and held a number of exciting, fun-filled and, do I dare say, educational activities for our youth and adults. More than 1,400 people participated in North Trail to Adventure – Cubs & Heroes at the Cub World facilities at Camp Wisdom. In spite of a steady rain that began late Saturday afternoon, twenty-two Packs camped overnight. More than 230 Webelos attended Webelos Woods at Camp Cherokee at the Clements Scout Ranch, and the district has held numerous training sessions. Thank you to all of the adult volunteers and older Scouts who have given freely of their time and efforts to make each of our events hugely successful. Now, as we eagerly anticipate the December holidays and a new year which will feature the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the U.S., here's one last look at some of what North Trail youth and adults have done recently.

Kimberly Colonna

North Trail District Committee Chair
and Troop 82 and 577 Parent

Troop 70 Scout's Eagle Project Distributes Personal-care Packages at Fort Hood

The Eagle project of Troop 70 Scout Walker Mullinix resulted in filling and distributing 810 personal-care packages to war-weary soldiers on their return to Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. Walker began his project by raising more than \$8,000 used to purchase items, including tooth brushes, tooth paste and bed linens. Then, he organized a team of volunteers to assemble packages. In mid-July, he and his family were invited to Fort Hood to distribute packages to about 400 troops on their return from a 15-month Middle East tour. Among ceremony attendees were Rep. Sam Johnson, (R-Plano) and retired Sgt. Patrick Sowers. Walker learned about the need for personal-care items from Plano-based "Operation Once in a Lifetime," a non-profit organization created by Sgt. Sowers to provide free financial assistance and moral support for American troops. After the end of the formal ceremony, soldiers personally thanked Walker for the packages and told him their stories about family members being involved in Scouts.



Troop 70 Names John Shipes Scoutmaster and Presents First Dan Herndon Leadership Awards

Troop 70 recently named John Shipes its 17th Scoutmaster. John and his wife, Cindy, are the parents of two sons, Matthew, 24, a Troop 70 Eagle, and William, 11, now a Troop 70 Scout. Also, Troop 70 recently presented its first annual Dan Herndon Leadership Service awards to 12 adult volunteers. The award honors Dan, an Assistant Scoutmaster who has served the troop for the past 43 years. Troop 70 meets at the University Park Elementary School. Soon after the school was constructed in 1930, the troop was established and has been meeting there for all of its more than 79 years.

Troop 80 Life Scout Arya McCarthy Writes About His Philmont Experiences

Troop 80 Life Scout Arya McCarthy wrote about his experiences of an 11-day, 70-mile Philmont trek. He was among eight Troop 80 Scouts, who along with four adults, went to the Philmont Scout Ranch in June. Arya's article and photos were on pages 1 and 9 of the Thursday, Sept. 3 edition of The Park Cities News and page 10 of the Friday, Sept. 18 edition of Park Cities neighborsgo. Troop 80 is chartered by and meets at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Troop 707 Scouts Build Compost Bin-Worm Farm and 30 Benches for Community Garden

Connor and Mason Puckett, along with fellow Troop 707 Scouts, sawed, hammered and sweated while building a combination compost bin-worm farm and 30 garden benches for the Betty and Jimmy Baker Memorial Garden. It is located behind the Highlands Christian Church on McCree Road. Months before pounding the first nail, the Scouts raised \$700 to pay for the supplies. Preparations also included building a bench prototype. The Scouts hope the combination compost bin-worm farm will become a learning tool for students who use the community garden. Troop 707 is chartered by and meets at the Dallas Elks Lodge #71.



Circle Ten Council Presents Wood Badge 90 at Philmont Training Center

From Monday, Aug. 24 through Saturday, Aug. 29, almost 80 adult Boy Scout adult volunteers participated in Wood Badge 90, presented by Circle Ten Council at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico. Kimberly Colonna was course director and Scoutmaster. Her staff of 27 adults included North Trail adult volunteers David Brown, Dave and Linda Demarest, Eleanor Munson, Lance Pool, Donna Robinson, Scott Rohrman and Rep. Pete Sessions (R-Dallas). Among 53 participants were North Trail adult volunteers Tom Baker, Phillip Blatzheim, Mark Boozer, Don Bowles, Steven Eggers, Kyle Friedel, Richard Graves, Jon Hartigan, Rogge Heflin, Robert Higginbotham, Mason Hogan, Paul Howard, Ken Hughes, Bart Irby, Doug Kirsop, Jeff Koch, Russell May and Richard Neely.

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is an advanced training program designed to develop adult “servant leaders” for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, and Venture units as well as district and council organizations. It is divided into two separate parts – a learning experience for six days or two weekends followed by an application phase with the home unit, district or council. Using current models from corporate America, government, academia and outdoor organizations, the staff presented the latest in leadership theory, team development concepts, project management, and responsible recreational land-use practices. Each participant left Philmont committed to work and complete his or her “ticket” in the next 18 months. “This means that 265 projects, representing an approximate total of 1,300 man-hours, will be completed by Wood Badge 90 participants,” Kimberly said. “This is a remarkable commitment to our community.”





Pack 19 Holds Flag Dedication Ceremony at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church

Monday evening, Sept. 28, Cub Scout Pack 19 held a flag-dedication ceremony at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. U.S. Secret Service special agent Brian Sanders presented a new U.S. flag that was flown by former President and Mrs. George W. Bush at their Preston Hollow home. State Rep. Will Hartnett presented a new State of Texas flag that had flown over the Texas House of Representatives in honor of Pack 19. The purpose of the ceremony was to officially present to Pack 19 its very own U.S. and Texas flags. For the past two years, the fledgling Pack borrowed flags from the church and Troop 718.

Troop 1001 Scouts Present Colors at Town-hall Meeting Hosted by Four Area Congressmen

Monday, Aug. 31, Troop 1001 Boy Scouts presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance at a town-hall meeting hosted by area congressmen -- Joe Barton (R-Arlington), Jeb Hensarling (R-Dallas), Sam Johnson (R-Plano) and Pete Sessions (R-Dallas) -- at the Eisemann Center in Richardson. Nearly 2,000 people attended the event to discuss health-care reform proposals. Troop 1001 is chartered by and meets at the Trinity Bible Church of Richardson.

Boy Scout Troop 719 and Cub Scout Pack 584 Lead Sept. 11 Observances

Five Troop 719 Boy Scouts raised the American flag at the eighth-annual Sept. 11 observance at St. Patrick Catholic School, Lake Highlands. Pat Thompson, a teacher at the school and Troop 719 adult volunteer, again organized a program of prayers and poetry to remember those died eight years ago.

Pack 584 led a joint Girl Scout/Cub Scout color guard at the third-annual Sept. 11 observance at the Richardson ISD Heights Elementary School. The U.S. flag was raised and then lowered to half-staff, attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and two all-district choir members led the singing of the national anthem. The Heights' observance was organized by Jenny Holben, a member of the school's PTA.



2009 North Trail to Adventure – Cubs and Heroes Held at Cub World

Saturday, Oct. 3, more than 1,400 people – Cub Scouts, siblings and adult volunteers – attended the 2009 North Trail to Adventure – Cubs & Heroes at Cub World facilities at Camp Wisdom in south Dallas.

The theme was “Cubs & Heroes” with an emphasis on those who have served in the U.S. military as well as Eagle Scouts and adult Scout leaders. “It was inspired by Cub Scout Packs being among many community organizations that have gone to D/FW International Airport to welcome home American military personnel on their return from tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Kip Lankenau, camp director. Mid-morning Saturday, members of 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division of Grand Prairie and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 22 of Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base at Carswell raised a 30-foot by 20-foot American flag. Almost silent Cub Scouts, saluting with two fingers pressed together firmly above their right eyes, spontaneously reacted with respectful but clearly audible ooh’s and wow’s as the flag was unfurled and hoisted to the top of the camp’s flag pole.

Richardson neighborsgo Editor Lisa Zimmermann Speaks to Boy Scout Roundtable

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Richardson neighborsgo editor Lisa Zimmermann told the North Trail District Boy Scout Roundtable that timeliness is a major factor in determining what articles that have been posted to neighborsgo.com will be published in a print edition. Ideal article length is 350 words; longer articles are edited. Most photos should be close-ups of people with faces clearly visible. Except for large group photos, each person must be identified with first and last name. The Dallas Morning News publishes 17 editions of neighborsgo covering 39 communities in the Dallas area. Editions that cover the district are Park Cities, North Dallas/Preston Hollow, and Richardson/Lake Highlands/Far North Dallas. Subscribers receive it as an insert in their Friday newspaper. Free copies are available at Starbucks stores and distribution boxes throughout the district.

Gordon McDonald Reminds Pack 808 Cub Scouts of ‘Duty to God’ with a Violin Bow and Wood Saw

The Cub Scout Promise includes the commitment to “do my duty to God and country.” Ninety-two-year-old Gordon McDonald, with a violin bow and a wood saw, reminded Pack 808 Cub Scouts, siblings and parents of a Cub Scout’s duty to God during a recent Pack meeting. “When I draw the bow across a bent saw of hardened steel, the result is beautiful music,” he said. “Likewise, when people allow God to bend their hearts, the results are wonderful lives.” Gordon was introduced by Paul Dodson, North Trail District Membership Committee chair and a Pack 808 adult volunteer. Pack 808 is chartered by Creekside Baptist Church and meets at the Richardson ISD Northrich Elementary School.

Cub Scouts Learn about the Boy Scout Program, Ride Horses, Race Cubmobiles at Webelos Woods

During the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 7, more than 230 Webelos representing 27 Packs gathered for the 2009 Webelos Woods at Camp Cherokee of the Clements Scout Ranch in Athens, Texas. This annual event provides opportunities for older Cub Scouts to learn what the Boy Scout program offers. Nearly 100 Scouts from 15 Troops taught Scout skills, including camping, cooking, fire-building, first aid and showmanship. This year’s event also included the racing of boy-powered Cubmobiles and riding horses on Clements’ trails. “Last but not least, Troop 718 constructed a trebuchet that launched pumpkins an amazing distance!” said Chris Tackett, event director. He was supported by a staff of 58 adult volunteers.



Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Help Take Down 18 CANstruction Sculptures at the Galleria

Sunday evening, Oct. 18, more than 130 people helped take apart 18 large CANstruction sculptures that were on display at the Galleria Dallas mall. Sculptures, all related to the goal of feeding those in need, included an ear of corn-on-the-cob, a tug boat, a Tonka toy truck, and a dragon. Among the “deCANstruction” crews were youth and adults of:

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 8787, Lakewood and East Dallas

Boy Scout Troop 80, Highland Park Presbyterian Church

Boy Scout Troop 718, Lovers Lane United Methodist Church

Boy Scout Troop 730, St. Mark’s School of Texas

Boy Scout Troop 890, Lake Highlands United Methodist Church

Venturing Crew 2485, Dover Elementary School, Richardson

Yanush Chapter, Mikanakawa Lodge, Order of the Arrow

CANstruction is a national food drive organized by the Society for Design Administration, an affiliate of the American Institute of Architects. On Saturday, Oct. 3, architects and engineers from 18 Dallas-area architectural firms, oversaw the assembly of the sculptures that were made of canned and packaged food items. “This 14th annual design and construction competition resulted in the donation of 80,000 food items,” said Cindy Savell, Dallas CANstruction committee chairperson. “The items were given to the North Texas Food Bank, which will distribute them to over 400 non-profit agencies, including food pantries, emergency shelters, soup kitchens and after-school programs.”



Pack 19 Celebrates Veteran's Day on U.S.S. Texas

During the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 7, Pack 19 Cub Scouts and family members celebrated Veteran's Day on board the U.S.S. Texas, which is permanently docked at the shore of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park near Houston, Texas. This historic ship -- the only surviving "dreadnought," a big-gun battleship designed and built at the turn on the 20th century -- saw service in both World War I and World War II.

Among the Pack 19 contingent was Ralph B. Muse, Sr., grandfather of Pack 70 adult volunteer Alexander Muse and great-grandfather of Pack 70 Cub Scout Ethan Muse. Mr. Muse, a U.S. Army Air Corps Captain during World War II, talked about his military experiences, including flying B-24 bombers during the Aleutian Island Campaign of the war in the Pacific Ocean. Veterans, who as volunteers run the U.S.S. Texas Overnight Program, presented Mr. Muse with a Battleship Texas patch, certificate, CD of the Texas' historic battles and copy of the ship's plans.

After exploring the famous ship and learning some of its history through a scavenger hunt, the Pack 70 group listened to Taps and retired to one of three casemate galleys. Each galley, with up to 40 metal bunks in racks, is where World War II sailors slept. "The bunks were really noisy," commented Tiger Scout Spencer Burke. "I didn't get any sleep with all of those people in the same room, and three bunks on top of my bunk." He then added, "I liked the guns, though." Pack 19 is chartered by and meets at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

Words the District Lives by: Each Scout Deserves Trained Leaders

"Each Scout deserves trained leaders" are not just good-sounding words in the North Trail District. They are words the district lives by. This fall, training sessions included Backcountry Advanced Training, Cub Scout Leader Specific Training, Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, Venturing Leader Specific Training, Life to Eagle Process Training, Troop Committee Training, Outdoor Skills for Webelos Leaders and Outdoor Leader Skills.

Troops 437 and 82 and Pack 437 Lead North Trail Poptober Sales

Troop 437, Richardson Home School Association, led the North Trail District in the Poptober popcorn fundraising campaign with sales of \$48,867. Troop 82, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, was second with sales of \$38,681. In addition to leading the district, both units were Circle Ten Council's top selling Troops. Cub Scout Pack 437, Richardson Home School Association, was the top selling North Trail Pack with sales of \$31,840. So far, North Trail's 2009 total sales are \$549,651, which is more than a four-percent increase over last year's total.

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Closing Thoughts from the Murchison Service Center

As the 2009 calendar year comes to an end, we look forward to Circle Ten Council Winter Camp, the Comerica New Year's Day Parade in Downtown Dallas, and many other events that will celebrate Boy Scouts' 100th anniversary. In addition to celebrating our anniversary, the new year will bring about a noticeable change at Circle Ten Council. On Jan. 1, Ponce Duran officially assumes the responsibilities of Regional Director for the Southern Region, Boy Scouts of America. At that time, he will move his base of operations from the second floor of 8605 Harry Hines to the National Headquarters in Irving. All of us associated with the North Trail District thank him for his dedicated service to the Circle Ten Council and wish him the best in his new position.

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