

NORTHWEST NEWS



NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL'S
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Learning for Life/ Exploring Thank You Reception

On May 2nd, the first Learning for Life/Exploring Thanks You Reception was held. It was a delightful event with lots of great food and fellowship that brought together volunteers from the various Learning for Life programs. Vice President of Learning for Life, Anna Klimkowicz, gave an enthusiastic presentation on where the program has come in the past 2 years, and Learning for Life Professional, Erin Bass, gave a vision casting presentation for the next 2 years. In addition, representatives from each of the seven programs gave accounts of how Learning for Life has opened up new opportunities for their students. It was especially exciting to hear from Daniel Simons, an Explorer for Post 300 out of Skokie Police Department, describe his Exploring experience. He credited his current position as a full-time police officer at the Skokie Police Department to his involvement in Exploring. He stated, "This is what it's about; I would not be in the position I am in today if it weren't for the leadership and guidance of the Exploring program." Daniel was just one of 9 people to receive the Leadership Award at the reception. Others that were honored include Eric McCune—Post 300 Skokie Police, Danielle Rogers—Post 9 Windy City Aviation, Andrew Seale—Post 9707 U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Officer Michael Leuhr—Park Ridge Police/Advisor to Post 911, Officer Elizabeth Ronderos—Skokie Police/Advisor to Post 300, Special Agent Samir Patel—Secret Service/Advisor to Post 9707, Sergeant Mike Vargas—Palatine Police Department/President of the Latino Speakers Bureau for Learning for Life, and Pascuala Herrera—Coordinator of LD Services at Harper College/career speaker for Learning for Life school programs.

SCOUTS SAY THANKS TO OUR VETERANS

Scouts from the Blackhawk District participated in the annual Blackhawk District Camporee over the weekend of April 20-22. This year's theme was "Duty to Country" as over 325 Scouts and Scouters gathered at the Great Lakes Naval Training Base.

The 37 participating Boy Scout Troops ate breakfast with the Naval recruits in the Base Galley. Many of the recruits had been Boy Scouts before enlisting and enjoyed their breakfast talking and sharing stories with the Scouts and Leaders before starting their day. The Scouts had many questions for the recruits.



The Scouts spent the remainder of the day participating in several activities, events and competitions with some of the Veterans that reside at the nearby VA Medical Center. Certain events were scored for the competitive portion of the outing and other events were designed to allow the Scouts and Disabled Veterans to interact with each other. Lunch was donated and served to the Scouts and Leaders by a Veterans groups located in the Blackhawk District: VVA Chapter #311, VFW Post #2992 and American Legion Posts #36 and #134. Everyone enjoyed the outdoor lunch break under the sunny blue skies and near 80 degree temperatures.

In the afternoon, many of the Scouts headed inside to visit with some of the disabled Vets. The Scouts and Vets sat and talked, played cards, chess and checkers for a portion of the afternoon. Over 200 Scouts working in small groups along with a disabled Veteran worked together to design and complete a 12"x 12' quilt section honoring the Veteran's service to our country. The finished quilt will hang in the VA Medical Center's lobby to display the Scouts respect for

the Veterans and thank them for their service to our country.

The day concluded with a solemn evening campfire at the shores of Lake Michigan at dusk, to retire the torn and tattered American flags that had been collected and prepared for retirement by the Scouts and Veterans during the day.

The camporee concluded on Sunday morning at a "Scout's Own" worship service where the Scouts were reminded of John F. Kennedy's famous 1960 Presidential Inaugural speech quotation "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country".

District Chairman, Tom Lobacz, a Viet Nam Veteran himself, told the Scouts before departing, that the Veterans appreciated the "Thank You" they received from the Scouts over the weekend. However, Tom reminded us that many Veterans were never thanked. That's because they gave their life for our country and didn't return. Many were buried in the battlegrounds all over the world. As each Scout was presented with a grommet covered with soot from the flags retired in the campfire the previous night, Mr. Lobacz asked the Scouts to keep the grommet in their pocket. He also asked that when the scouts reach in their pocket and hold the grommet, to turn to face the wind and say thanks to the Veterans that never received a thank you. He said "when you feel the wind on your cheek, you'll know they said..."your're welcome".

And while all of the Scouts enjoyed the day's activities, it was the Veteran's that told us how much this day meant to them. Many of the Veterans were Boy Scouts before joining the armed services, many soon after graduating from high school. The smiles on the Veterans faces and their laughter when interacting with the youth, told the story of how a day the Scouts dedicated to "Duty to Country" had made these Veterans feel that we continue to appreciate their efforts in protecting our freedoms.

3 Months of Council-related events

June

Wood Badge Staff Development 1 – 3
 Hometown Scouting 7
 2007 Fisherman's Day 9
 CPR/1st Aid 9
 LFL, Candlelight Bowl, River Rand Bowl 9
 Climbing Instructor Trng..... 9 - 10
 Council Key 3 11
 Pro Staff Mtg..... 14
 Webelos Weekend – Napowan15-17
 Father's Day 17
 National Leadership Youth Trng.....17 - 22
 Napowan Week #1 17- 23
 Council Executive Committee 20
 Everybody Wins Committee1 PM..... 20
 Scout Night With Schaumburg Flyers20
 Hometown Scouting 21
 OA Summer Fellowship 22 – 24
 Council Leadership Gathering 23
 Napowan Week #2 24 -- 30
 Cub Resident Camp, Week 1 25 – 1 June
 Popcorn Sale Committee 27
 Endowment Committee 28
 NWSC Sporting Clays Event..... 30

July

Napowan Week #3 1-- 7
 Cub Day Camp, Week 22– 8
 Independence Day (Office Closed) 4
 Cub Resident Camp, Session 2 5– 8
 Pro Staff Meeting 6
 Napowan Week #4 8-- 14
 NWSC Golf Classic 9
 Council Key 3 9
 Cub Day Camp, Week 3 9- 15
 Cub Resident Camp, Session 3 12– 15
 Napowan Week #5 15 -- 21
 Cub Day Camp, Week 416– 22
 Napowan Week #5 22 -- 28
 Council Executive Committee 18

Scout Executive Minute

Dear Scouters:

Recently, I heard an excellent sermon about “fiduciary responsibility.” I always thought that it only referred to being responsible about things involving money, like being a good steward.

A good fiduciary is expected to be exceptionally loyal to the principal to whom he owes a duty. The fiduciary must place his duty to the principal above his own self-interest. The fiduciary must not profit from his principal unless the principal consents.

A fiduciary must exhibit the highest level of trust, loyalty,

responsibility, believability, honesty, and integrity to his principal. A fiduciary has the responsibility to “not be in a situation where personal interests and fiduciary duty conflict.” Fiduciaries must conduct themselves “at a higher level than that trodden by the crowd.”

Being a good fiduciary is a lot like being a good Scout, of living by the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. Of being responsible, having the needs of others served before one’s own, and of doing the right thing regardless. And finally, of personal conduct that is above and beyond re-

Everybody Wins Committee 18
 Cub Resident Camp, Session 4 19-- 22
 Napowan Week #6 22-- 28
 WB Staff Development #3 23
 Scout Night With the Flyers 24
 Council Executive Board 25
 Popcorn Sale Committee 25
 Cub Resident Camp, Session 5 26– 29
 Venturing Weekend 27 -- 29
 Napowan Week #7 29– Aug 1

August

Pro Staff Meeting..... 3
 Council Key 3 6
 WB Staff Development #4 9
 Webelos Weekend – Lakota 10– 12
 Council Executive Committee 15
 Popcorn Sale Committee 22
 Endowment Committee 23
 Wood Badge Session #1 24– 28
 Family Camping – Napawan 31 – Sept. 4

proach --- having the utmost integrity.

Fiduciary relationships exist everywhere. Lawyer/client, doctor/patient, teacher/student, parent/child, board member/company, senior employee/company, and yes, Scouting volunteer/Scout.

It’s not just about money. It’s the daily practice of bringing the Scout Law and Scout Oath to life in our relationships with one another.

Best regards,
 Stephen J. Taylor, CFRE
 Scout Executive, NWSC
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Napowan 2007 Dining in the Dining Hall

After a long, hard day at Napowan, do you think your scouts would like a 'night off' from waiter/server duties? How about dining inside the dining hall for a meal; away from the rain, the bugs, and the crowded tent?

Does your unit have Scouters who have pledged or contributed to the NWSC Endowment Fund since last summer?

Any unit with a NWSC Endowment Fund contributor (James E West level or above) from July 2006 through this summer of 2007 will receive a meal served by camp staff in the comforts of the dining hall. Please make arrangements with Camp Director Marty Schultz as early in the week as possible.

"Dining in The Dining Hall" is to promote awareness of the NWSC's Endowment Fund and its role in supporting our Council and Camps for future generations. The James E. West Fellowship is a National Award presented by the NWSC. It is named after the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and is for those who contribute/pledge \$1,000 to the NWSC Endowment Fund (it can be spread over 3 years).

For more information on the NWSC Endowment Fund and different ways to contribute, please contact Pete Stikovich, Finance Director or your District Executive.

2008 Philmont Contingent ...

Do you want to **make a memory** that will last a Lifetime ... Do you like Backpacking, Camping, Clear Mountain Air, the smell of Ponderosa pines, watching a thunderstorm build, more stars than you can imagine, a horizon that is 50 miles away, then Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM is for you.

NWSC announces that applications are now being taken for the ultimate backpacking adventure Scouting has to offer. The 2008 NWSC Contingent departs on July 9, 2008 and returns July 24, 2008. Individual Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to join the contingent. Units may sign up a maximum of 6 trekkers per unit. After July 1, units may sign up more trekkers. The total cost for the trip is estimated to be \$1400 per trekker.

Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts are welcome to trek as part of the Philmont Contingent. Scouts must be at least 14 or may be 13 and have completed 8th grade by January 1, 2008.

Please refer to the NWSC website or the Council Office for an application. If you have questions, please contact Dick Engbrecht at 847-392-1542 (engbrecht@comcast.net) or District Executive, Jon Wilson at the Council Office at 847-824-6875



2007 POPCORN SALE DATES

Popcorn Fair and Orientation.....	Wednesday	8/29
Consignment orders due.....	Friday	9/7
Race to win.....	Saturday	9/15
Consignment order pick up.....	Thursday	9/20
	Friday	9/21
	Saturday	9/22
Consignment Re-orders.....	Friday 9/21	Pick up 9/28
	Friday 10/5	Pick up 10/12
Consignment Returns		
(No more than 10% of cases taken).....	Saturday	10/27
(consignment payment, take orders, prize forms)	Monday	10/29
Take order pick up.....	Friday	11/16
	Saturday	11/17
Take order payment.....	Friday	11/30
	Saturday	12/1

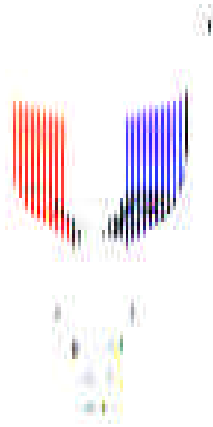
Volunteers Needed

The Northwest Suburban Council Office is in dire need of some attention. There are several critical areas including repair and staining of the wood facia on the front of the building, tuckpointing in numerous areas of the building exterior especially the front face, and the donation of and planting of shrubbery in front of and on the side of the building. The numerous trees on the property could also use quantities of mulch.

Any interested volunteers should contact Scout Executive Steve Taylor directly at 847-824-6830.

Tour Permits

With the time for Summer Camp fast approaching, all units are reminded and encouraged to file Tour Permits in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting and local Council Policy. Questions concerning Tour Permits should be addressed to your District Executive or the Council Office.



Our Newest Eagles

Michael Bombick	Troop 149
Kirk Breneisen	Troop 10
Benjamin Hofeld	Troop 228
David Ishikawa	Troop 149
James Jaffe	Troop 3
Prashant Jayarman	Troop 29
Knoepfle John	Troop 32
Scott LaVanne	Troop 309
Nicholas Lydiksen	Troop 161
Sean Murphy	Troop 32
Jeffrey Rozalewicz	Troop 140
William Schjerven	Troop 198
Jeffrey Schneider	Troop 335
Kyle Siebert	Troop 140
Daniel Zachacki	Troop 84

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