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NAPS, Presbyterian Scouts, Scouters Prominent at Jambo



NAPS BOOTH crew during the National Jamboree included left to right, Eliot Kerlin, Joseph Larrance, Elaine Foley, Wray Johanning, Dr. Paul Deason, and Corb Sarchet. They passed out hat pins, made luggage tags, signed Scout "passports," gave out NAPS literature, and met and visited with thousands of Scouts and Scouters. NAPS members and Presbyterian Scouts and Scouters were found busy in support of and part of contingents throughout the Jambo. More than 6,000 Scouts and Scouters turned out for the Protestant East Service, led by Dr. Donald C. Campbell and Ed Craxton, and featuring a Presbyterian Venture Crew's Praise Band. NAPS funded the printing of 7,000 programs for the worship services. *See Pages 2 and 5 for more Jamboree reports and pictures. Photos by Corb Sarchet and Dr. Paul Deason.*

President's Report

Dear Friends,

The 2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree is over. The event went from tragic to a wonderful experience for the 43,000 youth, adults in attendance and the visitors. I must say that the volunteer Chaplains and all the other volunteers who helped, did an outstanding job to minimize the impact of the tragic accident. Our own Gene Foley was right in the middle of the recovery process, Well done, Thanks Gene, for all of us. I want to Thank all the folks (Eliot Kerlin, Dr. Paul Deason, Joe Larrance and the spark plug that kept us going Elaine Foley and Rev. Martha Carlson who filled in and gave the regulars a break) who worked the NAPS Booth and helped with the Protestant Sunday Service. Dr. Donald Campbell and Rev. Ed Craxton from General Assembly in Louisville, who came to the Jamboree and performed the worship service, for what we estimate 6,000 folks. Don is an Eagle Scout and preached an inspiring sermon that brought together his experiences from Scouting and the Church.

I think Joe Larrance summed up my feelings about the Jamboree in his notes, which are included on Page 4 .

Up coming in the near future is the BSA Religious Relationship Meeting in Irving and the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) Convention in St.Louis. In June 2006, the PCUSA General Assembly will meet in Birmingham AL. NAPS will hold its Bi Annual in conjunction with GA.

I bring you this news with mixed emotions. Rev. Ed Craxton is retiring from PCUSA. NAPS will miss him, He has been a major advocate and supporter of NAPS. Ed, I personally, as do all the NAPS members, want to Thank You for all you have done for us and wish you God Speed in your well deserved retirement. Good Luck and may God Bless you as you move into another phase of your journey of life.

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Jambo Round-Up Report

NAPS and Presbyterian Scouts, Scouters Prominent at Jambo

By Corb Sarchet, Editor

No matter where you looked, you ran into NAPS members or Presbyterian Scouts and Scouters at the National Jamboree, working on staff, serving with contingents and troops, conducting services and counseling as chaplains, or just visiting the Jambo.



Elliott “Chuck” Wimberly, a life member of NAPS, held a key position as Jamboree liaison with the White House for the President’s visit, which kept him hopping as the President’s visit had to be postponed twice, and finally occurring the last Sunday. Chuck coordinated the activities of the Secret Service, White House press office, White House communications team and Marine One. He met both President Bush and the White House Chief of Staff, Andy Card, and had his picture taken with them. “It was a great assignment,” he reported.

Others seen at the Jambo, besides those reported in the July issue included:

Dave Gringas, who worked out of the Special Visitors reception area at the Visitors Center, greeting and directing the scores of VIP’s (and other lost souls, like me) who came to the Jamboree.

Chaplain Eugene Foley, left, who had a sad beginning of the Jambo, when as the Protestant Chaplain for the area, he was the chaplain involved with ministering to the

affected after the tragic deaths of the four Alaskan Scouters and the other injured at the scene. He consulted during the aftermath, and conducted the memorial service along with fellow chaplains Richard



Vossler and Ward Mesick.

John and Nancy Current, both NAPS members, Grace Presbyterian Church, served as key members of the P.A.G. Electrical Service, with John being the chair and Nancy the clerk, dispatcher and communications



A TRIP TO THE JAMBOREE also means sightseeing at historic sites---as did Troop 12, First Presbyterian Church, Pikeville, KY who stopped off in Charleston, SC, to tour the USS Yorktown. Leaders left, are Phil Smith, and right, Barry Goff, NAPS member. Five of the Troop members were part of the Blue Grass Council Contingent’s Jambo Troop 1921. The Troop is only two years old, has earned the NAPS Unit of Excellent Award, and has logged 64 nights of camping thus far! (Photo courtesy of Barry Goff)

Bruce Wilson, at left, below, former Scoutmaster of Lake Huron Area Council 725, came out of retirement to be a Scoutmaster again, this time for Jambo Troop 1114. A

member of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, Midland, he continues to serve as a committee member for Venture Crew 7720. On the right is son **Ben Wilson**, who served as Quartermaster for Jambo Troop 1114. Ben’s an Eagle in Troop 725 and Venture Crew 7720, and chapter chief of the Chippewa Chapter, Misichigonong Lodge.



Terry W. Grogan, far left, rear row, Varsity Team Advisor, 840, Bonhomme Presbyterian Church,

MO, is show with his Jambo Troop 1238. His Jambo Troop all earned their Jambo patch segments---including “Duty to God.” In preparation for the Jambo trip, Troop 1238 attended Scout Sunday services at Bonhomme and then again, enroute, attended services in Washington, DC, and visited Burton Parish Church in historic Williamsburg, VA.



What the Members are Doing....

Two NAPS Officers Receive National Whitney Young Jr Scoutreach Award

Two of NAPS national officers have been awarded the Whitney Young Award by the National Council's Southreach Division for their work with inner-city and minority Scouts and programs.

Wray Johanning, NAPS president, received his award in July for his work as a mentor and developer of a program taking Scouting into the heart of the St. Louis, MO, urban core.

Corb Sarchet, NAPS publications secretary, received his award in August for his work as a Scoutmaster and Council President in the Orlando area in fostering Scouting and training minority Scouting leaders in the urban core of Orlando, FL.

Presbyterian Scout Chosen to Attend Boys Nation

Eagle Scout Charles Workinger, son of NAPS member Robert T. Workinger, was chosen to represent Wisconsin as one of two Senator delegates to the American Legion's Boys Nation in Washington, DC. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, a graduate of the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp at Philmont, and attended the 2001 National Jamboree. Two high school juniors are chosen from each state to attend the event where they meet in mock sessions of Congress, meet the President, members of the Cabinet and Congressional leaders from their states, and have an intensive course in the workings of the Federal government.



Notes from P.R.A.Y.

A new manual for Chaplains and Chaplain Aides is now available from P.R.A.Y. To, order, it is bin # 05-216C. It includes sections on Chaplains, Chaplain Aides, their qualifications, and worship opportunities.

Square Knots & Devices

Most people are familiar with the square knot which religious emblems recipients may wear, but not many are familiar with the devices. Only one knot is worn (the silver knot on purple, No. 05007), but any combination of devices may be worn on the same knot to show the different program phases when the emblems were earned. Go here for photos and more detailed descriptions:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/awards/devices.html>

Cub Scout device, No. 00926; Webelos Scout device, No. 00932; Boy Scout device, No. 00927; Venturer device, No. 00930

Awards for Display Available

One of the easiest ways to promote religious recognitions is to simply display the emblems in a prominent area at the council office or store or at special council-wide events. P.R.A.Y. makes its religious awards available at a special discounted rate for Boy Scout Councils. Please contact joanw@praypub.org to request a Display Medal Order Form.

Varsity Team 840 Earns 2d Unit of Excellence Award

Varsity Team 840, chartered to the Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, MO, has qualified for its second Unit of Excellence Award, which was to be presented later this Fall, reports Terry Grogan, NAPS member and Team Advisor.

Recent accomplishments of the Team include earning the BSA Quality Unit Award; participation in Scout Sunday services and Memorial Day services at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery; leading Protestant staff worship services at the local Council NYLT Course, and performing service projects for their sponsoring Church.

"I, the Chartered Organization Representative, and Committee members are all very active in our Presbyterian congregation," he reports. "The 12 boys in our unit have earned a total of one God & Church, one God and Life, three Ad Altare Dei and two Pope Pius XII Religious medals and one Team member who is currently working toward his God & Church award."

"My unit is composed of five Protestants, four of which are Presbyterians, and six Roman Catholics. The Catholics graciously participate in our Presbyterian Scout Sunday service and help in our Church service projects."

Team members and Grogan also made a Philmont trek, and three team members attended the National Junior Leader Instructor Course at Philmont.

Two Appointed as NAPS' Officers

In August, two members were appointed to regional officer positions, announced Wray Johanning, President.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Larrance as Director of the Covenant Region, and Mike Hunter, as Secretary of the Southwest Region," Johanning said.

Larrance, from Williamsburg, MI, and Hunter, from Roswell, NM, both attended the 2005 Jambo. Larrance succeeds Dr. George Hupp, who had been the acting regional director, while Hunter fills a vacant position.

Two to Attend ACPE Conference

NAPS president Wray Johanning, of St. Louis, MO, and Dave Richardson, National Council Relationships executive, will represent BSA and NAPs at the 2006 Annual Presbyterian Church Educators Conference (ACPE) to be held February 1-4, 2006, in St. Louis.

The NAPS Executive Committee approved participation in September. Both the NAPS and the BSA display will be set up.

Religious Award Knot Clarification

Presbyterian Scouters and other Scouters who receive the Celtic Cross Award may wear the adult religious award knot. However, if they also receive the God & Service Award, they may only wear one knot, not two, and there is no device available to distinguish the type of award, reports Dave Richardson, BSA Relationships Division. If a Scouter earned a youth religious award, he may wear it in addition to the adult knot, and use appropriate devices for the program phase in which it or they were earned. And, the Community Organization knot is not approved for the Celtic Cross Award since the NAPS award is approved as a religious award.

My 2005 Jambo Experience

By Joseph Larrance
Director, Covenant Region

Jamboree 2205 was both a sad and a wonderful time.

The tragedies and the dehydration problems were all preventable with the correct forethought. All little children are taught to look up before they put something in the air like what happened to the Scoutmasters. And, from the top down there was a problem the day we had so many people dehydrating. Most boys have gone to the CamelBak hydration system (or one like it). Security for the President said that they were unacceptable to get into the arena. Therefore, hundreds of boys were walking two and three hours in the 106-degree heat without water.

Scout Executives, Scoutmasters, and everybody else involved with any decision-making should have done something to protect the boys. And no matter what we say about drinking water, many consume pop instead. On the worst day, we watched, in the evening, as ambulances and med-evac helicopters carried out many people to the hospitals in the neighboring communities.

The one thing that was not in the newscasts, that should have been, in the story of the heroic deed by one boy to prevent a fifth man from dying in the electrical accident and keep his father. From the limited details I know, as the tragedy was happening, he took his life in his hands and knocked his father away from the force field that killed the others. We had a Court of Honor recognizing him for his deed with the highest life saving award offered by the Boy Scouts.

This was a huge recruiting opportunity for the military. The Post Commander made it a legitimate part of the uniform for the soldiers and seamen on base to wear the highest Scout rank on their uniform while there. It was good to see. A Coast Guard Commander (silver oak leaves) told us that of the 102 in their contingent, 51 were Eagles! That many wearing the rank is part of the recruiting.

It supposedly costs the US taxpayer, through the military budget, about six or seven million dollars for this ten-day period. Some of those costs are to pay the personnel that are on duty anyway. AP Hill is a Guard/Reserve training facility. Those who had their two week duty as MP's, got a whole new lesson, trying to control civilians, who don't choose to pay attention, rather than the military who must. Please let your congressman know that this is worth the time and money from the military for the joy and learning these boys and leaders get.

However, personally I had such a great time that I am planning to go again in five years. One of my first encounters was at supper the first night I was there, when Sue Meyer, one of my Wood Badge Patrol spotted me and we had a nice reunion. And at the other end, Leif Klang, another Wood Badger found me. And in between I saw and talked with a dozen or so others from around the Midwest that I had met from various scouting events through time. Add to that the new people I met this time and my stock of wonderful people known through scouting just rose. One the other hand, I never saw one boy from my Council, the Scenic Trails Council, except when I went into their area as they set up upon arrival, only adults coming by to say "hi."

One of my personal highpoints was meeting some Russian Scouts. Ten of them came over from the southwest of Russia to participate. There were some 26 other countries represented, but these are the ones I interacted with. When my family adopted our Russian children, I had flag patches made with the Russian flag, somewhere about 100. They were not in demand, as I anticipated, so I had many left at home. For whatever reason, I gathered all I could find and took them with me. I had fortyish in my pocket when I went visiting. The



Joe Larrance and Elaine Foley are wearing the new grey NAPS polo shirts in the NAPS booth. Dr. Paul Deason is on the right, as a visitor receives his luggage tag.

flag on their uniform was a sad excuse for a flag, so I suggested they put this on instead.

As we talked and they saw the stash I had, one of them being as polite as possible, said that they had no idea that patch trading was so

popular here, and they had nothing to trade. I was able to offer them all the flags in my pocket. To most boys, coming from me they were nothing, but coming from a Russian, what a great trade! A few days later, one of them recognized me again and said hello with a pile of patches in his hand. Made my day!

Add to that, the knowledge I gained about opportunities and other sundry items for both boys and adults under the scouting umbrella. For those of you who don't know, I worked in the relationships area, representing the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters.

In the booth next to me on one side was the VFW with all the scholarships they offer and on the other was the Knights of Pithias. I never got into what they offered, except that I have a CD that is FILLED with information on ceremonies, projects, awards and many other items. It was given with the charge that I copy it and give it to every Scoutmaster in my council and as many others as I can reach.

Across the tent was the Department of Education, giving information on federal aid for school and how to get it, what steps need to be done at each step in your high school career, and the phone number/web site to make it all happen. In the other relationships tent, I talked to the representative from the Eastern Orthodox church, and he showed me where Koasta can probably get \$1,000 for college from the Russian Children's Aid Society.

In the relationships area, there were at least ten Christian churches represented along with Muslims, Jews, and Buddhists. With the VFW in our tent went the American Legion in the other and service clubs, such as the Rotarians, Kiwanians, Elks, Moose, and others, but no Lions, which surprised me as they purport to have the largest membership worldwide.

We stayed in eight-man tents that had electricity wired in. With the record heat, we needed it, as fans were almost required. Where I was, there were also barracks with adults billeted. We used the showers and bathrooms there for our needs. And all of us together used the same mess hall. The youth staff, which were in tents adjoining ours, had outdoor showers and port-a-johns. Their mess hall was a tent across the street from ours.

In five years will be the 100th anniversary of the Boys Scouts in America. It should be a particularly large jamboree. I am hoping that David and Stan are still active enough to want to go as staff. They will be too old to go as participants. As staff they will have a job, but time to do much as well.

Each morning there is an official flag raising with speaker and band. The whole nine yards! It takes at least 107 OA boys to do the flag raising, three on the American Flag, and two each on the Scout flag, World Crest flag, and 50 state flags. Then they go about the other duties they are assigned to for the day. The day I was there, the Surgeon General was the speaker and the Fort AP Hill Army Band was the music. Very impressive!

I am looking forward to seeing and meeting Scouts from everywhere again. Joe

Jambo Booth Popular With Scouters and Scouts Alike



Thousands of Scouts and Scouters came by the NAPS booth at the National Jamboree to learn more about NAPS, Scouting in Presbyterian Churches, and to get their Jambo Passbooks signed to qualify for a special patch. NAPS passed out NAPS logo hat pins and made luggage tags--both popular items. The scenes on this page are typical of the ebb and flow of a steady stream of visitors and old and new friends. After the first day and continued heat, the class "A" shirts gave way to Scout and NAPS tee or golf shirts. Below Left, Rev. Eugene "Gene" Foley renewed his friendship with Jacob Forston, Indiana Presbyterian Scouter, whom he met at the World Jamboree in Thailand. The Protestant East Church Service, below center,



featured Dr. Donald Campbell, shown speaking, and Ed Craxton, seated to right, as speakers, center. Mark Griffin, Council Executive, Blue Mountain Council, Kennewick, WA, made it possible for the Venture Crew Praise Band from his First Presbyterian Church (shown in the background) to play at the service and at dining halls. Below right, Dr. Paul Deason, center, and Scouts and Scouters distributed worship bulletins provided by NAPS at the worship service to the estimated 6,000 attending. The ushers were recruited by Dr. Campbell from the Lincoln Heritage Council. The worship service program has been added to the Scouts' worship section of the NAPS webpage.



Gene & Jacob renew friendship



Dr. Donald Campbell leads service



Paul Deason, center, and ushers



Venture Band



Scouts Participate in Service



The hillside was packed



We Want You!



To Help Round Up New Members for NAPS

When you network with, play golf with, go Scouting with, bump into, pray with, or otherwise connect with your fellow Presbyterian Scouters, recruit them for our team--

- to assist Presbyterian congregations to become chartered partners with BSA
- to assist local Councils in establishing units in Presbyterian churches
- to foster individual religious growth of Presbyterian youth
- to promote the use of unit Chaplains and Chaplain Aides
- to support the chaplaincy program in summer camps
- to encourage recognition of and to recognize Presbyterian clergy, laymen, and organizations for their contributions to youth and Scouting

and.....

to bring unchurched youth and their families in contact with Presbyterian Churches through quality, fun, and exciting Scouting programs

We Welcome These New NAPS Members!

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