

The Presbyterian Scouter



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Breaking News: the NAPS Website Undergoes Major Change



Websites sometimes change editors over the years and NAPS has been in process of choosing a new webmaster over the last several months. The change is now underway. Our good friend John di Silva has maintained the NAPS website for many years, this despite his computer company's facing increasing demands on his time for computer support for individuals, companies, and government agencies, especially in his notable creation of specialty aps for computers and telephones. With his dedication to Scouts, his church, and the rapidly growing business, maintenance of the website became more and more difficult.

At moment, NAPS, in cooperation with John, is transferring the website to the capable hands of Paul Ke, whom many of you met at Jamboree last summer. Like John, Paul is a dedicated Christian, Presbyterian, Scoutmaster, computer specialist, and now emerging as the new NAPS Webmaster.

Pictures and articles introducing each of these dedicated members will appear in the Fall issue. Events moved more quickly this month than did the opportunity to get snaps and bios collected, organized, and ready for the newsletter. Keep an eye out in a few weeks and watch the changes as they occur over the next few months. In meantime, keep your information coming in to your editor and be prepared for the newsletter and website to reflect interests and suggestions from all groups of Presbyterians interested in and involved with Scouting.

NAPS Continues to Grow Green through Internet Communications

Some time ago, former NAPS editor Corb Sarchet suggested to members that we could improve the environment and cost control for NAPS by sending the newsletter to those who preferred swifter electronic mailings by email. Some thought it a great idea, some preferred the usual hardcopy. Then one of the usual pesky gremlins that inhabit cyberspace took out part of the system, including the separately-stored Internet mailing list. Tragic- but fixable- if you, our members who want Internet delivery, will please send the editor notification of your email address again.

For some who have changed email address but haven't thought to let us know, we would love to have the current email address—indeed, any corrections in email, regular mail, or telephone address. Some have moved and not reported changes in council or other vital data. We don't want to lose track of you and ask you please keep us up to speed.

With such a busy and productive group of folks, we know changes sometimes come quickly and without warning. Sometimes these are promotions, new ventures, or awards/recognitions with the changes. Those might be just the story we need for the next issue, so please keep all of those in mind and share the events with photo and caption. Do note that one of our own, Warren Kraft, has had a few dramatic changes and we managed to get the story after a friend referred us to Warren's recovery and new ventures. His story is one many will understand personally and salute. So share your stories, awards/recognitions, or other pertinent NAPS coverage. We do depend on your for participation and information. And, don't forget to keep us updated on all basic avenues of communication for you.

Thanks! D'editor





So, here we are in the beginning of the second century of BSA. What now? Well, the annual meeting in San Diego (May 24-27) recently highlighted many new adventures planned for this future. NAPS representatives were there to help us learn, share, plan, and support in the efforts. The newsletter this time has limited information on activities and is later than norm due to the editor's recent illness. However, there has been some news sent back by our President Gene Foley. "D'Pres" reports that Wray Johanning was working with the Religious Relations Task Force in the area of Emblems and Recognitions, while he (Foley) participated in the Religious Relations Task Force on tracking leadership in scouting issues, especially dealing with the impact for and on NAPS' role. Such issues as planning a Philmont Training Session for fellowship of members and chaplain at PTC, training for religious emblems programs, and chaplaincy interaction are underway. More on that very exciting prospect will be shared as plans solidify. Issues related to The Summit and the projected staff and site development usage were part of the program. More on that later too. Gene reports seeing NAPS' own NE Synod Director of NAPS Bob Schelgel attending the meeting. Some of our directors really do commute coast-to-coast to keep up with what is happening in Scouting and its influence on NAPS. We owe them big thanks as predominantly, if not entirely, their pockets support their keeping up to date with the "broader picture" and allow them to participate for NAPS in working with our youth and Scouters as well. Please support the NAPS Chaplaincy program if you are able.

Jamboree in Sweden

Many of the pilgrims to World Jamboree will be from our NAPS family. Troop 48's JASM Logan House will assist NAPS Prez Gene Foley for the international worship service (see section on Logan in NAPS' Scouter Recognizes" in this issue. Gene Foley will leave for Sweden July 24, serving until his departure August 8, with the International Service Team in the Faith and Belief area of Jamboree. He is especially looking forward to seeing again an acquaintance from other European meets, the King of Sweden, King Carl XVI. Such contact reminds us of Baden-Powell's premise of youth uniting internationally for good. Indeed, in such difficult times, it is good that support for Scouting reaches across international lines and enlists personal representation across political, religious, gender, and hierarchical degrees. Our thanks to Sweden and its king for welcoming Scouts and Scouters universally.

Each World Jamboree has its particular flavor. Given the secular nature of this year's host, generally no chaplains are will be appointed as such; therefore, Gene will serve as a pastoral advisor for support of our youth and some leadership, especially as some will encounter other beliefs and cultures which may be quite different to their own at the event. World Jamboree will have a Faith and Belief area, but it will not be what some would expect if they have been to last year's Jamboree at Ft AP Hill. It will have chaplains on site offering whatever support can encourage their faith journey. If you are going to Sweden for Jamboree, do send back some notes and a photo or two, or check with Logan and Gene. I am hoping that Logan can act as a 'roving reporter' and create a page on the event for the NAPS Fall newsletter issue and even more pictures to post on the website. Be sure to look for both of these NAPS reps when there.

The Charter Partner Representative (COR)

Part 2

In the first part of this series, we identified general areas of responsibility of the COR in the Presbyterian Church. It basically stated that the COR is responsible to the Session and the Executive Officer who is a member of the professional staff and is the communication vehicle between the Church and the Scout Programs. They are also responsible to insure the Scouting Programs operate within the Policies and Procedures of the Church. In this the final part, we shall identify the following very specific duties of the COR.

Duties to Scouting:

The COR by virtue of their position as COR is a member of the Scouting District Committee and the Council Board of Directors. In both bodies, the COR has a vote.

Duties to the Church:

1. Represents the Church as the Charter Partner to the Scouting Programs and speaks with the authority of the Session and Executive Officer. (Interface between the Church and the Scouting Programs). All communications between the Church and the Scouting Programs should go through the COR. (Except for day to day operations)
2. Insure the Scouting Programs are operating in compliance with the Church's Policies and Procedures.
3. Resolve any issues between the Church and the Scouting Programs.
4. Approve individual Applications for Adults that serve in the Scouting Programs of the Church.
5. Be member of the Committee assigned by the Session to have oversight of the Scouting Programs and attend committee meetings on a regular basis.
6. Report on a regular basis, but at a minimum of every 90 days, the status of the Scouting Programs to the Session Committee.
7. Insure the Church Leadership and Staff understands the relationship between the Church as the Charter Partner and the Scouting Programs,
8. Coordinate activities between the Church and the Scouting Programs. (Scout Sunday, Scouting Program Calendars, Scouting Good Turns for the Church, and use of the Church Facilities for Scouting Activities-
9. Work with the District Commissioner's Staff to ensure communications are reaching the Scouting Programs.

Then there is always *the famous 'other duties' as assigned by the Session or Executive Officer.*

In summary, if you are a Charter Partner Representative, you have a critical duty that can have a positive impact in the relationship between the Church and the Scouting Programs.

Update submitted by Wray Johanning

Editor's note: The accompanying two pages are from: Dr. Paul J. Deason, Southwest Director, National Association of Presbyterian Scouters. It is good to have reports of scouting (especially NAPS) events and commentary. It is hoped that others addressing presbytery, synod and national Presbyterian events will also contribute to making the newsletter and website of stronger in context and range. You may obtain a copy of "Bringing Youth to Christ Through a Presbyterian Scouting Program" (with illustrations and more assistance) by contacting Dr. Deason or one of the others listed at the end of the article..

To: The Synod of the Southwest

Subject: Presbyterians and Scouting, Bringing Youth to Christ through a Scouting Ministry

Scouting can be a part of your youth ministry outreach by providing opportunities for devotionals, Christian leadership and Bible study in age related programs that can supplement your usual church school program.

- Cub Scouting emphasizes family unity through fun with a purpose (I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the law of the pack.
- Boy Scouting practices learning by doing, including their religious duties (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.
- Venturing involves young adults in youth ministries (As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and to help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.)

The Record

Presbyterian congregations have used the Scouting program in conjunction with the other phases of the youth ministry for over 90 years. The program has served as a catalyst for strengthening relationships among youth, family, and the congregation. More than 145,000 youth members are involved in more than 4,000 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews.

National Liaison

Since 1920, Presbyterian congregations have recognized that the Scouting program not only renders a service to the youth but also is extremely beneficial to the congregations that act as chartered organizations. The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS) was formed in 1986 to assist and encourage congregations in becoming chartered organizations, in presenting the entire Scouting program, and in promoting the religious growth programs as well as to serve as a liaison between Scouting and the church.

In 1988, NAPS became officially linked through a covenant with the Education and Congregational Nurture Ministries Unit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as well as other autonomous Presbyterian bodies. NAPS has a regional structure that coincides with the boundaries of the Synods of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It represents its membership on the Religious Relationships Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, NAPS has representation on the Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) board in St. Louis, Missouri.

Church Functions

Presbyterian Church bodies work with the Boy Scouts of America to:

- Develop and strengthen mutually beneficial relationships with the BSA
- Foster among Presbyterian congregations a regard for Scouting as a resource for ministry and assist congregations that operate Scouting units to use them as effective ministry tools
- Help provide literature related to Scouting and the church's ministry with children, youth, and families
- Provide and administer religious growth programs for Presbyterian youth in Scouting
- Emphasize the religious aspect of the Scouting program
- Promote religious worship at outdoor Scouting functions and a chaplaincy program at Scout summer camps
- Help Presbyterian adults in Scouting understand and carry out their ministry roles and give recognition to those who faithfully serve children and youth through the Scouting program

NAPS Functions

The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS) was formed to encourage and support Presbyterian congregations and their ministries with youth in using the program of the Boy Scouts of America by:

- Encouraging Presbyterian congregations to become chartered organizations, incorporating Tiger Cub dens, Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews into their ministries with youth, thereby extending their programs of leadership training and community outreach

- Assisting BSA local councils in the promotion, chartering, establishing, and supporting of Scouting units in Presbyterian congregations
- Fostering young people's individual religious growth through the God and Country program, with recognition given by P.R.A.Y. (God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life emblems), and use of the chaplain's aide position in the BSA
- Promoting and encouraging training opportunities to improve individual skills, awareness of the Scouting ministry, and spiritual growth
- Advocating a chaplaincy program as a mission issue in Scouting activities
- Cooperating with other denominations and faiths through the BSA Religious Relationships Committee and through establishment of local council and district relationships committees

Religious Growth

The God and Country religious growth program is provided for Presbyterian youth in Scouting and includes the following recognitions:

- God and Me. For youth in first through third grades: Earning this emblem encourages children to tell the story of their lives, think about the life and teachings of Jesus, and see how God is present in their lives today.
- God and Family. For youth in fourth and fifth grades: This emblem recognizes growth in relation to self, God, family, friends, neighbors, community, and the future.
- God and Church. For youth in sixth through eighth grades: Earning the God and Church emblem encourages individuals to know their pastor and counselor more intimately, to understand the church's structure and objectives, and to participate in services and projects that will give them a better understanding of the mission of the church.
- God and Life. For youth in ninth through 12th grades: The God and Life emblem is earned for completing a series of self-guidance and developmental exercises for students seeking to strengthen faith, make responsible choices, and find identity in family, church, and country. A counselor or minister is designated by the church and works with this age level.

Adult Recognitions

- God and Service Award. This recognition is presented to Presbyterian adults by P.R.A.Y. upon nomination by the church and the related youth agency.
- Adult Mentor Program. This program is designed for an adult to work with a young person enrolled in the God and Country program. It prepares adults to be positive Christian influences and to share their faith with youth as they work together on the God and Country emblem. The mentor program is not to be confused with the God and Service Award. An adult who completes the mentor studies will receive a certificate and a lapel pin. There is no device to be worn on a uniform.
- Celtic Cross Award. This is a nationally acclaimed award recognizing those individuals in the church who have worked long and hard in the service of youth in the church. The individual receiving this award, administered by NAPS, does not have to be serving in a Scout troop, and is nominated for the recognition through the minister and session.

Resources

The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS) and the BSA have developed several resources to show how Presbyterian Scouting works in local congregations: the brochure "Presbyterians and Scouting, Building Values Together" (No. 5-975) and the New Unit Organization Kit (No. 5-976). In addition, a short videotape, "Presbyterians and Scouting, Building Values Together," offers specific examples of how local congregations use Scouting as part of their youth ministry program. All resources are available through both the local Scout councils and the Presbytery Resource centers; or contact the Relationships Division at 972-580-2191.

Additional Information

Information and materials concerning the religious growth programs or the God and Service nomination may be obtained from P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis, MO 63123-3433; telephone 800-933-PRAY. For additional information about the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters, contact NAPS president, in care of P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis, MO 63123-3433. Synod of the Southwest Points of Contact: Paul J. Deason, Ph.D. 4815 Agave Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 524-9881, deasonp@zianet.com Rev Perkins Patton 6511 Jeffries St. Las Cruces, NM 88012 (575) 373-1963 perkinspatton@zianet.com

Letter to the Editor on Church Sponsorship of Scouts

From Ernest Knipp

I want to discuss some of the things people should think about in starting and continuing a Boy Scout program. I should make clear that my perspective is that of someone in Texas, considering Scouting units in Presbyterian churches. In my area, most BSA programs are connected to churches, although other organizations can also be "chartered organizations." Even so, many of the things I say here do apply to other states and other chartered partners, but you should check out your own situation carefully.

Many churches have a variety of activities going on with a variety of relationships to the church. At one extreme, there are those which are part of the church itself (like a Sunday School class) ranging to the other extreme, those not part of the church (a person who rents space from the church to present book reviews). As it turns out, a Boy Scout unit (Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop, etc., is part of the church itself. Suppose we use the example of a troop. The church itself owns the money in the troop's bank account, all the "troop property" (as the members think of it), and the church itself is ultimately responsible for settling any disputes that may arise.

I would like to dispose of one topic in the beginning: Girl Scouts. Currently, most adults will take the position that boys and girls must be treated equally. However, the Girl Scouts are organized very differently. A Boy Scout troop in a church is part of the church; a Girl Scout troop in the same church is an outside organization that meets there. This can lead to some practical problems: for example, if someone is moved to contribute a canoe to "the Scouts" (boys and girls), the Boy Scout part would go to the church, while the Girl Scout part would go to the local Girl Scout council. In this particular discussion, I would like to confine myself to Boy Scouts only.

Suppose that a church has decided to begin a Boy Scout program; the church must agree to the "Annual Agreement" with the local Boy Scout council. These agreements are forms in which the details vary from one council to another to accommodate local conditions, but the most important provisions are universal. Each side (the church on one hand and the council on the other) agrees to perform certain acts; the fact that there are promises on both sides means that the form is a "bilateral contract." The agreement runs for one year and must be renewed annually. The local council is incorporated, and the church is (in general) incorporated, so that what is going on is that two corporations are entering into a contract.

I am aware that so good many people are reluctant to think of their church as a corporation, but everyone should understand what is happening. In Texas, the State Bar recommends that an organization like the church have a training session for new directors (in our case, new members of the session) and that each trainee receive a notebook to be used at meetings of the directors; at the beginning of the notebook should be three items: the articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation, with all amendments; the bylaws; and the policies of the organization. Personally, I think this is a good practice because members of the governing board have the rules under which they operate in writing, spelled out in detail. One policy I would suggest is that certain key positions should be filled by church members. If there is an entry in the session's minutes reflecting that the annual agreement (shown as an exhibit or otherwise recorded) has been approved for another year and that the pastor or other designee is authorized to sign on behalf of the church, that should suffice.

The late Lewis Mattingly, who was a very successful scoutmaster for many years, thought that the best time to choose for unit meetings was Wednesday night, because the church itself has various adult activities on that night; it is possible to arrange things so that the various programs augment rather than conflict with each other. A cub pack can arrange to have programs for all age groups on Wednesday night, although dens who might want another meeting time can arrange to do so. I remember a conversation with a mother who had two boys who were Cub Scouts; for her, the Wednesday night schedule freed up two afternoons a week, and she and her husband could choose how they wanted to handle that night: the whole family could come to dinner at the church, or come later; one or both parents could take part in the activities they wanted.

Of course, from time to time, I have had suggestions about various aspects of the re-charter process, supposedly improvements. One idea is that if we leave out one or two steps, the result will not be binding; then, if something goes wrong and a lawsuit results, we are safe. But, because of "apparent agency" or "apparent authority," the church will be bound just as completely as if the job had been done thoroughly. The directors (session) need to know what goes on, and cannot delegate the responsibility.

Note from the Editor: Thank you, Ernest Knipp, for offering this useful advice. Many NAPS members and readers have spent years in Scouting and assume all others who want to sponsor a troop or crew "know the ropes." Unfortunately, some of those ropes can have some tricky knots not easily understood by newbies. As we all depend on new leadership entering to support our crews and troops, sometimes, words from a seasoned veteran can help prevent unnecessary mishaps for those entering the field. Thank you.

Every Chaplain Needs a Chaplain's Aide

Eleanor Johnson, the Roman Catholic Relationships Chair in the Central Florida Council tells this story, which is also true elsewhere in Scouting. She was chairing an Eagle Board of Review and the Scout appearing before it wore a Chaplain's Aide position patch. She asked him to describe what he did in that position. He said, "Nothing, they just gave me the patch to wear to meet my leadership requirements." The Board denied his application. (Postscript, he came back six months later, and described what he did as a chaplain's aide the past six months, and was approved for advancement to Eagle.)

In keeping with the 12th Scout law and our pledge to do our duty to God, the Chaplain's aide should play a key role in your unit's operation.

What does a Chaplain's Aide do?

- ✦ Delivers an invocation and a benediction at opening and closing ceremonies at Troop meetings and other activities. Delivers a blessing at meals.
- ✦ Plays a key role along with the Senior Patrol Leader in planning the Troop's role in Scout Sunday observances, and as a lead participant.
- ✦ Serves as a member of a Chaplain's Aide team in planning and conducting religious services at summer camp camporees, and other District or Council events under the leadership of Council or District Chaplains.
- ✦ Encourages Patrols to say grace during Patrol activities. Educates Scouts on the religious emblem award program and encourage participation.
- ✦ If the Troop has a Chaplain, assist the Chaplain as needed. If the Troop does not have a Chaplain, consult with one's Pastor, Minister, Priest, or Rabbi on their participation in Troop activities, especially Courts of Honor, and on ways the Troop may assist in service projects for the sponsoring organization, if a church or place of worship.

Who should be a Chaplain's Aide?

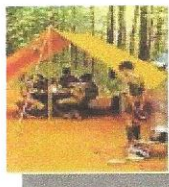
- ✦ Ideally, he or she should be a Scout active in one's own Church's youth program, and either earned or working on the appropriate religious emblem award for one's faith. *It is also recommended that the person completes Chaplain's Aide's training.* Camp Chaplains may offer such training during summer camp. District or Council Chaplains may offer such training at University of Scouting. Scouts attending National Youth Leadership Training have an opportunity to serve as Chaplain's Aides and receiving training, as well as organize and conduct the courses Scouts own Worship service. There is a *Chaplain's Aide Manual* available from the National BSA.

What Skills Should a Chaplain's Aide Have?

- ✦ Should be a good speaker with fine projection.
- ✦ Should like to read and read aloud.
- ✦ Should be Internet savvy and able to seek out resources on the net.

Also, a Chaplain's Aide should be a good "people person."

(Thanks to **Corb Sarchet** for this article.)



Wanted: Presbyterian Chaplains

"Ok, ok, so who really wants chaplains?" you may ask.

Answer: BSA does, and we at NAPS are seeking to help furnish names that have been vetted for service.

Presbyterian and Reformed chaplains are needed. Currently, criteria include the individuals must be clergy, advanced seminary students, or denominationally endorsed to be eligible.

At present, a list exists for placement of at least 20 people. Candidates need to supply a vita (denominational links are sometimes useful for evaluation) with at least four to six references. After reviewing each application, the NAPS officers connected to the BSA Religious Relations Committee will be in touch with each candidate if there are any other process issues.

If you cannot serve this summer, please submit an application now as openings occur throughout the year, even at a moment's notice. We would love to have a network of available chaplains across the USA and territories, perhaps with some available for international sites.

Especially, we need to have a strong list of chaplains with denominational endorsement before Jamboree 2013. The time to apply is now. Looking forward to seeing you in service!

Editorial Thanks to Some Very Special Folks

Recently, your editor had opportunity when visiting in St Louis with Wray and Diana Johanning, new NAPS Webmaster Paul Ke, and NAPS Chaplain Sean Butler to go to the P.R.A.Y. home office. While space is somewhat limited due to the amount of materials and media backups, the welcome was large and warm. (Texas, watch out, these folks have hospitality down to fine finish). I finally got to meet Jennifer Robinson who sends us lists of ALL Presbys receiving P.R.A.Y. awards. She and I have chatted by Internet and phone, but it was a real pleasure to have face to face meeting and learn more about the difficulties of mixing all the Internet services and how difficult it is to keep up with some members' early systems and programming with those with the latest technology.

We were especially privileged to meet with CEO Mark Hazlewood, who shared information about new P.R. A. Y. materials, upcoming activities, and some oversight into P.R. A.Y.'s and cooperation with the BSA Religious Relations operation. Thanks too for the materials to help the Chaplain at Camp Meriwether prepare for training in the Cascade Pacific Council and your editor keep up with latest recognitions. To Diane and Wray Johanning go many thanks for the trip over to the office and personal introductions. The whole visit to P.R.A. Y., Lewis and Clark's Point of Departure at Camp Dubois, and general T.L.C. tour of some mighty fine eating places under your care is appreciated. D'Editor



Mark



Sean



Wray, Diana, Bill, Paul



1st Expedition Boat

The Presbyterian Scouter Recognizes:

NAPS would like to thank P.R.A.Y.org for some of the photos and recognitions listed. Other recognitions note the source when available. For direct listing in the *Presbyterian Scouter* documenting your troop's achievements, email amandabtarbell@yahoo.com, or mail *Presbyterian Scouter Newsletter* Editor, PO Box 2097, Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070. (Venture and Varsity Scouts/Scouters, we are waiting to hear from you too!) Images of any subjects must have the permission of individuals within the photo. Any submissions may be posted on the NAPS website, <http://presbyterianscouters.org>, as well as in *The Presbyterian Scouter*. In some cases, other entities, such as presbyteries/classes may utilize *The Presbyterian Scouter* material.

Dear Editor:

I recently taught a God and Me class to nine children - 5 Cub Scouts and 4 Girl Scouts. I've been doing this regularly for several years, timed so that the children can receive their awards on Scout Sunday. This is the first year I've actually gotten Girl Scouts to attend -) One of my students this year was **Thomas Pack 451, chartered to Westminster (PCUSA)**. Thomas and his family are Tuttle, made an excellent presentation as Sunday, February 13, at Westminster's Scout photo of a God and Me cake that Thomas' grandparents were at Westminster to see



awards on Scout Sunday. This is the first year I've probably because I lead a Girl Scout troop now :- **Hill, who is a 3rd grade Bear Cub Scout in Cub Scout Presbyterian Church of Durham, NC** members of the church. The church's pastor, Chris Thomas was presented his God and Me medal Sunday. Chris' parents provided me with this neat grandmother, Susan Hill, prepared for him. Thomas' him receive his award.

The Sunday before, four of my other students, three Girl Scouts and a Cub Scout, received their God and Me awards at a Scout Sunday held by Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Another student, a Girl Scout, received her award at her church, Kings Park International, on a Sunday when I couldn't attend. Three more students have completed the course and pastoral interviews, and will be receiving their awards in the next few weeks. I hope to be present for all of them.

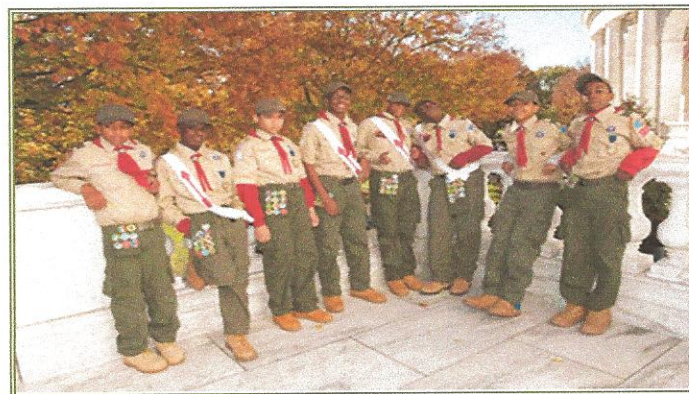
Chip Reinhardt, Chartered Organization Representative
[Cub Scout Pack 451](#) and [Boy Scout Troop 451](#)
Leader, [Girl Scout Troop 1806](#)



[Editor's note: Some of you may know also know Chip Reinhardt for his dedicated service in the NAPS booth at Ft. A. P. Hill's 2010 Jamboree. He is also a PC(USA) Regional (SYNOD) Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Thanks for the update, Chip.

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BS Troop 201 from Cedar Park Presbyterian in Philadelphia, PA is not sluggish either! Check out these proud scouts at the Arlington National Cemetery. . Why there? To recognize the sacrifice others have made -and make- for their freedoms and as reminder of why they worked so hard with the Bowler to Veterans Link <http://www.bowlforveterans.org/aboutbvl.html>. These scouts collected over \$1,000 in donations for vets! Nice going, guys!

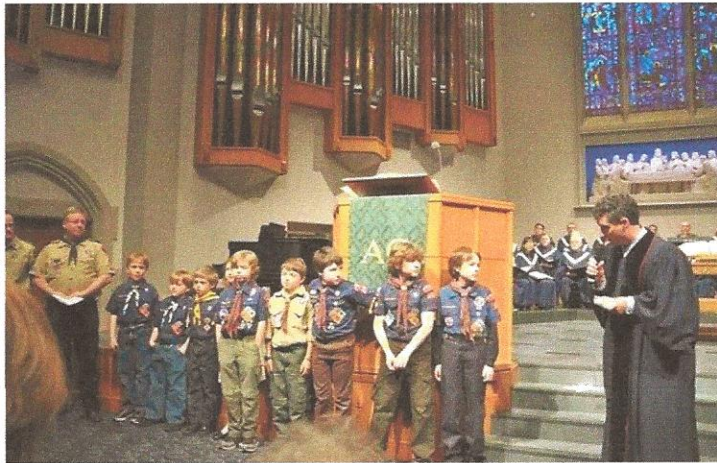


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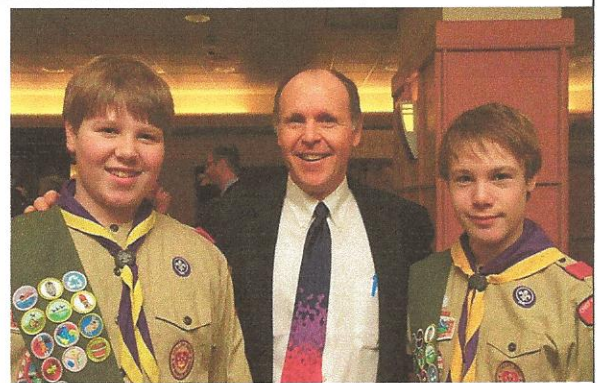
Christopher B, Matthew W, UPC member and J.R. D , Seth W, Ryan G, Tom G

After being ushered into the Scout Sunday Service this February and responding to the Scout-led call to worship, members of **University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, WA**, celebrated with **Pack 167's** nine Cub Scouts and one Girl Scout in their God & Me and God & Family recognition. One BSA Troop 167 member received the God & Church recognition, and three recent Eagle Scouts were recognized. Boy Scouts also assisted in the collection of the offering. Congratulations to all!



L to R:

R Larson - God and Me Counselor, Marsh - God and Family Counselor, Cort B –God and Me recipient, Carson B - God and Me recipient, Jonathan C - God and Me recipient, Anna D (Girl Scout) God and Family, Benjamin D – God and Family recipient, Ethan S – God and Family recipient, Andrew J – God and Family recipient, Asher P– God and Family recipient, Henry S - God and Family recipient, and Pastor Charles Scoma.

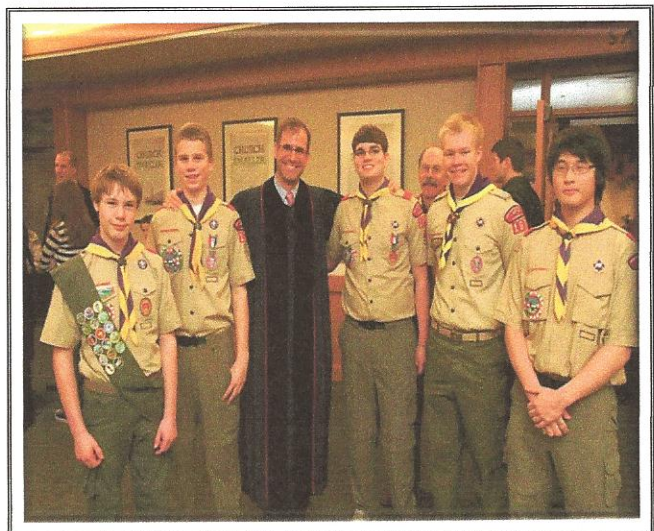


Left to right: JJ G (Troop 167 Assistant Senior Patrol Leader), Scott G, Ryan G (Troop 167 Senior Patrol Leader)

Below, Left to right: Ryan G, Eagle Scout Peter L, UPC Senior Pastor George Hinman, Eagle Scout David W, Eagle Scout Jeff Almgren , Troop 167 Committee Secretary (behind), Eagle Scout Chris Almgren (Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster), Eagle Scout Eugene S.

The editor would like to thank those of **University Presbyterian Church** for helping clarify the issue of names in photographs. Some groups prefer whole names, some no names, only titles or rank or activity, others prefer first name and last initial, still others want last name only or last name and first initial. For protection of younger scouts, the latter is preferred.

Editorially, I request each group send material with names as they wish them published. I would also like to thank all who send in material and reflect, thereby, their strong support of God and Scouts. Each individual and group recognized for achievement and awards "grew in grace and favor with God and community" only because the Body of Christ nurtured their personal growth and faith. Scouting and faith in God are synonyms because of you.

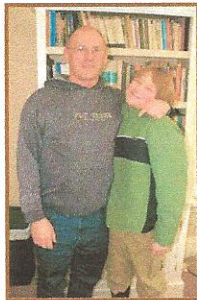




Scout Sunday 2010, the following Scouts from **BSA Troop 201**, Philadelphia, PA were awarded their God and Church Medals:

L To R: Eduardo James, Armond Smith, Scoutmaster Rodney Keist, Jonathan Bailey, Chase Davis, Ere Hamilton J Cunningham,

John M.
God and Church
Presbyterian



Maryland, NY

John (pictured at right with his grandfather John Finch) met weekly with Elder Tom Heitz to earn his God and Church award. His mother and/or his grandparents joined them for these weekly study sessions.

According to Elder Tom Heitz, "The family learned together how to talk about the Bible and religious topics among themselves. John was very faithful in addressing his assignments and he learned how to read the Bible, how to look up passages, and how to use Bible commentaries and a Bible dictionary."



Anna D.

received her God & Family alongside Cub Scout Pack 187 at **University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA**



To help their cubs ready themselves for Passing On to Boy Scouts, Scout leadership from **St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Altamonte Springs, FL**, took Pack 237 and some Daisy Scouts on an overnight ten campout near the beach in St Augustine, FL. Not only did they have a great camping experience, they heard tales of strange folks who had Passed On when the group took the rather frightening Sheriff's Ghost Walk tour in the old town area, a tour complete with terrifying tales under stormy night conditions. Later, sleep was a little difficult at first for some after the tour, but these Cubs moving into Scouts handled it well and celebrated with donuts they cooked and decorated as part of the next morning's breakfast.



Back: Zach F (BS), Matthew H, Sean B, Austin H, Jeff Rye, Cub Den Master. Front: Katelyn Halley (Daisy Scout), Dana H (Sis/Chaperone), Kurt H, Peyton P (Webelow 1). Not pictured: Christie Hallett (Webelow Den Leader) and Kellie B (Daisy Scout).



HUNT FOR SILVER BEAVERS



'Tis the season again when the silver beaver populations expands. Nominations are in and recognition is given. Receiving your Silver Beaver? Know someone who is? Honoring one who has? Let NAPS know. All Presbyterians of any hue who receive (or are recognized by a Presbyterian/Reformed congregation) this season are eligible for recognition in the NAPS newsletter and website. Post all spottings here. Proclaim to all the newest spring arrivals. Thanks in advance for recognizing this honorable persons in print here!

Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Orlando, FL

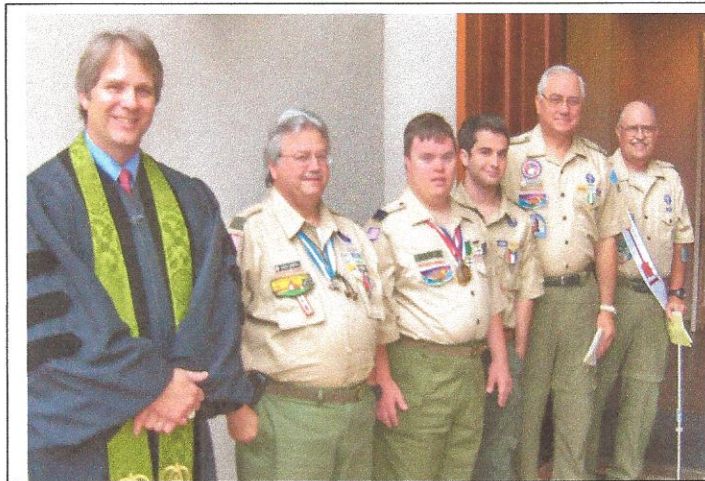
NEW Eagle Scouts display their Eagle Certificates from NAPS during Scout Sunday services. They are **Logan House**, left, and **Christopher Gantt**, right. Both Scouts have been trained and served as Chaplain Aides. Logan, who is attending the World Jambo this summer in Sweden, will work with NAPS president Gene Foley for the international worship services. He is currently a JASM and Chris is Troop 48's SPL. Both are members of PLPC. (Photo by Dorlinda House, ASM, T-48)



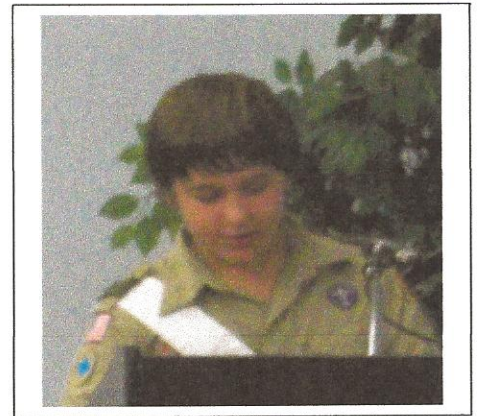
Below: **ASM T48 Ed Gantt** presents award to Troops 48's SPL **Chris Gantt**



Dear NAPS Editor: I am attaching photos from our Scout Sunday Fall 2010. We have two Scout Sundays generally, with one on the Scouting anniversary (this year it was on 2/13, and a God and Service award was presented), and one in August (the group picture from the service in September 2010. We had a nice insert, recognizing our Scout leaders.



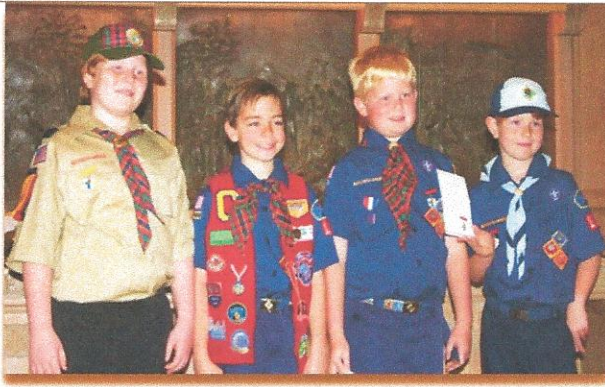
Left to right: the Rev. Jack Heinsohn, R.J. Smith, Scott Kuebler, R.I. Smith, Jr., Dr. Ed Moore.



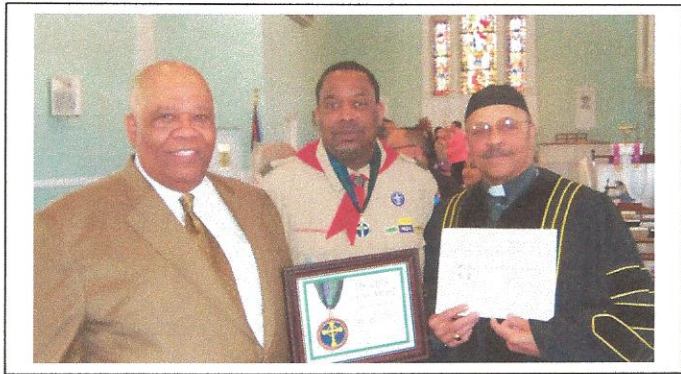
One of our Chaplain's Aides, Ethan Dilley, presented a devotion from a book that is available in most scout shops and also shared appreciation to our sponsor, Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC.



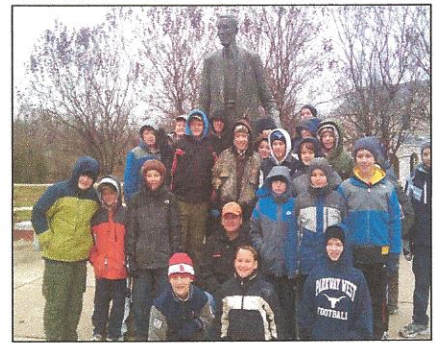
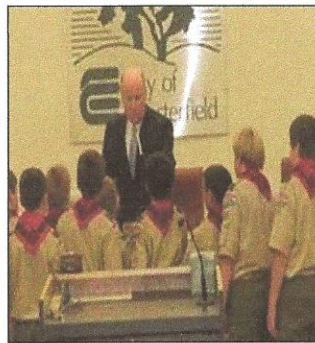
Pictures an article on some of their Scouting events at Spring Valley Presbyterian supplied by Ron Kuebler, NAPS (2010) South Atlantic Regional Director.



God and Me, God and Family
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
Bryn Mawr, PA



Rodney Keitt, receiving the *Celtic Cross Award*.
Left to right: John Hardy, Charter Organization Executive, Rodney
J. Keitt, Scoutmaster of Troop 201, and the Rev. Dr. Carroll
Jenkins, Pastor, Cedar Park Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia,
PA.



St. Mark Presbyterian Church of Ballwin, MO presented nine God and Country Programs Awards this month. On March 4th, two God and Church Awards and March 27th, on God and Me and six God and Family Awards were presented to members of Troop and Pack 631, which are sponsored by St. Mark, as well as to youth from neighboring Scout Units. All of the programs were taught or counseled by NAPS Members attending St. Mark, Wray Johanning, Diana Johanning and Paul Ke.

St. Mark considers the PRAY, or God and Country Programs, an integral part of a church's Christian Education, providing "second mile learning" for the youth taking part. The church offers all four of the awards, which are taught or counseled at least once a year by lay members of the congregation. The programs supplement and reinforce the learning presented in regular youth programs.

The church also sponsors Venture Crew 2631, in its fourth year of programming for high school youth. The Venture is a co-ed group open to youth 14-20 year of age who have completed 8th grade. There are 24 current members, including eight girls. Well done, St Mark's!

Celtic Cross and Silver Beavers: Time to hear from more of you. Ditto to our Venture Scouts and Crews.



First Presbyterian Church, Ft Worth, Texas, was the setting for a Recognition Ceremony and Reception for four Cub Scouts and two Boy Scouts receiving their Religious Emblems. Following the welcome by Counselor Fran Kerlin, the Rev Josh Stewart, Associate Pastor for Youth, gave the Invocation. Introduction of guests from the Longhorn Council was made. Present were Ruth Klein, Mark Gleason, Charity Drabik, Frank Drabik from the Mustang District, Rush Hart and Eliot Kerlin from Trinity Trails District.

Eagle Scouts, all from First Presbyterian, were recognized: Diego Saldivar, Francisco Menchaca, and Patrick Gleason. Each made a brief statement about being an Eagle and how it has enriched their lives. Also recognized were Spencer and Jacob Drabik for the completion of their God and Church Awards this past fall, which were given to them at their troop meeting. NAPS Treasurer Rush Hart, and Past President Eliot Kerlin, presented them with the NAPS certificate for earning three of the four God and Country Awards.

Randy Drabik, Ross Kingeter, Will Parker, and Michael White were presented their God and Family Awards, including their knots, patches, and certificates by Fran Kerlin. A lovely reception planned by the parents was held in the church parlor following the ceremony. A surprise announcement was made regarding a generous donation to NAPS in honor of Mrs. Kerlin for her encouragement and leadership in the Religious Emblems Program.



Pictured, back row from left, are Cleve Jacobs, John Tinney, Beulah Garrett/ front row, Kenneth Scoggins were honored Saturday night with the 'Art of an Eagle's award at the Boy Scouts of America Cheaha District American Values Dinner. Photo by Brian Schoenhals /The Daily Home/ Article from: "Community Leaders Honored by Boy Scouts," by Lindsey Holland, *The Daily Home, Jacksonville News*, 3/07/11

Talladega, Fla. Four community leaders were honored Saturday night at the Boy Scouts of America Cheaha District American Values Dinner at Shocco Springs. Cleve Jacobs, John Tinney, Beulah Garrett and Kenneth Scoggins were honored with the 'Art of an Eagle' award. They were presented with this achievement for their lifetime of service to their community and to scouting values. Jacobs, Tinney, Garrett and Scoggins are said to have lived their lives by the scout oath and law. The scout law says that a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. The scout oath says efforts will be made to honor God and one's country, to help other people, and to stay physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. ...

Frank Hubbard introduced honoree Cleve Jacobs: "Allen Cleveland Jacobs Junior," Hubbard said. "He was born in Macon, Ga, to Dr. and Mrs. Allen Cleveland Jacobs Sr. Jan. 11, 1943. He and his family came to Talladega in the early 1950s and he entered the Talladega school system. Also in that time he became very active in scouting. As a matter of fact he was the youngest person to earn the Eagle Scout award. At the time he received it, he was 13. All of us that have been involved in scouting, we know that is a monumental achievement.

"He entered Presbyterian College and graduated with a B.S. degree in 1965. Upon graduating, he entered the U.S. Army and was assigned duty in Germany. After a year in Germany, he came back to Talladega and married and went back to Germany and completed a one year tour there. Upon his return to the states he remained active in the reserve. As he advanced in rank, he completed the Army War College in 1988. He was awarded for his outstanding service and achievement in the army. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, which is a very prestigious award. "In 1970 he became chairman of Brannon's Inc. and graduated from Stamford in 1974 with a M.B.A. degree. He is a Sunday school teacher at First Presbyterian Church of Talladega. If you want to hear a good Sunday school lesson, visit us Sunday morning and hear him." Jacobs and his wife have two children and two grandchildren.

NAPS Member Chaplain at Arrow Power 2001
and Named Wood Badge Course Director

Nearly four years ago, NAPS Board member Warren Kraft of Troop 615, Oshkosh WI, survived quadruple coronary bypass and near fatal complications from the blood thinner used during surgery. A Madison scouter and professional colleague wrote, "God surely was not ready for you. It only means that you have much more scouting to do."

Indeed he does. This summer, he will serve as chaplain and squad leader at the Central Region's Arrow Power 2011, Service on Superior, an Order of the Arrow event with the US Forest Service, at Lake Superior National Forest, near Grand Marais MN. He was in a similar dual capacity, less than a year after his surgery and complications, for Arrow Power 5 in the Bridger-Tetons National Forest, near Jackson WY. And, last year, he was one of six chaplains for Subcamp 14 at the National Boy Scout Jamboree, Fort AP Hill VA. Similarly, he serves as chaplain for Awase Lodge of the Order of the Arrow and for Mom and Son weekends.

Additionally, this summer, he will be the Wood Badge course director in Bay-Lakes Council WI. A Bobwhite from the 2002 course, he has been a chaplain, Troop Guide, Senior Patrol Leader and course director, but more importantly the dishwasher on the kitchen crew when not holding a formal staff position.

An ordained elder of First Presbyterian Church, Neenah WI, Warren is a trained and certified lay pastor. The Winnebago Presbytery has commissioned him to a ministry team for a mission church in east central Wisconsin and endorsed his Scout chaplaincy. He also serves as pulpit supply and is on the Presbytery's Personnel Committee.



Married to a very loving and supportive wife (Liz) with two grown children, he works full-time as the assistant city attorney/director of Human Resources for the City of West Bend WI, and in an of-counsel role to the Murphy-Desmond law firm of Madison. Named a FELLOW in Local Government Law

, Warren is a frequent speaker and columnist for the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the State Bar Association of Wisconsin and the Municipal Attorneys Institute of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. For good measure, he is a substitute lifeguard at the Oshkosh YMCA and is the meet announcer for the two local high schools boys and girls swim teams and the Y team.

"There are only two reasons why I am able to do the wide variety of activities," Warren said recently, "God and my reason-for-living--my bride of 36 years. I am firmly convinced that God will call me when God is ready. But until then, as long as my health remains, it is full steam ahead."

"And, though her mother was in hospice, Liz insisted I participate in the Jamboree while sharing those last days of Mom's life through text messages and cellphone. She shepherded me through both recoveries and encouraged my rehabilitation so I could participate in Arrow Power 5," he continued. "But she did put her foot down once. After our fifth trip to southern Mississippi with scouts to help with Katrina recovery in Gulfport, she said the 10 year old van with nearly 200,000 miles on it needed a long rest."

He does live his very first FACEBOOK quote: cleverly disguised as a responsible adult.

Presbyterian Scouter Recognizes:

God and Life
Four Star Award
O'Fallon, MO
Dardenne
Presbyterian Church



Aaron S. received the God and Life award and was also presented the Four Star medal and certificate at Troop 997 March 2011 Court of Honor.

Aaron completed all four programs at Dardenne Presbyterian church.

Ed note: Received this just as was going to press. Sorry it wasn't in the regular "Hall of Fame." Congratulations, Aaron!



NAPS ROLL CALL: IN MEMORIAL

Recently, we were grieved to hear of the death of a friend of Boy Scouts and NAPS published an article in the newsletter, sharing the loss.

Possibly as a result of seeing that obituary in the newsletter, we have received word of another of our members passing. Since we are such a diverse group, and so widely scattered across the continent, and, in some cases, the world), we do not always receive word quickly of our loss. Therefore, in addition to recognition of individual and group awards ceremonies or achievements, we request word of such loss be sent to the Rush Hart (rushart@sbcglobal.net), Jack Schrimsher (Jackschrim@aol.com), or your editor (amandabtarbell@yahoo.com). If space permits, a good quality picture and a brief note may be included in the next edition of the newsletters Memorial Roll Call. For those who wish to continue support to NAPS, tax-exempt contributions to NAPS and/or NAPS Chaplains Fund would be appreciated.

Today we would like to salute the following members and extend our sympathy to the families as well as our gratitude for the contributions to BSA and NAPS. Please help us remember those who have shared so long and well.

Charles Latimer, South Carolina -Sept. 2008

We also express our sympathy for R. Chip Turner in the Feb. 2011 death of his father, Ralph Turner, Sr., also a great Scouter.

(Many of you know Chip through his work as Chairman of the BSA Religious Relationships Task Force and work with Chaplains at Jamboree.)



Thanks to all who have sent donations to the NAPS Chaplains' Fund

Whatever your reasons, you have enabled NAPS to strengthen the chaplaincy of the Presbyterian churches in local areas, districts, states, as well as national and international service. Some of you stepped up to help send our President to serve as Protestant Coordinator of Chaplains at International Jamboree at invitation of the Swedish Jamboree Organizers this summer. Because the newsletter had not promoted this as extensively this year during changeover of editors, the funds are much lower than in previous years so donations are still needed to help the NAPS President go to the BSA Annual Meet in San Diego and then to Sweden this summer. Any costs not met by NAPS for his representation will come again from his pocket. And, if we help him more, the pool for other chaplains will not be as great. The need is still out there for more funding to help this vital mission of our churches. Additionally, BSA now wants all chaplains to have more training and going to the training will not be inexpensive for some of our hardest working volunteers.

For those of you who have given to help this crucial outreach, again, thank you very much for your vision and help. We hope your example will be recognized and supported by other members as well.

Thank you for setting a standard and for your much needed assistance.



Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) CONFERENCE – 2011



NAPS sponsored a booth again this year at the 2011 Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference (APCE) held in Albuquerque, N.M. Unfortunately, due to the major snowstorm that hit the Midwest the early part of that week, attendance was lower than usual. Despite the difficulties this caused, NAPS had a very productive time at the APCE conference. It was an opportunity for us to share the benefits of the Scouting Programs with Presbyterian Churches throughout the United States. This year, one of our emphases was showing how Venturing can enhance youth group programs. Many of the CEs were surprised and pleased to find that Venturing can include girls. Many took materials provided by BSA toward reviewing the possibilities for their ministries. Another emphasis of the NAPS' booth focused on the P.R.A.Y. Series (formally known as the God and Country Programs), and how it provides "second mile learning" opportunities for the children and youth of the congregation.

It was a particular pleasure to meet some of the students in Presbyterian colleges and seminaries present at the conference and to speak with them about the opportunities to include Scouting in their ministries. Among others of note, a special guest, Andy McCommish "Ask Andy" (askandybsa@yahoo.com), stopped by the booth. Some of you may know him from NJLIC at Philmont, where he staffed the first session in 2002 (ASM), 2003 (QM), 2004 (QM), also attending the first International session at Philmont's PTC. If you haven't checked out the website, we recommend it.

Over the course of APCE, the NAPS Booth was staffed by Rev. Dr. William (Bill) and Amanda Tarbell and Wray and Diana Johanning. This was the Tarbells' first APCE conference. Due to flight delays for the Johannings caused by snow storms in their area, the Tarbells set up the booth and had it ready to open on time. After several flights booked and cancelled and rebooked, the Johannings arrived in Albuquerque. Then, as the weather turned nasty again, the Johannings stepped up to the plate and covered the last days of the conference alone so that the Tarbells could drive home ahead of the next incoming storm. This meant that the Johannings not only had to wait out several potential flights at home to get to Albuquerque, but that they completed the remainder of APCE, did all the packing up, returned home, and, in just a few days, flew back out for the meeting in Dallas. Thanks to both couples for their dedication to NAPS and BSA



Wray Johanning and Christine Berry



GHOST RANCH



APCE NEIGHBORS OFFER YEAR ROUND CAMPING OPTIONS

Dear Amanda, What a treat it was for the staff at the Ghost Ranch booth to be neighbors with you and Bill ("Rev Doc") Tarbell at the APCE Conference in Albuquerque in February. Like good neighbors hanging over the fence, we got to know each other. After talking about Scouts and the ranch, I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to write about Ghost Ranch for the May edition.

Since Bill and you have visited our Presbyterian-owned Ghost Ranch, usually camping out surrounded by buff-colored cliffs and sweet smelling sage, you know the Ghost Ranch campground has 70 campsites from basic tent sites to full service RV sites that can accommodate vehicles 30 feet long. The campground bathhouse is equipped with ice machines, showers, toilets, sinks and coin operated laundry facilities- just perfect whether the scouts want to rough it or treat themselves to some luxury after climbing the nearby bluffs and cliffs or studying fossils in the museum or searching for them in the nearby bluffs and cliffs.

A step up from camping are the cozy Casitas at the end of the road nestled in the box canyon. The Casitas are as far away from the dining hall as one can get and still be within easy walking distance for the three meals a day, included in the nightly rate of \$58 per person. Eating in the dining hall, instead of cooking campfire meals gives more time for the many hiking trails around Ghost Ranch. In this special place of red canyons, majestic mesas, and amazing skies, Scouts enjoy waterfront activities, high and low ropes courses, swimming, or take a day off to visit the Archeology and Paleontology museums. The 21,000 acre ranch in Northern New Mexico is home of one of the largest dinosaur digs in the world with an abundant archeological site as well. We will be hosting several conferences that appeal to scouts and can credit a program for a group. For Scouters, we offer a great place to retreat individually as well and are only a few hours' drive from Philmont. Hope to see you again soon.

Editor's note: If this seems right for you and your group, or for an advisors weekend retreat, one can reserve a spot by contacting Gail Anderson by calling 505-982-8539 ext. 218, emailing gaila@ghostranch.org or at www.ghostranch.org.



Sometimes a Gift is Needed

Sometimes we wish to recognize not only an achievement, such as receiving and God and me or Eagle, or even Silver Beaver, with the award symbol. Sometimes we just want to say thanks to someone who supports our troop or give special recognition for a person in leadership.

Have you ever considered giving a membership to NAPS, the newsletter and Internet updates, as well as our "spiffy" badge? Each new member receives a letter of membership with all the above perks. And the member can contribute articles, pictures, or just grow more aware of Scouting on a local, national, and international level. The certificate of membership is ideal to present with the NAPS badge at a special service, perhaps as a featured part of your next Boy Scout Sunday. You could even make gift memberships to more than one person.

If you want to give a birthday or holiday gift to someone now, there is no need to wait until later, memberships are available for individuals all year round. Birthdays, anniversaries of service, or entrance into a new area of Scouting, all can be recognized with a NAPS membership. So, keep us in mind and do remember to send in the photo, names, sponsoring church or group, of the presentation for publication in the newsletter and on the web. Here's looking to a beautiful relationship!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: JAMBOREE SPECIAL HALF PRICE OFFER

 **National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS)** 

By completing this application, I agree youth are a mission field and a barely tapped reservoir of hope, faith, and strength, living and serving among us. As a NAPS member, I pledge my support to our Scouts and to my fellow Scouters. As a Scouter, I will initiate action and respond to opportunities for service through the church's network of believers and through Scouting. I will uphold the Boy Scout oath and serve as example of the Boy Scout Law.

Print Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ Bus. Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Church and Address: _____

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