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## 2006 NAPS' Philmont Conference Oct 30-Nov 3

The Second Annual National Association of Presbyterian Scouters' Conference on Scouting and the Presbyterian Church aims to double attendance over the first conference held in October, 2004.

"We're expecting to have about 30 attend the conference," said Wray Johanning, NAPS' president, "and an excellent program is being put together by Rev. Rusty Cowden, our Chaplain and Dr. Paul Deason, our Southwest Area Director."

The 2006 meeting will be held October 30 – November 3, again in the Philmont Training Center, enabling attendees to also soak in the famed Philmont environment and activities while participating in the conference.

Representative from PRAY, BSA Relationships Division, and PCUSA, will present a program regarding revitalizing church youth ministry with Scouting, especially a Venturing program, explained Dr. Deason.

"I am looking for leadership, inspiration, programs and so on from the fine folks in New Mexico, namely Rev. Shannon Webster, Rev. Perkins Patton, and Tom Anderson and his wife.

"The weather will be pleasant during the day, chilly at night, the trees should be in the full stride of color. Bed and board will be included in the nominal price of the conference, including all the propaganda a Sherpa and mule can tote," he added.

Attendees will be able to tour the "Back Country" (the hiking side of the Philmont Ranch) in 4-wheel drive vehicles in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, and visit some of the theme and reenactment areas as well as the operations of the Ranch.

The first NAPS sponsored conference on "Using Scouting in Church Outreach" had 12 people in attendance, Johanning recalled. "Philmont was beautiful in the Fall and the weather cooperated," he added.

*(See Philmont, Page 4)*

### *President's Report*

Dear Friends,

Well, here we go again with a very busy schedule for NAPS at the national level. In the next six months, I will be attending the BSA National Meeting in Washington, DC, May 24-26; the PCUSA General Assembly, June 15-22; in Birmingham, AL. And, this Summer, Philmont for Religious Relations Week, July 16 through 22. (Article Pg 5); and from October 30 - November 3, our second Presbyterian Scouter Seminar at Philmont.



My special thanks to Dr. Paul Deason for putting the NAPS Philmont seminar together. Please consider attending both Philmont activities.

In conjunction with the PCUSA General Assembly, NAPS will be represented with a booth and will hold a very important Bi-Annual Meeting, installation of new officers and a Recognition Luncheon. This meeting is for all Area Directors and National Officers. Of course, any members are welcome to attend. The details of the meeting will be published as soon as they are available.

I would like to highlight one effort by PRAY. As you are aware less than three percent of all the youth in Scouting earn at least one Religious Award. This is not exclusive to Presbyterians, but for all faiths.

Two years ago, PRAY initiated a many faceted Program titled REAP. In addition to mailings and adds and articles in the Scouter and Boys Life Magazine, they have developed religious programs for the High Adventure Bases, Council Camps and are in the process of developing a program for WEBELOS Camps.

Each youth can earn a patch, appropriate for the participating activity. At the Boy Scout level an emphasis is being placed on the Troop Chaplains Aid. At the Council and District Level we are encouraging the use of the position of Council and District Chaplain.

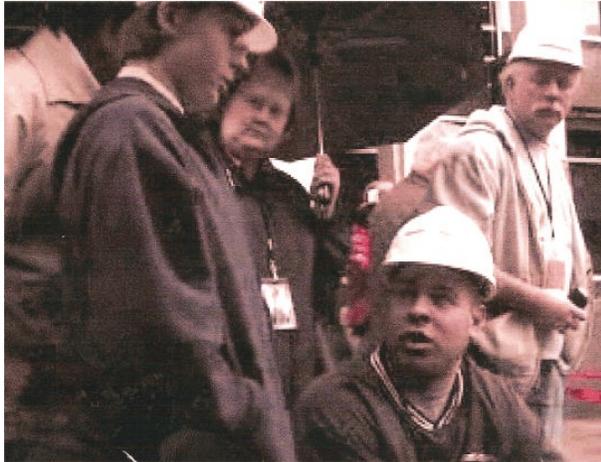
I would encourage each of you to pursue the opportunity to put in place a Chaplain Aid in each of your units and Chaplains at the Council and District Level. Just as a note, thus far over 16,000 patches for Boy Scout Summer Camp Religious Activity have been sold.

This is quite an accomplishment for just two years of the program's existence, It proves the theory that a youth at camp comes closer to his religious beliefs that at any other time.

Yours in Scouting,

*Wray*





**SCOUT DEMOLITION** – Scout Preston Rogers, standing left, gets last minute instruction before pushing the button to implode a downtown Fort Worth building in March.

## New Scout Blasts Down Fort Worth Building

Just three weeks before, Preston Rogers had crossed over as a Webelos into Fort Worth's Troop 326,, but the 11-year old did not hesitate to press the demolition button to bring down a downtown 30-story highrise building March 18.

Ten selected members of the Troop, sponsored by Ridglea Presbyterian Church, got front row seats for the implosion after Keith Rogers bought for the Troop the winning raffle ticket, and his son got the honor of setting off the explosion which left three-stories of rubble.

The raffle was held by the building's owner, XTO with an estimated \$7,500 in proceeds from the sale of 300 tickets at \$25 each. The proceeds were donated to the Presbyterian Night Shelter and A Wish with Wings programs.

The dad bought the ticket for the troop because he thought it would be a coll field trip for the Scouts if they got the chance, said Betty Rogers, Preston's mom.

When Steve Pettigrew, president of Demolition Dynamics, yelled "fire" after the countdown, Preston firmly pushed the red button. Within seconds, flashes erupted and the Landmark Tower, a Fort Worth icon for decades, collapsed into a swirling cloud of dust and pile of rubble.

*(Editors Notre: The event had special interest for NAPS' immediate past president Eloit Kerwin , a past Scoutmaster of the unit.)*

**(Photo and material courtesy of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram)**

### CORRECTION

On the page 2 , of the January, 2006, Issue, article. "Presbyterian Pastor Creates Web Link for Wood Badge". The link to the web site is incorrect. It should be <http://mysite.verizon.net/tcargal/reverent/> The article has it as "version" not Verizon and it takes you to an incorrect site. Thanks to alert reader William Fargo for calling it to our attention. We apologize for the confusion.



**FOUR STAR PIN** is presented Life Scout Robert Hess along with his God & Life Award by Rev. John Wamsley, pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, LA.

## SCOUT EARNS GOD & LIFE, AND THEN FOUR-STAR PIN

Robert Hess, 15, a Life Scout in Troop 156, chartered by St. Mary's Catholic Church, wrapped up qualifying for and receiving his Four Star pin from P.R.A.Y. when he received his God and Life Award at ceremonies at his church, Grace Presbyterian Church,, Lafayette, LA.

The awards were presented by his pastor, Rev. John Wamsley, at a January worship service. The four-star pin signifies that Robert completed all four awards of the the religious awards series.

Robert is a freshmen at Lafayette High School, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hess. His father is a NAPS member. Robert is a brotherhood member of the O.A., and is a Den Chief for Pack 88.

He attended Jamboree last summer and visited the NAPS exhibit. He has completed his Eagle Project, and his Scoutmaster Conference, and is waiting for his board of review to scheduled



WHAT FEAR? Warren Kraft works in the bucket of a BOBCAT and combating two of his fears while fixing the overhand of a Katrina' victims backyard shed. "I am fearful of heights and allergic to bees. While repositioning the fascia boards, we discovered the reason for the giant bumblebees swarming around me. The crack at the peak was the entrance to their hive inside the shed's "attic," he reported.

### **Kraft Commissioned Lay Pastor, Twin Lakes District's Chaplain**

Warren Kraft, a Scout leader in the Bay-Lakes Council, WI, NAPS member, an attorney, and elder, First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, WI, has been commissioned by the Winnebago Presbytery to serve the Twin Lakes District as its chaplain.

Following a two-year training program in 2003, he was certified as a lay pastor and combines his scout work with periodic pulpit supply in the Presbytery.

He and his son, Nat, a member of Troop 612, Oshkosh, WI, recently returned from the second of his two trip to the hurricane wrecked regions of the Gulf Coast. First, Warren was part of a church-sent mission trip to work in Gulfport following Hurricane Katrina. The two made a second trip during the Christmas holidays to clean up the Pine Burr Area Council's Camp Tiak in southern Mississippi.

Kraft is a Brotherhood member of Awase Lodge #61, and he serves as the chaplain for Section, Lodge and Chapter functions. As an elangomat, he created a booklet of reflections for Ordeal candidates. The Lodge named him its Scoutmaster of the year in 2004.

He was Scoutmaster/course director for the former JLTC and the current National Youth Leadership Training camp in the Bay-Lakes Council and served on the Central Region's course directors conference staff.

For his Wood Badge diversity ticket item in 2002, he created a booklet of prayers that was even used on the Bay-Lakes Council's work trip during the Christmas holiday to clean up the Pine Burr Area Council's Camp Tiak in southern Mississippi.

## **Kudos to 3 New Eagle Scouts With Presbyterian Connections**

NAPS has sent its congratulations to three new Eagle Scouts who have received or will receive Scouting's highest honor this past and coming month.

They are John F. Holloman, Troop 599, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Snellville, GA; Noel T. Way, V, Troop 48, Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Orlando, FL, and Phillip Kaney, Troop 200, St. Michaels Episcopal, but a member of Park Lake Presbyterian Church.

Eagle Holloman's Eagle project was to paint the walls and build two 10-foot high by 15-foot long storage shelves in the equipment room for Walton County Park and Recreation Center. His Eagle Court is set for May 6.

A sophomore at Grayson HS in Loganville, GA, he is the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader, attended the National Jambo and will the 2007 World Jamboree in London. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Holloman, are active in the Church's leadership positions.

Eagle Way, a graduating senior at Edgewater HS, received his Eagle in March. His service project was the creation of a nature trail around Lake Park Lake, adjacent to the Church, using original art work of wildlife done by Keenan Ernde, who like Way was at the time, is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

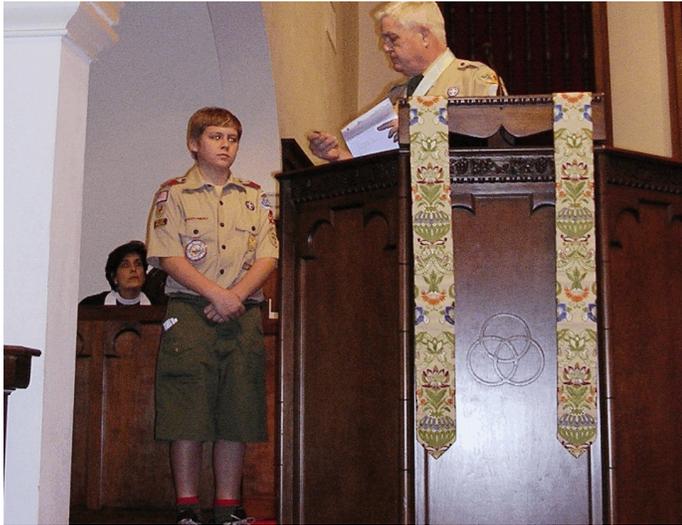
Way now serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Crew Leader for Crew 48 at Park Lake. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Noel T. Way, IV, and his two younger brothers are also Scouts.

Eagle Kaney, a Lake Highlands high school junior, received his Eagle in March. For his service project, he oversaw the recovering of more than 100 folding chairs used for Fellowship suppers and other activities at Park Lake. Phillip, his mother, and grandparents, Judge and Mrs. Frank Kaney are active members of Park Lake.



**Any Other Lay Pastors  
Or Hurricane Relief Workers, Victims?**  
Let us hear from you, and send pix...We are interested in your experiences and achievements.  
*Corb*





**Highlight of Scout Sunday** at Orlando's Park Lake Presbyterian Church's Troop 48 was, like many other services, the presentation of a religious award to a Scout. However, in this case, it was the Cub Scout Catholic Award, several months late, presented to Duncan Popkins, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, by Scoutmaster Corb Sarchet. The award had never been presented by his own Church or Cub Pack. Co-pastor Dr. Helen DeVoise is shown behind the Scout.

### **Attend the 2006 NAPS Philmont Course,**

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Deadline for the 2006 Course is October 15. Fees are \$275 for attendees and \$245 for spouses. The fee includes four breakfasts, three lunches, four dinners, heated cabin, all training materials, and the back-country drive. For more information contact Rev. Cowden [rlcowden@zoominternet.net](mailto:rlcowden@zoominternet.net)

This course is open to all Presbyterians, and especially youth leaders, educators and ministers looking for a boys 6-18 age youth program, coed 14 and older youth program, access to high adventure and camping facilities, and liability insurance coverage, explained Rev. Cowden.

### **NAPS Conference Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Attending Yes ( ) No ( )

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Church \_\_\_\_\_

*Send Application with check made out to NAPS, mail to  
Rush Hart, 2416 Ryan Place, Fort Worth, TX 76110-2503*

### *Aids to Worship*

### Spiritual Themes from Wilderness Survival

The webmaster for a great Scouting site, [www.e-scoutcraft.com](http://www.e-scoutcraft.com), while preparing to teach the Wilderness Survival merit badge, and its seven priorities, was inspired to come up with these equivalents for spiritual survival. "It went over well as a Scoutmasters minute," he relates:

1. *Positive Attitude = Loving Attitude.* Love thy neighbor as yourself (March 12:30-31)
2. *First Aid = Forgiveness.* From the Lord's prayer, we learn it is important to heal the wounds we have inflicted upon others and allow our wounds from others to heal. (Matthew 6:12)
3. *Fire = Talk With God.* Talking with God kindles His fire that burns within us.
4. *Shelter = Participate in Church and its Activities.* Surround yourself with people and activities that help you grow in God and this will shelter you from evil.
5. *Signaling = Perform Good Deeds.* Your actions signal your faith—and speak louder than words.
6. *Water = Learn about Good People.* From the media, we hear about bad people. But like water, studying the lives of good people and learning from them can sustain you.
7. *Food = Learn about God.* Read the Bible - it is the food for your Soul.

To see the full version, go to [http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/activities/spirtual\\_survival.html](http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/activities/spirtual_survival.html).

### ***NAPS Golf Shirts***

*NAPS Golf Shirts are still available. They are the same shirts the NAPS Jamboree Staff wore in 2005.*

**Purchase price is \$40.00 ea.. If you wish to purchase one, we will need the following:**

**Shirt Size**

**Name you wish on the shirt**

**Mailing Address Street, City, State and Zip**

**To order e-mail Wray Johanning at: [wray-diana@mindspring.com](mailto:wray-diana@mindspring.com)**



## [News from P.R.A.Y.](#)

### **Plan Now for Philmont 2006**

Applications are now being received for Relationships week at Philmont Training Center July 16-22, 2006. Attendance is by invitation only. A local council must make arrangements with Philmont for a Scouter to attend these courses. You should contact your council to find out about course registration. There are several workshops being offered:

Membership/Relationships Committee  
Religious Emblems for Youth and Adults  
Scouting for the Home Schooled  
Scouting in the Catholic Church  
Scouting in the Church's Ministry

*This Conference is led by Dr. Laurence Ray Smith and will better equipt Church Leaders, both Clergy and Lay Leaders, to use the Scouting Programs as part of the Church's Youth Programs. Emphasis will be given to outreach, leadership and inter-generational activities.*

Scouting in the Jewish Community  
Scouting in the LDS Church  
United Methodist Scouter's Workshop  
For more detailed information on a specific course, please visit

<http://www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/courses/index.html>

### **Mark Hazlewood Again Heads PTC Religious Emblems Course**

"Religious Emblems for Youth and Adults" will be offered for the second time at the Philmont Training Center, July 16-22, 2006. Mark Hazlewood, CEO of P.R.A.Y., will again lead this course., along with his wife, Debbie, the author of the "god and Country Programs."

"Last year was the first time that this course had been offered, and I was so impressed with the caliber of the class and their ability to take the information and see immediate application for their councils. I encourage council staff and volunteers to come and learn how religious emblems can be used for membership, not just program," Hazelwood said.

"Religious Emblems for Youth and Adults" is an overview of the religious emblems program for all faiths. Council professionals and volunteers responsible for membership, as well as individuals interested in promoting Duty to God and the religious emblems programs of all faiths, should to attend.

The course will focus on Religious Emblems as a membership tool, looking at retention, increasing membership from current chartered partners and as a tool for reaching under served areas. The class will also focus on Religious emblems as programs that can reinforce BSA values as well as on how and why to promote them.

***"I have been to both Scouting in the Church Mininstry and the Religious Emblems courses, and both are excellent," reports NAPS president Wray Johanning. "If you are considering attending please contact me. My e-mail address and phone number can be found on the NAPS Web Site."***

### **Local Councils are Encouraged to Implement Duty to God Boy Scout Summer Camp Programs**

Local councils were recently informed about a new Duty to God Boy Scout Summer Camp Program.

The rationale for this program comes from the youth portion of the BSA Summer Camp Outcome Study, which revealed that 69% of Scouts think about their relationship with God while at camp. Duty to God has always been an integral part of the Scouting program.

Local councils are encouraged to support this spiritual element of Scouting by implementing the Duty to God Summer Camp Program for Boy Scouts.

An Interfaith Devotions booklet was created for this purpose. This booklet is available online at [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org).

Please note that the Duty to God Summer Camp Program is a program that must be implemented by the local council. Check with your council to find out if this program will be available in your summer camps.

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### **Chaplaincy Positions Patches Rules Reviewed**

Confusion about who wears chaplaincy position patches has been addressed by Rev. Scott Alexander Fleming, Chaplain Council Chaplaincy Coordinator, Central Florida Council:

"Any youth ( 17 and younger) who serves in the capacity as Chaplain Aide may wear the appropriate patch. Likewise, any adult (18 and over) who serves as a Chaplain wears the Chaplain Patch.

"There should never be any reason that a youth ( 17 and younger) wears a Chaplain Patch."

#### ***Religious Emblem Square Knots***

An adult cannot earn a youth award, whether the adult works with the youth through the award or not. Also, youth may only work on the award for their appropriate faith and grade/age.

At no time should a youth work toward a religious emblem that is not age appropriate. In other words, one cannot work backwards.

If you have received a religious emblem as a youth, you may wear the appropriate knot as an adult, as well as a knot for a religious award received as an adult. If you received two adult religious awards, you still can only wear one adult knot. However, if you received a youth award as a Cub and then one as a Scout, you can wear emblem pins on the knot so designating them.



**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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***TO:***

***Your Presbyterian Scouter***  
***for April, 2006***

**Plan now to attend the NAPS Bi-Annual Meeting**  
**in Birmingham during General Assembly**