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A SCOUT IS REVERENT - This scene from the 2005 National Jamboree reminds us that February 5 is Scout Sunday. Tips and a check list are found on page 3 to help you prepare – also check out page 2 for a new resource on NAPS website about Scouts' Own Worship service.

Bits and Pieces & This & That!

George Taylor reports from Birmingham, AL, that Troop 28, Independent Presbyterian Church, will present 18 God & Country Awards during Scout Week in February. Two years ago, they awarded 12, which is an awesome participation from a 56-member Troop---which, until two years ago, had not had a God and Country Award for more than 20 years. Good going, George!

Our prexy, Wray, has taken responsibility as training chairman for St. Louis' Inner City District, and has already recruited a full team of volunteers.

NAPS director P. Scott Cummings, responded in November for NAPs to a request from Ghana, West Africa, for program materials to introduce Scouting to the Presbyterian Churches there. He put together a NAPS "care package" and information about Scouting and put them in touch with the World Vision program with which he is associated.

A new group, the Presbyterian Youth Workers Association, was formed in November, reports Andrew Buckley from General Assembly. NAPS hopes to work closely with this group in their work.

President's Report

Dear Friends,

I hope you and you families had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May Gods Blessings continue with you through out 2006. As I reflect on the past year, as we all do, I can see how richly God has blessed us and how he expects us, through NAPS, to further his Kingdom by reaching out to the youth of our communities with his word..

As we move into the New Year we are anticipating many opportunities to share the NAPS goals with our Church. In February NAPS, along with BSA, are sponsoring a booth at the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators. Obviously, our emphasis will be on spreading the word that the Boy Scout Programs (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing) are an exciting way for the Presbyterian Church to provide outreach to the youth of our communities, the Religious Emphasis Program and the God and Country Programs including the Adult Awards.

From June 15 through June 22, 2006 we will also be sharing our message at General Assembly(GA) in Birmingham AL. In conjunction with GA, NAPS will hold it's Bi Annual Meeting we hope to have all of the Regional Directors attend so we can conduct necessary the business of NAPS. It will be very important for them to be present and represent you. One of the items of business will be a proposed rewriting of the NAPS Bi-Laws primarily to simplify them and facilitate streamlining the way we do business.

We are also attempting to put together a Conference in the fall at Philmont Scout Ranch. We held our first one in 2004 and had a great time. More information will be available in the April newsletter.

We have received requests for the Golf Shirts the NAPS members wore at Jamboree. If there is sufficient demand we will place another order. If you are interested, e-mail me at wray-diana@mindspring.com. I will let you know if there is sufficient interest to place another order and take your order at that time.

Yours in Scouting,

Wray



CELTIC CROSS awards were presented in November to Mike Markussen, center left, and Ryan Currens, center right, by Rev. Rick Vesely, far left, and Traer Mayor Russell Drinowsky.

2 Awarded Celtic Crosses

Receiving the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters' Celtic Cross awards in November, were Ryan Currens and Mike Markussen, both from the Traer United Presbyterian Church, Traer, PA.

Both have been in the Traer Scouting program for several years, were active scouts as youth, have earned several other scouting awards, and are active in other civic service organizations.

Ryan Currens, a NAPS member, is currently serving as the Assistant District Commissioner in charge of Tama County and as the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 386 (which is a camp staff alumni organization, for a camp that Ryan has worked at for six summers).

Mike Markussen is currently serving as the Cub Master for Pack 304 in Traer. Mike will soon be taking over the duties of Scoutmaster for Traer's Troop 304.

Plan Now to attend Philmont's 2006 Relationships Courses

The Relationships Division is offering the following courses at the Philmont Training Center, July 16-22, 2006:

- 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
- Scouting in the Jewish Community
- Scouting in the LDS Church
- United Methodist Scouter's Workshop

For more information, visit the Philmont website at: <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/ptc/courses/index.htm>

Veteran Presbyterian Scouter Becomes Certified Lay Pastor

Elmo "Mo" Hoffman, a veteran Scouter in the Central Florida Council, and a member of the Council's Executive Board, has been commissioned as a Certified Lay Pastor in the Central Florida Presbytery in Orlando.

He was confirmed at the September Presbytery meeting to serve the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orlando.

Hoffman has served as a Scoutmaster, Wood Badge instructor, on several Council boards, and currently serves as an Unit Commissioner for the Fort Gatlin District. He is an attorney and an Elder.

Presbyterian Pastor Creates Web Link for Wood Badge

What does a Presbyterian Pastor and Scouter do for his Wood Badge ticket? Why, he develops a website to provide information to Scouts and Scouters for understanding and dealing with religious diversity relative to Scouting programs. His site also aims at "promoting Scouts' "Duty to God" and the Scout Law to be "reverent." promoting Scouts' "Duty to God" and the Scout Law to be "reverent."

Dr. Timothy B. Cargal, pastor of the Northwood Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring, MD, is a dedicated Scouter in the National Capital Area Council. An Eagle Scout, he is Scoutmaster of Troop 1086, having served three years, following two years as its ASM, and five years as a Den Leader, as his son rose from Cub to Scout. He has been a mentor and counselor for the God and Country Awards.

Having completed his "ticket" in October, Dr. Cargal was scheduled to receive his beads December 13 at his Troop's Court of Honor. The website is <http://mysite.version.net/tcargal/reverent/>. It has been added to the links page on the NAPS website, www.presbyterianscouters.org, at his request.



GET READY NOW FOR SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday is Sunday, February 5, in 2006.

Are you ready for it? If not, time's a wasting.

Make sure that you've coordinated with the minister(s) and that it is on the Church calendar---as well as your Scouting units' calendars. Here's a check list of things to do:

- A. Put the date on the calendars.
- B. Coordinate with the ministers on:
 - a. Will you have a guest speaker?
 - b. How can your Scouts and Adult leaders participate in the service?
 - i. Lead prayer.
 - ii. Read Scripture.
 - iii. Lead responsive reading.
 - iv. Usher and/or take offering.
 - v. Greeters
 - vi. Present Religious Emblem awards. (Adult, Youth)
 - vii. Give a "Minute for Mission" .
 - viii. Recognize Scouts and Leaders and Parents and Friends attending.
 - ix. Recognize all in congregation who have been involved in Scouting as youth or adults.
 - x. Take part in processional with Troop Colors.
- C. Prepare article for Church newspaper or letter (check to make sure you make the deadline!) and information for the Church webpage.
- D. Make sure Church secretary has names of those participating in the service for the bulletin.
- E. Send letter signed by adult leader and minister to all Scouting parents inviting them to the service.
- F. Obtain Scout Sunday bulletin inserts and/or covers for bulletins.
- G. If using an insert in the regular bulletin, print information about Scouting on the reverse: Unit(s) history, accomplishments; roster of units and leaders; information sketch about those receiving awards during service; etc.
- H. The meeting before, hold a dress rehearsal for those participating in the service.
- I. Youth and adults to wear uniforms.
- J. Have Scouts arrive early and hold uniform inspection.
- K. Have Scout parent ribbons for Mom and Dad. If your units have "mother ribbons" on which they display the metal badges of rank of their Scouts, ask them to wear them. Otherwise, have some sort of ribbon, nametag, etc., to identify them as Scouting parents.
- L. Host reception with light refreshments after Service, include exhibits about units and Scouting values. Involve parents in helping plan and conduct.
- M. During service, remember to invite youth and parents who are not part of Scouting to join your unit(s).

Need resources?

- A. See NAPS Chaplain the Rev. Rusty Cowden's suggested service this issue.
- B. Check other suggested services at NAPS' webpage, www.presbyterianscouters.org.
- C. At the National BSA site, www.scouting.org, go to "site map," and pick "Relationships Division, and then "Scout Sunday Observances," then check out "Duty to God," and "Values," and other areas of "Relationships C Division."
- D. A Scout's Duty to God and Country, by Michael F. Bowman and James Bryant, on line at www.ussscouts.org/scoutduty/index.html.
- E. Prayers and Graces, on line at www.ussscouts.org/reverant/prayers.html.
- F. "Presbyterians and Scouting-Building Values Together", Order No. 5-975, National Council, BSA, tri-fold brochure.
- G. Fact sheet: "Scouting for Presbyterian Youth," Order No. 02-966A, National Council Relationships Division, BSA.
- H. Videos: All from National.
 - a. "Presbyterians and Scouting – Building Values Together."
 - b. "Bring Youth to Christ"
 - c. "Building Effective Values"
 - d. "Promoting Duty to God."
- I. Go to the BSA on-line catalog at www.scoutstuff.org and check out literature, posters, etc. This year's bulletin cover, "A Scout is Reverent," comes in packages of 100 and is stock number ww3004.



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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