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Fall NAPS' Philmont Conference Seeks 30

The Second Annual National Association of Presbyterian Scouters' Conference on Scouting and the Presbyterian Church aims to double attendance over the 2004 meeting.

"We're expecting to have about 30 attend the conference," said Wray Johanning, NAPS' president, "and an excellent program has been put together by Rev. Rusty Cowden, our Chaplain and Course Director."

The meeting will be held September 26 -30, again in the Philmont Training Center, enabling attendees to also soak in the famed Philmont environment and activities while participating in the conference.

"We will again have many wonderful exciting and informative sessions chaired by Rev. Rusty Cowden and supported by Donald G. Campbell, director of the Congregational Ministries Division, PCUSA, Dave Richardson, Relationships Division, BSA, and pastors and youth workers who are currently succeeding with BSA sponsored program," promised Johanning.

As was done last year, the 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" was held October 4-8 last year. In all we had 12 people in attendance,
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The President's Report

PCUSA Approves Covenant; NAPS's Geared Up for Jambo

The past few months have been busy. I have been at PCUSA in Louisville to structure our Covenant. The Covenant has been endorsed by both parties and we are a Covenant Group for the next two years.

I also attended the BSA National Meeting in Dallas. In conjunction with the National Meeting, we also held a Religious Relations Committee.

One of the items coming out of the Committee Meeting is as part of the REAP Program by PRAY is a Program titled "Duty to God" which is being developed to encourage the use of Troop Chaplains and Chaplain aides at Summer Camp. A set of patches will recognize participation in the Program.

Preparations for Jamboree 2005 are in full swing. We have Hat Pins for the youth and Luggage Tags for the adults that visit the NAPS booth. We have developed an embroidered NAPS Golf Shirt for the Staff Members, which will be available after the Jambo for all NAPS members.

NAPS and PCUSA will be well represented at Jamboree. We have five NAPS members supporting our Booth, eight Clergy serving in the Chaplains Corps (seven as sub-camp chaplains) including NAPS Vice- President Rev. George Hupp who is coordinating all Chaplains activity.

PCUSA will have Don Campbell and Ed Craxton participation in the Protestant Services. It is not too early to thank all of these folks for their efforts to make the Jamboree a success for the 39,000 youth and adult participants.

Just as a note, NAPS has our 2nd Annual Conference on Scouting and the Presbyterian Church coming up this Fall. I hope you read the accompanying article and consider attending. Last year it was informative, and we all had an excellent week of learning, sharing, fellowship, and "The Philmont Experience."

Yours in Scouting Wray

2006 General Assembly Meeting Schedule Revised

The Presbyterian Church's General Assembly next year will have some changes from the past, advises Rush Hart, NAPS Treasurer.

“ It will start on Thursday rather than Saturday and there will not be an opening Worship service, “ he explained. “All Worship services will be in the evening instead of the morning.”

The Presbyterian Church (USA), Assemblies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America will all be meeting at the same time. The last four Worship services will include all three denominations.

The dates for GA are June 15 through June 22 in Birmingham, AL.

NAP's annual meeting will be held during the GA, along with several events of the GA in which NAPS takes part..

Philmont NAPS Conference In September

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Johanning recalled. “Philmont is beautiful in the Fall and the weather cooperated,” he added.

Deadline for the 2005 Course is September 5. 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

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, _____
Position in Church _____

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



Look Up these NAPS Scouters at Jambo!

Mike Hunter, a new member of NAPS, will be working at the Lost and Found Department. He is SM for Troop 17 in the Conquistador Council, and an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Roswell, NM. His son, a Life Scout will also be there, part of the Council contingent.

NAPS Officers working at NAPS booth in the MB Midway will be President **Wray Johanning**, St. Louis, MO,; immediate Past President, **Eliot Kerlin**, Ft Worth, TX,; and Director **Dr. J. Paul Deason**, along with members **Elaine Foley**, **Robert T. Workinger**, and **Joseph Larrance**.

Working as Chaplains will be **Dr. George Hupp**, NAPS vice-president, **Rev. Rusty Cowden**, NAPS Chaplain; **Eugene Foley**, **Kenneth Wonderland**, **William Findley**, **Martha Carlson**, **Gordon Mapes**, **Joseph Simpson**, and **Richard Spears**.

Attending as Troop or contingent leaders are **Bruce Wilson**, Jambo T-1114 SM, Lake Huron Council; **Terry Grogan**, Jambo T-1238 SM, Greater St. Louis Council, and **Barry Bigham**, contingent leader for all five GSLC troops.

John R. Satterthwaite, MD, will be attending the Jamboree as Assistant Physician for the Subcamp 19 Medical Staff in the Southern Region. His home council is Blue Ridge and church is First Presbyterian, Greenville, SC. “ This is my fourth Jambo and it is a great time to spend with old friends and Scouters. Hope to get by the booth but you are a long way from 19. Hope you have a great turnout.”

Alan Billingsley, Scoutmaster and Crew Advisor, Little Church on the Prairie, Lakewood, WA will be his Council representative. He joined NAPS at the NAPS' booth last Jambo and is looking forward to this one.

EDITORS NOTE: In our next issue, October, we would like to add more info about other Jambo Presbyterian attendees, adult and youth, and welcome photographs and narrative about your Jambo experiences.

See you at Jambo! Corb



The students are from left to right: Kara McLaughlin, Erin Connor, and David Pihlblad. They each have completed God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life

Presbyterian Scout Overcomes “Handicap” to Become Eagle

On April 23, Don Bruss of Troop 12, Cascade Pacific Council, was presented his Eagle Badge at a ceremony at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego, OR.

In his early days in Scouting, the new Eagle faced some “handicaps.” Not only did he have a family legacy of Scouting and Presbyterian heritage to live up to, his teacher in the fourth grade belonged to the same Church as he and he couldn’t escape his oversight.

Among the many presenters and speakers was his fourth-grade teacher, Glen Reynolds of Glen Ellyn, IL, who traveled to Oregon for the ceremony. He recalled Don’s feelings of how “unfair” it was that his teacher also attended Glen Ellyn Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL

“Not only did Don have to be in my classes every day, he even had to see me on Sunday mornings”.

Reynolds also commented that Don is the only student he has ever had, and ever will have, who, every year, wore a scout uniform for picture day. At that time, Don was a Cub Scout, earned the God and Me Award, and later received his Arrow of Light as a Webelos. In Scouting, he received the God and Family in 2000, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.



Eagle Scout Don Bruss with his parents, Gwen and Larry Bruss

Since turning 18, he has continued on in Troop 12, sponsored by Christ Church, in Lake Oswego, as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Don’s Uncle Don reminded him that he comes from a lineage of Boy Scouts. Both his grandfathers attained the rank of Life Scout. Each grandfather was within grasp of Eagle when World War II interrupted their Scouting efforts.

Don and his family have long been associated with Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. His mother first became a member in the mid-1960’s. His parents, Larry and Gwen Bruss, were married there nearly 24 years ago. Don and his siblings were all baptized at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. After the family moved to Illinois, they still came home to Lake Oswego to visit relatives, and attended Lake Grove Presbyterian Church whenever they could.

In 2001, the family moved back to Lake Oswego and Lake Grove Presbyterian Church.

NY Church Honors Five For Their Scouting Service

June 19 was a big day for Scouting at the Randolph United Presbyterian Church, Randolph, NY., as two adults and three youth were honored for their commitment and service to Scouting, announced Rev. Dr. Jack Graham, pastor.

Receiving the Celtic Cross Award were Dr. Erika Conner and Mrs. Nancy Pihlblad. for their roles as adult leaders and mentors in the God and Service award programs.

On June 5, Kara McLaughlin, Erin Connor, and David Pihlblad received their God and Life Awards, and on June 19, received the NAPS Spiritual Growth Awards. The three, all 15 years old, previously had received their God and Family and God and Church awards

All are top students, great athletes, and dedicated to their God, their families, their church, and their community. Erin and David are the active Scouts, (while ara was in s Scouts when they started these awards, but is no longer active now.

David is close to completing his Eagle Scout project. He is organizing the construction and installation of bat houses in Allegany State Park. Erin is also working toward the highest level of Girl Scouting. She is researching the possibility of organizing the 10 commandments Hike with the whole Girl Scout council for her Girl Scout Gold Award project.

All three youth are from active Scouting families. They each have parents who have been Scout leaders. Kara has a younger brother, and Erin has a younger sister and brother who are following along with the God and Country curriculum. Those three, I’m sure, will be getting all four awards when they are old enough.

David is the youngest in his family and will be the fifth in the family to become an Eagle Scout. His father and three older brothers all are Eagle Scouts.

P.R.A.Y. Releases New Patch To Promote Religious Awards



The Protestant Religious Awards for Youth (P.R.A.Y.) Program, which handles the Boy Scouts of America religious awards programs, introduces in July a new patch program to promote awareness of the religious awards programs

“Duty to God” is at the heart of the Scouting movement. Religious emblems reinforce this spiritual component and promote many of the values found in the Scouting program.

Requirements

Youth and adults must:

1. Attend or coordinate a presentation or information seminar on religious emblems (sample resources and suggestions are available at www.praypub.org).

2. Make a commitment to fulfill their “Duty to God.”

For example:

a. Adults can commit to having 50% of families participate in the religious emblems programs, commit to nominating a worthy adult to be recognized with an adult religious award, serving, for example as counselor.

b. Youth can commit to earning the religious emblem of their faith at an appropriate time, making a presentation on religious emblems to another unit, helping younger Scouts earn their religious emblem, helping to establish a religious emblems program in their local congregation, etc.

Patch

The Duty to God Promotion Patch is a four-segment puzzle patch with 8 to 10 colors per segment and is 100% embroidered. Only one segment will be offered in any given year. For this year, the “Scout” segment will be available. Participants are encouraged to earn all four segments over a four year span. Patches may be pre-ordered for distribution at the presentation / information seminar. These will be available for order in Mid-July 2005.

DVD

The Duty to God Promotion DVD contains the resources to make a presentation on the religious emblems programs. These resources include the video “Promoting Duty to God (Religious Emblems),” Duty to God brochure/chart listing all religious emblems (No. 05-879D), scripts (for presentations to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers), and Parent Handout. These will be available for order in Mid-July 2005.

One hundred special edition patches also will be available. This patch also has 8 to 10 colors per segment and is 100% embroidered but stands out with its Gold Metallic border. They will also be available in Mid-July.



Earned All Four Religious Awards?

P.R.A.Y. announced in April a new recognition for four-star recipients (a four-star recipient is someone who has earned all four levels of the God and Country series).

Four-star recipients will receive a certificate and letter of congratulations from P.R.A.Y. A special pin is available at additional cost.

Candidates must submit a special application form to P.R.A.Y. in order to be confirmed as “Four Star Recipients.” P.R.A.Y. will verify that candidates have earned all four levels of the God and Country program and then send a letter and certificate of special recognition.

This application form is available online at www.praypub.org. It must be printed out and then mailed to P.R.A.Y.

God and Life Curriculum Revised

The revised curriculum for *God and Life*, which was released in December, 2004, has the same basic outline as the former program.

“It is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31,” explained a spokesperson. “This is a brief account that describes how Paul encountered Christ and was changed forever.”

Five chronological “events” out of this story are highlighted and used as the focus for the five different sections in this program. Each section will illustrate a key element in learning how to live one’s life for Christ

1. Before his conversion, Paul persecuted Christians. *Theme: God calls all kinds of people.*
2. Paul was helped by Ananias and Barnabas. *Theme: God doesn't expect us to do it on our own.*
3. Paul was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. *Theme: Each of us must make a personal response to the call of God.*
4. Paul led a difficult life: many people wanted him dead. *Theme: God gives strength to face adversities.*
5. Because of Paul, the church was strengthened and it grew in numbers. *Theme: God can accomplish great things through those who are willing to do God's will.*

The new curriculum will enhance the Bible study portion. Each lesson includes the following topics:

- More About Paul – Students will study Paul in depth and learn how God was active in and through his life.
- Other Men and Women in the Bible - Students will study the lives of men and women in the Bible who have had experiences similar to Paul’s and discover what their lives teach them about God.
- What About You – Students will apply the Bible lessons to their lives and be challenged to find ways to integrate their faith into their daily living.
- Service Project – Students will choose or design a project that will help put into action what they have just learned

The new God and Life Counselor Manual includes sample lesson plans with opening activities, discussion helps, and additional resources for class settings. For the first time, the application solicits information on “Four Star” recipients.

Philmont Debuts New Relationships Course

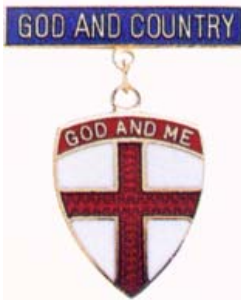
There's a new course in the offering at the Philmont Training Center during the 2005 Relationships Conference August 7-13.

Mark Hazelwood, of P.R.A.Y., will be presenting the new course on "Religious Emblems for Youth and Adults," at which the new P.R.A.Y. initiative dubbed REAP for Religious Emblems Awareness Program will be included.

Ten Councils which will be trial Councils for the 2006 Summer Camp program will receive each two scholarships for the Course from P.R.A.Y.

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 plan now 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 of your council. The other emphasis of the class will be on Religious emblems as programs that can reinforce BSA values in boys as well as on how and why to promote them.



More Courses Offered

Several other courses will be offered of interest to Presbyterians, explained Dave Richardson, BSA Relationships Division. Scouters, lay members, and clergy are encouraged and invited to attend the conference and take any of the four courses.

The other courses are "Scouting in the Church's Ministry," and "Scouting—A Homeschooling Resource." A fourth course, "Membership/Relations," also offered, is designed for council and district Scouters concerned with membership and religious relationships.

Presbyterians will hold their second annual "Using Scouting in Church Outreach Conference" from September 26-30. (See Story on Page 1)



"Conferences permit ample time for family activities, day hiking and other recreation," reports Richardson.

"There are staff-led programs for infants through adults which include hiking, tours to nearby points of interest such as Taos, Santa Fe and nearby Cimmaron, handicrafts, games, and outdoor activities—plus Cub Scout day camp, Boy Scout summer camp, and a backcountry Venturing program."

Philmont itself has the Philmont Library, traces of the Santa Fe trail, the Philmont Museum, Philmont store, the Phillips House, and Kit Carson's ranch.

Fees, which include all meals, lodging, and conference and program materials, are \$360 for the week for conferees, \$260 for spouses and children over 20; \$210 for ages 6-20; \$140 for ages 3-5; and \$50 for two and under.





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 or Renewed NAPS Members!

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