



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

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THE NEXT 60 DAYS

- Feb 4th—
Commissioner Mtg @
Singing Bird Lodge,
Blackhawk State His-
toric Site, Rock Island
(7:00-8:30pm)
- Feb 11th—Roundtable
@ Singing Bird Lodge,
Blackhawk State His-
toric Site, Rock Island
(7:00-8:30pm)
- Feb 18th—District
Committee Mtg @
Augustana College,
College Center Café
(6:30-8:00pm)
- March 4th—
Commissioner mtg
- March 11th—
Roundtable
- March 18th—
District Committee
Meeting
- March 27th—
Scouting for Food

Happy Birthday Boy Scouts of America

This month we are bringing you a special 100th anniversary addition of Sauklook. Believe it or not 100 years ago this month, Scouting was founded on the same principles we still cling to today. As I have been reflecting on this celebration our Chief Scout Executive, Bob Mazzuca (whom you may recognize from the Illowa Council 2009 Eagle dinner), posted a wonderful reflection that I would like to share with you. I believe it is a great example of the relevancy of this outstanding organization 100 years after its birth.

Reflecting on Scouting's Relevancy

I found this blog entry so inspiring that I wanted to make sure to share it with all of you. It really sets the table for why Scouting is so relevant in our society today and captures some wonderful thoughts for us all to reflect on during our 100th Anniversary year.

My thanks go out to the blog's author, Mallory Caldwell from McKinsey & Company, Inc., who was the lead on their team that helped us lay the groundwork for our reinvention of Scouting.

These thoughts came to Mallory while taking a morning walk recently, and he couldn't wait to post them to his blog. Enjoy!

In just a few days, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Over the past several days, I have posted a variety of "snippets" about scouting on my Facebook page as my way of celebrating this milestone. But I don't think these snippets have gotten your attention. Maybe that's because you didn't see them. Maybe you think I'm crazy (maybe I am). Or maybe you think that scouting is simply not relevant to your life.

In any event, I've decided to be a little bit more "bold" today to get your attention and invite your reactions -- I'm going to tell you why the scouting movement matters to me:

My two sons are both involved in scouting. One is a Tiger Cub (1st grade). The other is a Webelos (4th grade). Their involvement has given me a great appreciation for the role that scouting plays in our society.

The scouting program is (one of? or the single?) most successful leadership development programs in our nation's history. The BSA in particular offers a step-by-step, year-by-year program designed to grow young boys into men of character. The program explicitly teaches character and values -- and not in a "book" sense, but through clear expectations for living these values. One of the core tenants of scouting is to "Do a Good Turn Daily." Throughout the program, the two pillars of emphasis are God and Country. In my opinion, this kind of leadership development for the next generation is relevant to ALL of our lives.

But it is more than that. Every day in scouting, I am inspired by countless volunteers who are giving of their time to invest in the lives of others. In our personal scouting experience, these are men and women of faith. They are patient and kind, while also having high expectations. They are great role models for our children. I am also inspired by the older scouts (Boy Scouts) who serve in leadership positions for the Cubs. These young men have chosen to spend their time in meaningful and productive ways -- when they no doubt face many alternative choices in today's world. Perhaps most of all, I'm inspired by the many adults I meet who share how scouting has touched their lives: The ~80 year old Eagle scout (and veteran and surgeon) in the nursing home, who stands to tell our boys what scouting meant to him growing up; the colleague at work who credits scouting with teaching him what it means to lead; the mom at the local shop who talks about her sons' scouting experience, and has a standing offer of her personal help for any boy trying to earn his Eagle. Finally, I am thrilled when my boys report that "the most fun I had this year was going camping with my Dad."

These people and their stories inspire me. They convince me that scouting has meaning. And they give me hope for our future. The scouting movement is not only relevant and meaningful, it is also urgently needed -- perhaps for the next century even more than the last.

My family is privileged to be involved in scouting.

Happy Birthday BSA!



**“Leave this world
a little better
than when you
found it.”**

**-Sir Robert
Baden-Powell**



Did You Know?

Are you looking for trivia to open up your Scout meetings? Well, in honor of our 100 year celebration we thought you may be interested in learning a few obscure facts about the BSA. All of the facts below come from a document put out by the BSA home office, it is titled “100 Things You Didn’t Know About Scouting” and it can be found at www.scouting.org.

Enjoy!

- Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, is an Eagle Scout. When he said, “the Eagle has landed,” he wasn’t kidding. In 1969, Armstrong became the first Eagle Scout to be portrayed on a U.S. postage stamp— called “The Man on the Moon”.
- The BSA is the second-largest Scouting organization in the world. The largest is in Indonesia.
- Scouts collected more than 65 million containers of food during the first Scouting for Food drive in 1988.
- By the BSA’s centennial in February 2010, more than 1.2 billion *Boy’s Life* magazines will have been printed.
- The gravestone of worldwide Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell is marked with a trail symbol of a circle with a dot in the center, which means “I have gone home”.
- When America entered World War I in 1917, membership in the BSA outnumbered the 200,000-man U.S. Army by more than 68,000 members.
- In the aftermath of the attacks of September 11, 2001, Scouts from New York and New Jersey helped reignite the American spirit, collecting more than 153,000 bottles of water for Ground Zero rescue workings and placing handwritten messages of appreciation and encouragement in their hard hats.
- More than 1.5 million pinewood derby cars are sold each year.
- The first African American Boy Scout troop was organized in 1911 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.
- The only recorded Tyrannosaurus Rex footprint case was discovered at Philmont Scout Ranch.
- Nearly 1.2 million volunteers donate an average of 20 hours per month to the BSA, which totals 288 million hours of time during one year. Independent Sector projects the average value of volunteer time to be \$20.25 an hour. Given this hourly rate, the approximate value of the time given by Boy Scout volunteers is more than \$5.8 billion annually. Thank You!
- Today, approximately 100,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers with disabilities are registered with the Boy Scouts of America in more than 4,000 units chartered to community organizations.
- Presidents John F. Kennedy, Gerald R. Ford, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama were Scouts as youth, and Jimmy Carter was a Scoutmaster. President Kennedy was the first Scout to become president; Gerald Ford was the first (and to date, only) Eagle Scout president.

As we all celebrate our 100th year of Scouting we should all stand tall for what this great organization has accomplished over the years. Through individuals such as yourselves the Boy Scouts of America has reached millions of youth and adults alike.

Thank you for your tireless service, let’s stand tall and in one voice proclaim the name of Scouting for our communities to hear.