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SCOUTING FAMILIES ATTEND PHILMONT

On July 11-17, 2004, Scouters and their families attended the "Scouting in the Church of Christ" conference at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, New Mexico.

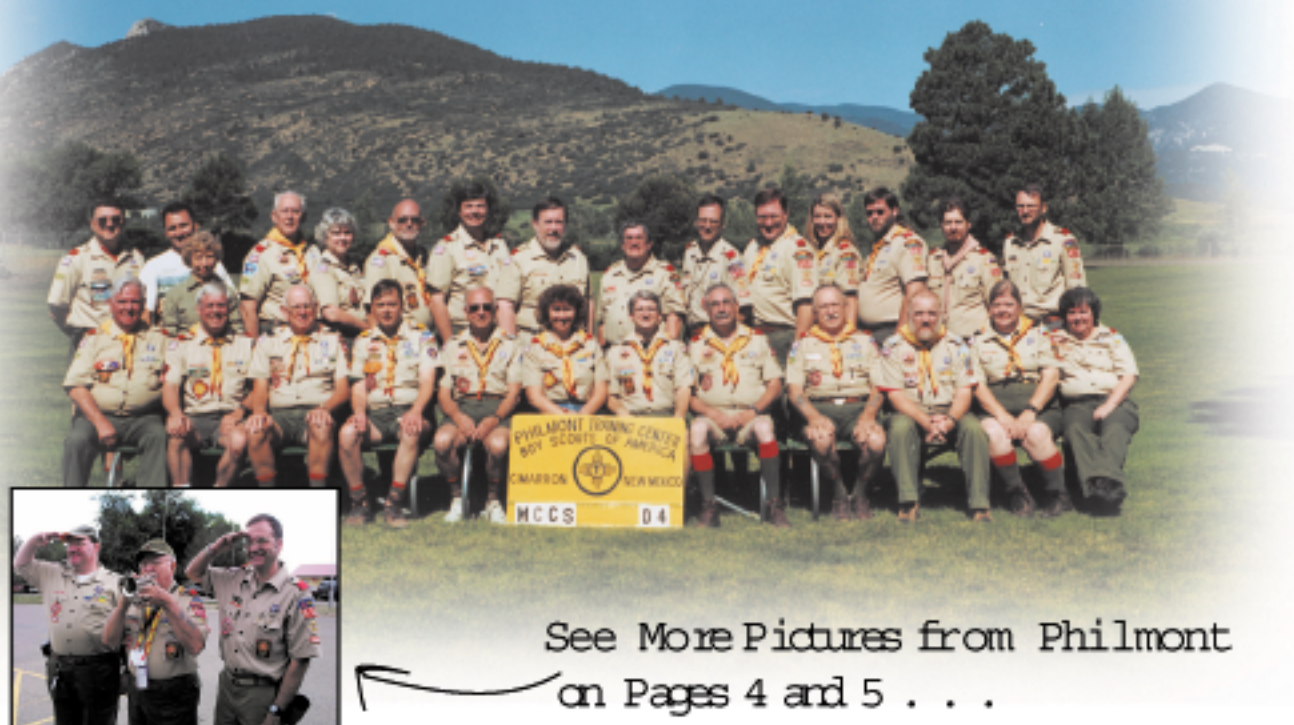
Twenty-four participants attended the weeklong conference, which included daily praise and worship. Many of their spouses and children enjoyed various activities such as making arts and crafts, seeing the sights and playing games with the help of the qualified staff.

Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting Trustees Karen Elswood of San

Antonio, Texas, and Al Bingham of Alpharetta, Ga., served as faculty members of the conference.

Participants shared ideas about promoting the Servant Leadership Series of religious emblem awards offered to Scouting units through MCCS. Meetings also focused on methods and procedures needed to encourage churches to charter Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews.

Scouters and their families are encouraged to attend the "Relationships Week" at the PTC in 2006. The date has not yet been set.



See More Pictures from Philmont
on Pages 4 and 5 . . .

SUMMER'S MOMENTUM CONTINUES



Kent Barnett
Executive Director

God has blessed MCCS with a variety of activities to grow in fellowship and service this summer.

From the Duty-to-God Camporee in Nashville to time at the Red River encampment to the conference at Philmont, Scouting families have enjoyed fellowship and growth.

MCCS' service to youth and information to

adults has also grown extensively. In February, the Board of Trustees authorized the publication of our first quarterly newsletter. To underwrite the cost of these publications and the increased demand for materials, awards and other service to our members, the chairman authorized two informational mailings, which have been very successful. We asked for help so that we may reach many more boys and girls, and our friends responded quickly. We thank you for your generous support.

This summer has given me great enthusiasm and momentum for the school year.

Our children have returned to the classroom, which means Scouting units across the country are returning to business as usual.

This year, I expect even more requests for the religious emblem award curriculum than last. And I encourage such interest!

I look forward to sending out the award medals to the boys and girls who wish to complete the curriculum before Boy Scout Sunday in February and Girl Scout Sunday in March. I know they will be working hard in the meantime and growing in service to the Lord.

I will do my best to match their efforts as you join with me in serving as many young people as possible.

Please keep sharing the secret of the MCCS ministry.

With God's guidance, the sky is the limit!

Our Purpose:

Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting is an all-volunteer organization, recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA. It was founded:

To interpret Scouting to members of Churches of Christ.

To encourage the use of Scouting by members of Churches of Christ.

To promote spiritual growth by encouraging the use of the Servant Leadership Series.

The MCCS logo is the Heart of the Servant, which symbolizes the four spheres in the life of a servant leader:

To Service to God and His church.

To Service to one's own family.

To Service to the nation.

To Service to Scouting.



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OUR FIRST, HISTORY-MAKING DUTY TO GOD CAMPOREE



IN THE WORKS

A group of Texas M CCS members has been making plans to conduct a similar Camporee in Texas. Details to come.

2005 MILLMONT, PA

The second planned Duty to God Family Camporee will take place May 27-29 at Camp Karoondinha, the Susquehanna Council B.S.A. camp in Millmont, Penn.

M CCS invites those involved or interested in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing or Girl Scouts to take this opportunity to meet and get to know other Church of Christ families.

The camp is located about 23 miles west of Lewisburg, Penn. Participants may camp as families or Scouting units.

Plans for Saturday the 28th include an overview of the Servant Leadership Series of religious emblem awards and an introduction to the Lads to Leaders/Leaderette program.

A campfire on Saturday night and worship on Sunday will provide opportunity for fellowship.

The registration form, directions and other information can be found on the M CCS web site, www.acu.edu/mccs-scouting as this event materializes.

For more information about this event or to volunteer to help, please contact Tim Gelvin of Snyderstown, Penn., by e-mail at timgelvin@serfbest.net or by phone at (570) 672-3899.

2004 NASHVILLE, TN

The M CCS Duty to God Family Camporee took place May 14-16 at the Boxwell Scout Reservation of the Middle Tennessee Council, near Nashville.

Steve Leddy, M CCS member of Cookeville, Tenn., organized the event to meet requirements on his Wood Badge ticket, a Boy Scouts of America adult advanced training course.

Of the more than 75 people who attended this workshop during the come-and-go weekend, 37 were under the age of 18.





MORE FROM Philmont 2004

Hunter Forrester of McEwen, Tenn., accepts his religious emblem award, the Good Servant, from MCCS Executive Director Kent Barnett.

Steve Laddy of Cookeville, Tenn., Hank Henderson of Roseville, Calif., and Carl Amend of Arlington, Texas, participate in Thursday evening's flag ceremony.



O.J. Skip Jennings of Shelbyville, Ky., salutes the flag Thursday night



Jay Myrick and Steve Laddy, both of Cookeville, Tenn., work together during a training session.



The Tooth of Time, which was a noted landmark on the Santa Fe Trail, is one of the most photographed views on the Philmont Scout Ranch.



John Gross of Winder, Ga., Dick Brackett of Brentwood, Tenn., and Carl Amend of Arlington, Texas, share stories during Western Night.





Scouters and their families enjoy a breathtaking view of the prairies and the Rocky Mountains during Friday night's closing campfire ceremony .



June Kames of Oceanside, Calif., enjoys her Buffalo Burger during Western Night.



Katie Barnett of Abilene, Texas, and Josie Elswood of San Antonio, Texas, take a break from Tuesday's Western Night festivities.



Scouters take part in a night of singing in the Villa Philmonte Gazebo.

Conference faculty members and MCCS Trustees Karen Elswood of San Antonio, Texas, and Al Bingham of Alpharetta, Ga., congratulate fellow Trustee Johnie Simpson (center) of Frederick, Md., during Friday's graduation.



from the MCCS Community:



In each issue of *from the Heart*, we will reserve space for your photographs and stories about Servant Leadership Award ceremonies. Stories of other awards and inspiring projects should be shared, as well. For instance, if you know young people who recently earned an Eagle Scout or Gold Award they deserve recognition in this newsletter! Please send your photos and information to Kent Barnett at MCCS • ACU Box 27938 • Abilene, TX 79699-7938.

GAMBLE NAMED EAGLE SCOUT

Brett Travis Gamble of Troop 711 in Costa Mesa, Calif., was honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on July 18.

Brett completed the requirements to earn Boy Scouting's highest honor on May 5.

For his Eagle project, Brett planned and coordinated the construction of a free-standing covered bulletin board for the patio

area of Costa Mesa Church of Christ, where he attends and earned his Joyful Servant Award as a Cub Scout.

Brett has served his troop in many leadership positions, such as Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

He also earned 33 merit badges

and achieved the Brotherhood Honor in the Order of the Arrow for his cheerful service to others.

Brett joins his father, grandfather and great-grandfather in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Brett's future plans include attending Orange Coast College in the fall and later graduating from Long Beach State University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Medal Update

SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

More than 250 religious emblem awards in the Servant Leadership Series have been earned in 2004 thus far.



Faithful Servant
Adults Serving for at least 10 Years
13 Recipients

Loving Servant
Grades 1-3



76 Recipients

Joyful Servant
Grades 4-6



137 Recipients

GOOD SERVANT



Good Servant
Grades 6-12

29 Recipients



MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

Friends who send gifts in memory or honor of loved ones have made a significant impact on the lives of the children who participate in MCCS. Through the Servant Leadership Series of religious emblem awards, these children learn about serving Christ and helping others. Memorial and honor gifts made by faithful supporters provide an excellent example of the servant's way of life. All donations received go to encourage boys and girls in pursuing the development of servant leadership style of life modeled by Jesus Christ.

In Memory Of...

E.S." WOODY" ELSWOOD

Dave and Karen Elswood, San Antonio, Texas

WALTER KARNES

Adaline P. and Kenneth B. Coe, Hemet, Calif.

Elwin S. and Nathalie C. Elswood, Leawood, Kan.

Troy B. and Linda J. Ford, Angel Fire, N.M.

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Marie C. Mann, Abilene, Texas

Ralph and Alberta Meier, Lemon Grove, Calif.

Shelby R. and Veroqua Smith, Centennial, Colo.

RALPH MEIER

June Karnes, Oceanside, Calif.

If you would like to make a gift in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below.

Upon receipt of the gift, MCCS will send notification to the honoree or his or her family. Please contact MCCS with any corrections.

Honor or Memorial Gift to MCCS

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (w/ Area Code) _____

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IN HONOR/MEMORY (CIRCLE ONE) OF: _____

Gift Amount _____

Please Send Notification of Gift to: _____

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Trustee Profile:

Dave Boyll, Chairman

Dave Boyll of Abilene, Texas, spends much of his time volunteering.

"As it turns out, a mentor does a lot more listening than talking," he said. "Kids these days have a few more things to distract and discourage them than I did in my teen and pre-teen years."

That's why he serves as chairman of the board of MCCS, to help direct young men and women toward a stable life of service.

In 1992, he received the MCCS Faithful Servant Award for more than 10 years of service in Scouting.

Boyll also served as president of the Chisholm Trail Council from 1985 through 1987 and received the Silver Beaver Award in 1987.

"As for volunteering, my only objective is to help the organization accomplish its goals by using my talents and resources to the best of my ability," he said. "I have never really thought of what I do as a volunteer as an effort to educate, but I am sure that I have done a lot of teaching, preaching, talking and sharing ideas. I guess that's what education is all about in the end."

Among his involvement in many other religious and civic organizations, Boyll serves as board



Dave Boyll serves as chairman of the MCCS board of trustees.

member and president of Keep Abilene Beautiful.

Boyll graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in education and an already budding career in radio.

He began working the overnight shift at KWKC-AM 1340 while a sophomore at ACC and became program director after graduation. Today he serves as partner and president of Abilene Radio Corporation, which operates KWKC and KZQQ-AM 1560.

Boyll married Margie Coker in 1962, the same year she graduated from ACC with a degree in education. She has taught in the Abilene Independent School District for more than 30 years. The Boylls have two daughters and four grandchildren. They are members of the Woodlawn Church of Christ.

