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MCCCS to Impact National Jamboree

The National Scout Jamboree will be held July 26 through August 4, 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia located near Fredericksburg and Washington D.C. The 18th Jamboree promises to be one of the best since this Jamboree will be celebrating the first century of the Boy Scouts of America.

MCCCS will have a dominant presence at the Jamboree. There will be eleven Church of Christ chaplains – seven serving in the Southern Region (SR) sub camps, one in the Western Region (WR), one in the Central Region (CR) and two in Chaplain Headquarters. Mike Kennedy of Hobbs, New Mexico will be serving in WR sub camp 8, Greg Tidwell of Columbus, Ohio in CR sub camp 14, Houston Costolo of Picayune, Mississippi in SR 15, Dean Huffman of Rowlett, Texas in SR 16, John McColm of Richardson, Texas in SR 17, Carl Amend of Arlington, Texas in SR 18, Mike Hawes of Powder Springs, Georgia in SR 19, Ron McGregor of Hallsville, Texas in SR 20, Ken Richter of Kingfisher, OK in SR 21, Rich Roper of Lansing, Michigan in Chaplain Headquarters

serving as a hospital chaplain and John Wood of Dayton, Ohio in Chaplain Headquarters serving as Chaplain Coordinator for the Churches of Christ.

MCCCS will staff an exhibit booth in the Chartered Organizations tent in the National Exhibits area. The staff's mission will be encouraging youth to earn the Servant Leadership religious awards and increasing awareness of the MCCCS ministry. MCCCS trustees staffing the booth are Steve Leddy, MCCCS chairman of Cookeville, Tennessee, Al Bingham, past chairman of Alpharetta, Georgia, Huey Ford of Murrayville, Georgia, Regina Harrison, MCCCS secretary and husband Tony Harrison of Winchester, Tennessee and Kent Barnett, MCCCS Executive Director of Abilene, Texas.



MCCS to celebrate 25 years at 2011 Philmont conference

It's hard to believe 25 years have gone by since the formation of Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting," said Bobbie Lee Wolfe of Abilene, Texas and the MCCS treasurer (longest serving trustee).

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, MCCS will conduct a "Scouting in Churches of Christ" conference during the summer of 2011 at the Philmont Training Center (PTC) in Cimarron, New Mexico where the prairies meet the Rocky Mountains. "The conference promises to be a 'mountaintop' vacation experience for all the participants and their families," said the new MCCS chairman, Steve Leddy of Cookeville, Tennessee.

Kent Barnett of Abilene, Texas and the Executive Director said, "MCCS has been attending the Philmont confer-



ences during even numbered years since 1994. The board decided to forego attending in 2010 to avoid conflicts with the National Jamboree and since the following year would be the MCCS 25th anniversary year." The summer 2011 conference dates have not been set yet by the PTC. It's the goal of MCCS to have the week-long conference sometime after the 4th of July. Dates will be posted on our website, www.goodservant.org, under the events link as soon as we receive them.

Decide now to attend the conference. If you are interested in knowing more about the PTC, refer to www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HighAdventure/Philmont/PTC.aspx under the Philmont Training Center link to learn more about the conferences, museums, facilities, etc.



Left to right: Jonathan Weiss, Seth Benton, Garren Weiss, Phil Weiss

Curriculum influences two to be baptized

by Seth Benton and Garren Weiss
Tri-Valley Church of Christ - Livermore, CA

The Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting program has helped us come closer to God. The program has also given the two of us many opportunities to help our community and church members. These opportunities the program introduced to us in the Servant Leadership Series weaved bonds within the church body that were strengthened while completing the Joyful and Good Servant curriculums.

Our greatest opportunity the program provided was to learn about baptism and our individual relationship with Christ. Both of us grew spiritually as we worked through the age appropriate programs. The intense studies of the Good Servant program helped each of us individually to commit ourselves to Christ in baptism. We highly recommend this program to any young person who wants to know what Christ does for them and what they can do for others.

From the desk of the secretary...

by Regina Harrison

The MCCS Board of Trustees presided over a changing of the guard as much-loved Jerry Strader handed over the mantle of office to incoming Chairman, Steve Leddy. Under Steve's leadership there will be even more focus on the mission of MCCS especially heading into the 2010 Jamboree year and 2011 25th Anniversary year of MCCS. Great strides have already been made in preparations for the work of MCCS at the 2010 National Jamboree and distribution of 10,000 New Testament, Psalms & Proverbs with custom devotional pages. Fundraising is still underway for the Jamboree and continues with great hope for another successful operating budget year as well.

This year's annual board meeting not only continued work toward the Jamboree, but launched plans to man five Lads-to-Leaders/Leadership Training Conference booths over Easter weekend in Nashville, Atlanta, Louisville, Houston, and Dallas, where newly formatted Servant Leadership Material will be made available. Plans have begun toward developing a Ventur-



Executive Committee, left to right: Kent Barnett of Abilene, Texas - Executive Director; Regina Harrison of Winchester, Tennessee - Secretary; Steve Leddy of Cookeville, Tennessee - Chairman; Jerry Strader of Abilene - Past Chairman; Bobbie Lee Wolfe of Abilene - Treasurer

ing Servant Leadership Series curriculum and editing the existing Good Servant Leadership Series making them even more age-appropriate. Look for more news to come your way once we get linked to an on-line newsletter distribution and the next exciting event, our own conference week at Philmont in 2011. Make plans now to join us in the work of serving the Lord - it's what we do!

Scouts' quick response makes difference in canoeing mishap

based on reports from Greg Swartzell and Eric Young

On the morning of July 18, 2009, Scout Troop 1534, chartered by the Buford Church of Christ of Buford, Georgia, set out in 10 canoes from a point just below the Buford Dam on the Chattahoochee River. Not quite two hours into their excursion, while attempting to navigate a

[The scouts] conducted themselves in a manner that is rarely exhibited by adults in a situation like this.

particularly turbulent and rocky stretch, several scout and fishing canoes capsized, dumping people and gear into the water. Among the scouts whose swift action helped save lives that day were Assistant Scoutmasters Eric Young and Greg Swartzell. Upon landing their canoe on the river bank, Greg soon found himself working to re-establish the breathing of a fisherman who had just been pulled from the river. Eric,

American Heritage Girls Troop TN1004 Makes It Exciting

contributed by Lori Jack of Burns, Tennessee

In the spring of 2006, a group of 5 families with 9 girls ages 5-8 formed an American Heritage Girls (AHG) troop in Dickson County, TN. During the summer of 2007 the charter was changed to Burns Church of Christ. That fall the troop had 15 girls.

For those of you unfamiliar with AHG, it is a national non-profit organization that was started 15 years ago in West Chester, Ohio as a Christian based scouting group for girls. The 2008-2009 AHG Ministry Report shows 208 Troops in the USA with a membership of 7,552 girls. The mission of AHG is "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country". There are 5 levels in AHG – Pathfinder (K), Tenderfoot (1-3 grades), Explorer (4-6 grades), Pioneer (7-8 grades) and Patriot (9-12 grades). The girls can earn merit badges in 6 different frontiers – Heritage, Family Living, Arts, Outdoor Skills, Personal Well-Being, and Science & Technology. There are also sports pins that they can earn. Members are encouraged to serve as much as they can in the community. By fulfilling certain requirements, which include planning, working or leading

meanwhile, contacted 911 and reported the overall situation, as well as relaying information from Greg about the stricken fisherman's condition. Eric stayed on the line with 911 for some time, establishing their location with the dispatcher so she could pass it along to EMS responders. Once the fisherman was breathing on his own, Greg stayed with the him, monitoring his gradual recovery until rescue units arrived. Both helped coordinate the efforts of other scouts throughout the ordeal.

Other members of Troop 1534 who participated in rescue efforts were Alex Curaulo and Tyler Mueller, the scouts who helped bring ashore the fisherman that Greg assisted. Josh Swartzell and Jimmy Corbett helped another foundered fisherman ashore and assisted scouts Andy Flowers and Branton Fletcher with signaling an EMS helicopter to their position.

This was a fine example of preparedness in action, best described in the words of Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Young: "I have to commend the scouts involved with this rescue. They conducted themselves in a manner that is rarely exhibited by adults in a situation like this. They kept their heads together and their wits about them and did exactly as they were trained and taught and told. I am proud to be involved with these scouts, Troop 1534 and the entire World Brotherhood of Scouting. In so many ways, we do make a difference."



The charter members of Troop TN1004 - March 2006

organizational/troop events and earning service hours and merit badges, girls can earn a Level Award at each level. The highest award an American Heritage Girl can earn is the Stars and Stripes award. It has been compared to the Eagle Scout award that Boy Scouts earn. As a young troop, we are excited that soon some of our girls will begin to work on their Stars and Stripes Award.

The best word to describe our troop is "exciting". Each year we have a family camping weekend (a favorite!), a father/daughter activity, a mother/daughter activity, awards banquets, bring-a-friend day and service projects. The girls have sent Christmas boxes to needy children and letters and cards to our military. They have sung at a nursing home and

see American Heritage Girls, pg. 6

LOVE ❖ JOY ❖ FAITH ❖ SERVICE

Cherolyn Hallett of Aurora, Colorado, shares some of her thoughts on preparing scouts to receive the Loving Servant award:

Some of the students going through the course had no prior Bible knowledge. We started slow with me showing them the basics of how the Bible is set up and how they could locate stories they may have heard of. When I taught the lessons, I worked to decode the words so the kids would understand and relate to them better. I continually discussed their journals and readings to see if they understood what they had read. The kids understood the majority and what they didn't I asked them more questions or added thoughts so they would. I was pleased with how they did and I had one parent tell me she really enjoyed reading with her son! She was saddened when the course was over, I explained you don't need a reason to teach your son about God, just reading scripture together is very meaningful. This course really made me work hard to think what the scripture was actually saying, in the process it made me become a better Christian. Thank you for the chance to teach the kids!



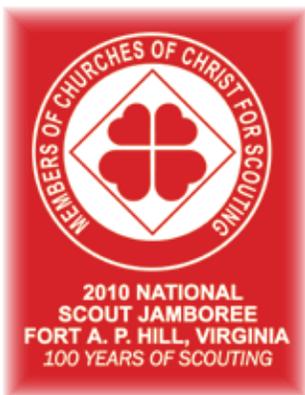
Greg Tidwell, MCCS trustee of Columbus, Ohio, and Joyful Servant awardees Lindsey Spangler, Brandon Ludke, Matthew Rose, and Isaac Mayes (l-r).



Webelos II scout Kevin Demsich of Macomb, Michigan, receives his Joyful Servant award.



Cameron Pirtle (center) of Providence, Utah, with parents Tony and Tanya, proudly shows off his Joyful Servant award.



Cool-N-Dry™ MCCS Tee Shirt Now Available!

MCCS is proud to offer tee shirts to donors, medal awardees, and National Jamboree MCCS

staff and participants. "We are opening the sale to all MCCS members interested in showing that they are a member of MCCS" said shirt designer and trustee Nathan Williams of Abilene, Texas.

The tee shirt, made by Cool-N-Dry™, is red with the MCCS logo on the left breast. Available sizes include adult small to 2XL. The price per shirt is \$12.00 plus \$3 shipping and handling. The shirt wicks moisture, dries quickly, and would look and feel great under a scout uniform shirt.

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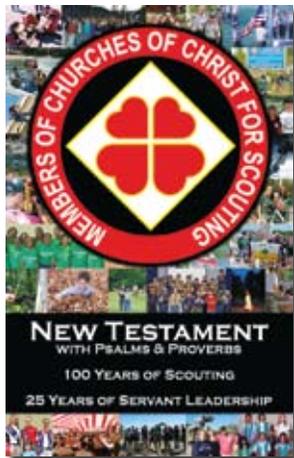
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10,000 Bibles to be distributed at 2010 Jamboree



The MCCA ministry plans to distribute 10,000 Bibles during the 2010 National Jamboree. Funds are being raised to cover the expenses of the Bibles, song pamphlets, communion kits, and booth handouts.

“It’s our plan to distribute the majority of the Bibles during our worship services on Sunday, August 1,” said Steve Leddy, MCCA chairman of Cookeville, Tennessee. There will be five

worship services going on simultaneously, planned at strategic locations around the Jamboree site where over 40,000 scouts, leaders and staff members will be camping. “Our goal is to conduct worship services at multiple locations near the troops instead of conducting one service that would require many scouts to walk miles in order to get there,” said Kent Barnett, Executive Director.

Remaining Bibles will be handed out at the MCCA exhibit booth and by the 11 chaplains in the subcamps. It’s the mission of MCCA to provide the word to youth and leaders who don’t have a church home.

If you would like to financially participate in this worthy endeavor, please use the coupon inside this newsletter to submit your donation.

American Heritage Girls *cont'd. from pg. 3*

collected food for the Dickson Help Center. One of the girls’ favorite activities is our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. In August, our troop will conduct our first Day Camp at Camp Leatherwood in nearby White Bluff. Since all of the girls in our troop are homeschooled, we are able to meet twice a month on Tuesday afternoons. (Although AHG is not a “home school organization”, it aligns beautifully with concepts that many homeschoolers embrace.)

Each year, AHG presents the National Honor Troop Award to troops that have shown excellence in the areas of training, troop organization, membership and retention, program activities and service project participation. For the 2008-2009 year, our troop was one of 18 troops which received this award.

A Venture Crew is in the planning stages - and had a meeting March 16 - to generate interest in this new group. A “Sprout” group will start in the fall to give the younger brothers and sisters some activities on their level during our meetings.

As of today, our AHG troop (TN1004) has 44 members ages 5-15 and 9 registered leaders. There are 25 Cub Scouts and 10 Boy Scouts. With parents and guests, we usually have 100+ people at our meetings.

One of the programs we use at Burns is the MCCA Servant Leadership Program. We used the curriculum for Sunday school class one quarter and had 1 Loving Servant (an AHG member) and 3 Joyful Servant (2 AHG members and one Boy Scout) awards completed at that time. We have 3 children currently working on the Loving Servant curriculum, 1 working on the Joyful Servant and 3 working toward the Good Servant. I hope to be sending in completion records soon!

If you have questions about AHG, please visit www.ahgonline.org. If you have questions about our troop, you can e-mail me at lori@burnschurchofchrist.org.



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