Make plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of MCCS by attending the Philmont Training Center conference “Scouting in the Church of Christ” July 10 – 16, 2011.

Philmont Training Center (PTC) is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northeastern New Mexico. Rich in history and natural beauty, the PTC offers exciting, educational experiences for the entire family.

Conference schedules permit ample time for family activities in the evenings. The participants will have Wednesday off to do Philmont activities such as hikes, horseback rides, handicraft, museum tours, shop the trading post or drive to nearby mountain towns such as Red River, Eagle’s Nest and Taos.

There are staff-led programs for all ages during the day while the participant is in the conference training. Families eat three meals a day together in the dining hall. Spouses are kept busy with tours, hikes, crafts and activities – as many or as few as they chose to attend.

Conference participants will cover many topics during the week such as, how to develop relationships with local congregations to promote a Scouting ministry and to encourage youth to utilize and earn the Servant Leadership religious awards.

Participants for the conference must be registered in Boy Scouts of America. The other family members are not required to be registered in Scouting. Go to www.myscouting.org and register under the Events link. You must have a B.S.A. membership number. The member is on your membership card or call your local council to obtain number.

At the time this newsletter was printed, the online registration for the course was not available yet. If you would like to receive an email notification when online registration is available, email denise.sanchez@scouting.org at the PTC. Be sure to include our conference title and dates in your email message. DeeDee will email you back when the online registration is available.

For more information about the Philmont Training Center, go to www.philmonttraining-center.org.
Over 40,000 scouts and leaders make their way to the Arena Show.

Scouts attending one of five worship services.

Faithful Servant recipients are recognized.

Cub Scout Henry Hubbard of Arlington, VA marches in BSA parade in Washington, D.C.

Church of Christ chaplain Ron McGregor with scouts who participated during worship service.
Many visit the Jamboree Booth

The Jamboree MCCS booth had steady traffic of scouts, leaders, staff and day visitors. Six MCCS staff took turns manning the booth, two at a time and sometimes three. This year, we handed out 5,000 hat pins with the MCCS logo and website on them, MCCS Jamboree patches, Bibles, and rubber chicken key chains.

The 2,000 chicken key chains were brought by Huey Ford of Gainesville, GA. Mar-Jac Poultry donated the chickens. Gainesville has dubbed themselves the “Poultry Capital of the World.” The key chains were a hit and the staff encouraged those wanting the chickens to do the chicken dance and sing the song if they knew the words. Recipients were told, “Don’t be a chicken, have a relationship with God.”

The booth efforts resulted in more website requests for the curriculum and increased awareness of the MCCS ministry. One of the many highlights at the booth was visiting with scouts who had earned our religious awards and adults who earned the Faithful Servant award.

Please be a part by giving...

As you know, MCCS encourages boys and girls to grow spiritually through the use of the servant Leadership Religious Awards. Please be a part of this powerful ministry by mailing in the coupon below with your donation to support the MCCS mission. Donations are also accepted online at the MCCS web site, www.goodservant.org, under the “About Us” link.

And if you would like to make a gift in memory or honor of a loved one, please check the applicable box and include the name and address of the person(s) you would like MCCS to notify about the gift. MCCS is an IRS 501(c)(3) institution. All gifts are tax-deductible as provided by law.

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Closer to Christ with Good Servant Program

It was my sincere pleasure to mentor a young scout this past year who is well on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. Larsen Kronstad of Coon Rapids, MN came to me about a year ago with a request for me to serve as a counselor for the Good Servant program. As an elder of the church I was thrilled that a young man would make this level of commitment and would express dedication to Christ so early in his life, but I was never a scout and knew nothing of the program. It turned out to be a wonderful experience on many levels. I am closer to Larsen than ever before even though I’ve know him since he was a young boy; this was a true bonding experience. We are both closer to Christ and His church due to the regular study and solid program offered by the Good Servant program. Larsen has even committed to reading the Bible through cover to cover!

Quite a few years ago I was honored by an Eagle Scout who presented me with a Mentor Pin at Eagle ceremony. I was taken off guard and really could not appreciate the significance of the honor he was bestowing on me. My appreciation for the Boy Scouts of America continues to grow as I learn more about your program. You are all to be commended.

Larsen completed the Good Servant program over the course of 8 months. He wrote poetry, made videos, memorized scripture and stayed the course. He impressed me with his perseverance and dedication. Larsen is fully capable to lead a devotional, public prayer and teach others; quite an accomplishment for such a young fellow. In fact, I am so impressed with the program and with Larsen that I have requested to present a joint lesson at one of our upcoming Sunday morning services. I will be honored to share the pulpit with him.

If the reader is a Scout or a Scout leader, I commend you. If you are contemplating getting involved with Scouting on any level, I encourage you. America and the Church is starving for Leadership. We can only imagine the great blessings that are in store for young men who commit themselves on this level early in their lives. May God continue to bless you all!

— Ed Peek

Northern Light Church of Christ, Brooklyn Park, MN
Scout receives one of the ten thousand MCCS bibles.

Recognized at the Staff Worship Service.

Float at BSA Centennial Parade in Washington, D.C.

Scouts examine and discuss their new MCCS bibles.

Hawaiian scout leader sings and plays ukulele as two scouts perform an Hawaiian version of the Chicken Dance.
10,000 Bibles distributed at 2010 Jamboree

The spring newsletter read “MCCS to Impact National Jamboree.” MCCS delivered on that promise July 26 through August 4, 2010. Ten thousand Bibles were shipped and distributed to various locations around the Jamboree site. The majority of the Bibles were given out at the MCCS exhibit booth and the five Sunday, Aug. 1st worship services. The 10 subcamp MCCS chaplains were given Bibles to hand out to participants throughout the 10 day period. After one of the worship services, a scout leader came up to chaplain Greg Tidwell of Columbus, OH holding a 2001 Jamboree Bible. He told Greg that he started attending his local Church of Christ as a result of attending one of the 2001 MCCS worship services. Testimonies like this, make our work worthwhile.

Faithful Servant earns degree

Judy Henderson was presented with the degree of Doctor of Unit Commissioner Sciences from the Suwanee River Area Boy Scouts of America Council. Ms. Henderson is the first woman to receive this degree in this Council. The ceremony was conducted at the Annual Unit Commissioners College in Panama City, Florida on August 28, 2010.

She is in her 26th year of Scouting. Judy serves as the Pack Chairperson, the Community Representative, and the Unit Commissioner for Pack 55.

The Pack has been chartered by the Meridian Woods church of Christ for 15 years in Tallahassee, Florida.

Left to right: Doc Horton, Judy Henderson, Dr. Larry Kubiat, and Donnie Parks