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Dear Jerry,

As we move into Scouting's second century of service there are many things to be proud of in both the Quivira Council and across the nation.

A record number of Scouts and Scouters braved cold (but not record breaking) temps at Trapper's Rendezvous - and a great time was had by all. During the weekend with my son's Troop I enjoyed the trading, Scouting camaraderie, exhibits and the famous kangaroo. A special thanks to Brad Hoheisel and Reed Bennett along with the many other volunteers who made the event a tremendous success!

The year ahead is filled with great opportunities including the 50th Anniversary of Quivira Scout Ranch and additional capital improvements at QSR including pavilions in the shooting sports area and new programs.

By June there will be improvements at Camp Kanza including a renovated dining hall, construction of a new aviation program venue and fort venue and entrance area. Improvements have been completed on Mann Lodge, the Cook's Cabin and the trading post. There will be a dedication ceremony in June at Camp Kanza to highlight the improvements - more details to come.

Please consider joining us for the Council Annual Dinner on February 26th to recognize our Eagle Scouts and Silver Beaver recipients - it will be a great evening of Scouting!

Thank you for what you do for youth in our programs - it is appreciated and makes a difference.

Mike Johnson
Scout Executive

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 19 WATC Merit Badge College
Feb 26 Council Recognition Dinner
March 11-13 Camp Alaska (rescheduled)

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Check the [Quivira Council Calendar](#) for more information!

Tour Permits change March 1 to Tour Plans

Effective March 1, 2011, what are currently known as local and national tour permits will be superseded by what will be called the tour plan. ***The online tour permit system will be suspended.** This update is the accumulation of work by a cross-functional team of volunteers and staff including the Health and Safety Support Committee, Council Solutions, Outdoor Program Group, and Risk Management Advisory Panels.

Here is the definition of the tour plan in the Language of Scouting: "Units complete this form when planning for local, national, or international adventure. The plan helps ensure the unit is properly prepared, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure."

The plan is available for your staff to see and begin training with at this link:
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf

Frequently asked questions regarding the new Tour Plan can be found at this link:
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx>

Summer Camps 2011 - plan now!

Plan for Quivira Council summer camps now!

2011 Leaders Guides are available now at www.quivira.org

Thousands of scouters had a great outdoor camping experience at Camp Kanza and Quivira Scout Ranch this summer. Plan now to ensure they don't miss out in 2011.



QSR is celebrating 50 years of camping in 2011!

Enjoy some of your favorite activities from previous years brought back for this special occasion, as well as new activities for youth and adults!

*Be a part of the time capsule which will be filled with camp memorabilia to be opened at the 100th Anniversary of QSR.
Collect the QSR 50th Anniversary shoulder strip, only available at summer camp!*

Check the Camping tab at www.quivira.org to see what is in store for 2011!

Council Dinner speaker, Silver Beaver recipients announced

Council Dinner speaker

Jack DeBoer, Wichita businessman and civic leader, will be the keynote speaker at the 2011 Council Recognition Dinner to be held February 26th at the Wichita Marriott Hotel. Read more about Mr. DeBoer's accomplishments at www.quivira.org under the Program tab. Online registration is now available. [Click here](#)

Silver Beavers

The Silver Beaver Selection Committee announces this year's recipients of the prestigious Silver Beaver Award:

Eva Czaplinski

Pete Dueringer

Theodore "Ted" Peitz

Dan Ridder

Barbara Robbins

Karen Rowe

Michael Schmitt

Glen Schoenhofer

Join them as they are honored at the Quivira Council Recognition Dinner on February 26th.

Wood Badge - sign up now



Dear Scouters: Come see Scouting at its best!!

You may have heard of Wood Badge, and you may know a Scouter who has been to Wood Badge. *But* you have yet to take the plunge and find out for yourself what Wood Badgers already know. What ever the reason that you have, there will not be a better time than now to attend this Great Scouting adventure called Wood Badge.

You may have asked yourself "Why should I attend Wood Badge?" Let me give you some of the Good Reasons.

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Only a trained leader knows how important this statement really is. Training is the most important step in providing the kind of program that your boys want and deserve. National Policy states that: "Every adult leader should attend Wood Badge within two years".

Knowledge!! You will learn contemporary leadership concepts that can be used in all aspects of the BSA programs. Leadership and Scouting Skills that you need to help the Scouts succeed. These are the same Leadership Skills taught and practiced in many of today's Fortune 500 Company's and these lifetime skills are invaluable if practiced in your business, personal or professional life.

Tradition!! You will come to know the tradition and history of Wood Badge. Ever since Lord Baden Powell began training adult leaders almost 100 years ago, the meaning of the words "two tiny wooden beads" has been a tradition and a recognition of the Boy Scout Program. When you attend Wood Badge, you become a link in that chain of tradition reaching back to Baden Powell.

Fellowship!! You may never find a place where you can make better or stronger friends than at Wood Badge. The best that Scouting has to offer is found there. Great Scouters with the same high moral and ethical standards as you, will be there. What a great group of people to call your friends!!

Fun!! I've often thought that this much fun should not be legal. Join us and be a "kid" again. Experience the adventure of Scouting as seen through the eyes of a youth. Let's sing those old Campfire songs and enjoy some whacky campfire skits. Find out how to "Deliver the Promise of Scouting" and make it FUN all at the same time.

No matter what your position is in Scouting or in life, Wood Badge is for you. You will

become more effective in everything you undertake and will enjoy yourself to a much greater extent.

So... what are you waiting for? [Click here](#) for a link to the registration form under the Training tab and all the details of the course. Fill out the application and turn it in.

Yours in Scouting,

John Ferguson

ASM Support

Camp Alaska rescheduled to March 11 - 13 at Camp Kanza

Due to the record snowfall, Camp Alaska has been rescheduled to March 11-13.

Camp Alaska is a Winter Camporee and Scout skills competition consisting of stations named after Alaskan cities each with its own contest. Camp Alaska is open to all Boy Scout Troops and Webelos Dens.

Events will utilize standard Scout outdoor skills (as required for Tenderfoot, Second and First Class rank advancements), plus other fun activities. Troops will provide their own food & cook by patrol method. Event scoring will be by Patrol.

Friday Evening: Cracker Barrel

Saturday: Patrol Competitions

Saturday Evening: Cobbler cooking contest and campfire.

Check-in begins at 6 p.m. Friday night. Saturday activities will begin at 9a.m. Check-out will be by 12:00 noon on Sunday.

[Click here](#) for the registration form and more information

National Jamboree 2013 - participants and leaders wanted

The new West Virginia permanent Jamboree site, "Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve", will host the first Jamboree in 2013. The site is being built with a \$50M donation from the Bechtel family and Eagle Scout Steven Bechtel. It has forested mountains, white water rafting, cliffs for rappelling, and will also be the 4th BSA high adventure camp site.

Youth participants and adult leaders are needed for the 2013 Jamboree.

Adult leader interest form deadline has been extended to February 15th.

[Click here](#) for more information and interest forms for youth and adults.

Jamboree website now live



The 2013 Jamboree website is now live. [Click here to see what awaits at The Summit](#)

2011 Quivira Council Pinewood Derby



Quivira Council Pinewood Derby

coming May 7, 2011

2011 Family Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign & Recognition Items

The 2011 fundraising campaign has kicked off, and now is the time to schedule your Family FOS presentation for your Pack or Troop. There are several exciting items that are being offered this year for the Giving levels in Family FOS:

\$50 - B.S.A. String backpack



\$125 - Limited edition council shoulder patch for the 50th Anniversary of the Quivira Scout Ranch



\$185 - Support a Scout Coin - collectors' edition featuring the Scout Oath

\$300 - Classic Swiss Army Knife



\$500 - Custom-made Quivira Council pen, hand turned from select cocobolo wood

Also, if your scouting unit achieves the participation goal and the dollars raised goal, the unit will receive free cloth rank advancement patches for all of your scouts until March 31, 2012. This includes Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light and cloth arrow points for Cub Scouting. The offer also includes all troop-level rank badges including merit badges. (excluding the Eagle presentation kit) The Quivira Council is appreciative of the financial support of Scouters and scouting families. Contact your District Executive to schedule your presentation today!

Accident Insurance Coverage

Effective January 1st, 2011, Health Special Risk (HSR) accident insurance coverage will be extended to adults as well as youth.

The HSR policy is excess to any other available source of medical benefits if the charges are greater than \$300.00. This means that you must file your bills through your primary, or personal, insurance carrier prior to the HSR policy responding. If the total charges are less than \$300.00, HSR will pay without the other insurance coordination. When your primary insurance company processes the charges, they will send you an Explanation of Medical Benefits, or "EOB". You must forward a copy of the Explanation of Benefits for EACH CHARGE to HSR.

This change is being made to better support and cover our volunteer leaders and adults some of whom may not have insurance coverage due to job changes.

Share Your Story

The National Scouting Museum is preserving personal stories documenting the rich history of the Boy Scouts of America.

Remember your Scoutmaster?

Have any brushes with heroism or danger?

What happened on your first campout?

Please contact Gail Mayfield, Assistant Curator, at 800-303-3047 or gail.mayfield@scouting.org for details, or go to the [National Scouting Museum](#) to enter your story.

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