

# MAYFLOWER NEWS

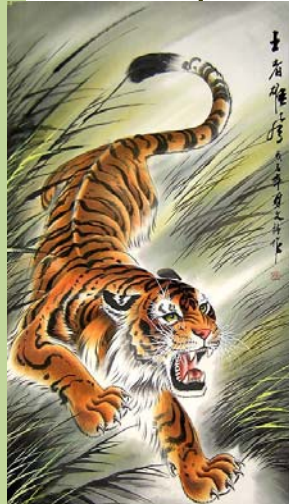
## Fall Camporee – 7-9 October 2011

### Key Upcoming Dates:

- Joining Rosters are due by 21 September
- Fall Camporee Registrations are due by 23 September
- Belt Loop Bonanza 1 October
- District Committee Meeting 1 October 2011

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Li-Chi Yung has left his village on an epic quest. He has been sent by the ancient protector spirit of his village, the Dragon spirit, to travel throughout the Mystic East. Your Scouts are invited to join Li-Chi Yung as he crosses the dangerous Kyushu Pass and learns new skills at the School of Shadows.

To hear more of the great quest, look out for the teaser prologue coming by email in September. The teaser is a short skit for your scouts to perform at meeting before the Camporee to drum up their enthusiasm, so please do have your PLC plan some time perform.

The Fall Camporee will be held at Boyd Scout Camp, near Letchworth on 7 to 9 October 2011. The event is open to all Boy Scouts, Venturers and Webelos II.

Full details for the Fall Camporee are already up at [www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html). Please register by 23 September to avoid missing out on this outstanding Mayflower District event.



## Camping Committee recommends...

So the new 2011/12 program year is here already and the Scouts want to go camping (what a surprise!). Are you tired though of the same sites every year? We recommend trying something new this year. How about heading to Willesley campsite near Derby.. The site is wooded and ideally placed to take advantage of the Derbyshire countryside.

For their website checkout [www.willesley.org.uk](http://www.willesley.org.uk)

## Beltloop Bonanza 2011 – 1 October 2011

What could be better than earning a new bright shiny belt loop? How about earning 4 in one day! Mayflower District will be hosting another incredible Belt Loop Bonanza at RAF Alconbury. Full details will be posted soon on [www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html) so check back soon for a great way to kick start your den or pack's program year this autumn.

We need Belt Loop instructors for the weekend as well. Please contact Andy Williams ([adw22@cornell.edu](mailto:adw22@cornell.edu)) if you need further information.

*“Did you know BSA added even more new Belt Loops for Cub Scouts to earn in 2010?”*



## Merit Badge University – 28 January 2012



January 2011 saw the inaugural Merit Badge University, a one day event who's goal is to help scouts earn merit badges which they cannot easily earn within their troop or to make enough progress on a merit badge that they can finish it themselves. As it was a new format, teething problems occurred, which we hope to have corrected for 2012. So please plan on bringing your Boy Scouts to the Merit Badge University.

In a change to last year (see improving already), we would like potential counsellors to help us by volunteering no later than **3 December 2011**. This will give us time to confirm the merit badges for counsellors and let counsellors set prep work.

The next milestone will be in mid December, a finalized schedule of merit badge options and prep work will be circulated. Units should sign up their scouts for merit badges no later than **14 January**.

The Merit Badge University will take place at RAF Alconbury, in the Community Center. For full details look for the packet to be uploaded soon to [www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html).

## Spring Camporee – 7-9 April 2012

It's westward ho as Mayflower District celebrates the Great American Wilderness with a Camporee full of Frontiersmen games, activities and skills. Could you build a log cabin with a two-man saw? Could you find your treasure at the bottom of a lake? Could you canoe the wild rivers of the west? Well, join us and find out!

The Spring Camporee is open to all Boy Scouts and Venturers. It will be held at Skreens Park Campsite, near Chelmsford on 7 to 9 April 2012. Full details will be released soon to keep checking [www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html) for the latest updates. Sign-ups are due no later than 30 March 2012.



## Cub Adventure Weekend – 11-13 May 2012



We will be showcasing the very best of our Native American heritage. Cub Scouts and their siblings can take part in a range of crafts and games, many of which are authentic Native American. Best of all, Dens can build their very own totem pole to take back to decorate their meeting places. Plus there is all the usual stuff we do for Cub Adventure Weekend: shooting arrows and BBs, climbing the tower and having one giant campfire by the lake. It's a great time for the whole family!

The Spring Camporee is open to all Cub Scouts and their families. It will be held at Skreens Park Campsite, near Chelmsford on 11 to 13 May 2012. Full details will be released soon to keep checking [www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html) for the latest updates. Sign-ups are due no later than 27 April 2012.

## Membership – a call to recruit!

### Free Pinewood Derby Cars! Free Bobcat Badges!

The Transatlantic Council announces free Pinewood Derby cars for 2011-2012! Your pack will be provided free Pinewood Derby cars if, between 15 August and November 15, 2011, your Pack recruits 5 Cub Scouts or your pack recruits 10% more Cub Scouts in the same period than you did between 1 September and 31 December 2010.

An added bonus... all new Cub Scout applications received by the council office between 1 June and 15 October will receive a free "Bobcat Badge"

Contact Wayne Wilcox for the number of new youth needed to meet your goal.

### Free Patrol Gear

Transatlantic Council is offering a whole patrol's worth of new equipment to Scout Troops which recruit a new patrol worth (6-8) of scouts! To claim your equipment:

1. Recruit 6-8 NEW Boy Scouts between 15 August and 15 November (including transfers to your troop)
2. Provide a roster of the new scouts to your **Wayne Wilcox** by 15 November
3. Ensure all your registration forms and monies are with the TAC registrar no later than 1 December

The equipment shown has a value of \$184.85 + S&H so get out there and find us some more scouts!



### File your Applications

Remember that new youth are not counted until applications and fees are processed by the TAC Registrar. Forms can be scanned and emailed to [admin@tac-bsa.org](mailto:admin@tac-bsa.org). You must send in your original applications forms as well. If you do not have access to an APO/FPO mail service, then send your applications to **Wayne Wilcox**, who will arrange for bulk processing.

### National's Recruiting Materials

BSA also has some new materials for your fall recruitment drives. You can download and print flyers and posters from: [www.scouting.org/wordstoliveby.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/wordstoliveby.aspx)

In addition, Transatlantic Council has sent all units a thumb drive full of recruitment materials for you to print and use. Go out there and get recruiting!

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*Joining Rosters are vital to TAC. They are a list of all DOD dependants which are scouts. TAC uses the Joining Rosters to obtain grant monies from MWR, which are in turn used to support our programs. Submitting your roster to [admin@tac-bsa.org](mailto:admin@tac-bsa.org) by 21 September 2011 to ensure our scouts do not miss out.*




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*Remember to get your application forms to TAC asap. You can even scan and email them with hard copy to follow in the mail: [admin@tac-bsa.org](mailto:admin@tac-bsa.org) "*

## Friends of Scouting Recognition Gifts 2011

- @ \$50 – TAC logo patch
- @ \$100 – FOS Council Strip Patch (CSP)
- @ \$280 – Mayflower Coin
- @ \$500 – Set of 12 Normandy CSPs
- @ \$1000 – “Guardian Club” Gortex Jacket
- @ \$1500 - Limited edition Set of 12 Normandy CSPs with gold borders



*“2013 will be the FIRST Jamboree to be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The Summit has also been chosen to be the site of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree!”*

## Finance – Support your Scouts

The Friends of Scouting campaign for 2011 is well underway and it seems like most of us have had a presenter come to a Pack Meeting, Blue & Gold or Court of Honor to explain why our annual Friends of Scouting campaign and giving to Transatlantic Council is so important. Each Council in Boy Scouts of America must be self-funding. There is no funding from BSA National that pays for Transatlantic Council to have camps, professional scouters, training programs, a scout service center and summer camps.

Our District’s goal this year is \$48,000 for our share to help Transatlantic Council to continue to provide Boy Scouting for all the families in Europe. Forms are still coming with pledges and payments. Although we have reached about 95% of our goal for the year, we need YOUR support. There is still time to give and we need EVERYONE’S participation to achieve 100% of our target! Don’t let us miss our target this year because YOU didn’t participate.

We encourage each of you to view this as an investment in a better America and a better world led by the boys that we are developing today. If you need forms or have questions, please speak to James Macdonald, the District Finance and FOS chairman (macdonald.bsa@gmail.com). There are recognition gifts for donors as well.

If you have already given, thank you and your recognition items will be with you shortly.

## National Scout Jamboree 2013

Registration is open for National Scout Jamboree 2013!

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree will be the first Jamboree held at the brand new, not even opened yet, permanent high adventure base of the Boy Scouts of America: the Summit Bechtel Reserve!

The only way to go is by registering with a BSA council contingent and then being selected. Transatlantic Council have a contingent of a full Troop (36 scouts and 4 leaders) and a 10 person crew (9 venturers and 1 advisor). Transatlantic Council selected John Cass, of Troop 324 in Stuttgart, to be the Contingent Leader and Scoutmaster for the Transatlantic Council contingent.

Applications are open for adults and scouts to register their interest in being part of a new chapter in scouting history. Go to the National Scout Jamboree website at: [summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/](http://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/)

What happens at a Jamboree? Well lots and it is going to be a lot different at the Summit. Activities will include rock climbing on the New River gorge and white water rafting. Scouts will be camped in mixed sub camps so they maximize their opportunities to meet scouts from across the BSA. Venturers will be in a sub camp just for venturers and will have high adventure activities that only they can take part in. Not to mention the overnight trek, day of service, and major stage shows. The real question is: what doesn’t happen!

## Training – because every Scout deserves a trained leader

### Youth Protection Training – Mandatory for ALL Adult Leaders

As of 1 June 2010 all adult leaders must have current Youth Protection Training. Youth Protection Training is valid for 2 years.

If you are already registered as an adult leader you can go to [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org), log into your account and take the training on-line. Be certain to input your membership number into your profile so your training is credited correctly. Check with your Troop committee or the District Training Chair, JP Frossard, if you don't have your number. Leaders without valid Youth Protection Training will not be allowed to be re-registered on the recharter, which is December for most Mayflower units.

For new leaders, you cannot register until you take the training on-line. Go to [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) and create a new account. You do not need your membership number yet. Take the training and print the training certificate at the end. Attach the certificate to your new leader application and send it to TAC. Remember you can send applications by email to [admin@tac-bsa.org](mailto:admin@tac-bsa.org) with the hard copy to follow.

### Cub Scout Training

Cub Scout Training is almost 100% done on-line via [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). Once you have a myscouting account (from doing your Youth Protection Training), you can take each training course on-line. To be a trained cub leader, you need to take 1) Youth Protection, 2) Fast Start, 3) This is Scouting and then the Cub Scout training course for your position.

### Boy Scout Training

We plan on holding a series of training days across Mayflower District for Boy Scout leaders this autumn. We will be conduct Boy Scout Leader Specific and Troop Committee training on:

- 10 September @ ACS Cobham
- 17 September @ RAF Alconbury

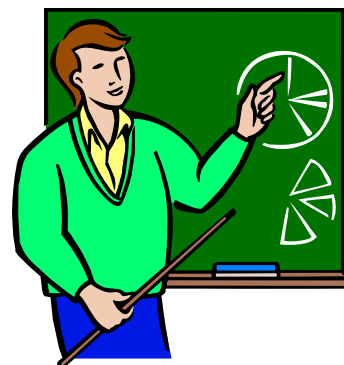
Contact **JP Frossard** to register.

### Outdoor Training

We will be holding both Outdoor Leader Skills (for Boy Scout Leaders) and Webelos Outdoor Leader Skills (for Webelos Leaders) at Dorneywood Scout Camp on 4 to 6 November in conjunction with the OA weekend. More details will be coming out in September.

Contact **JP Frossard** to register.

**IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR MYSCOUTING ACCOUNT EMAIL**  
[myscouting@scouting.org](mailto:myscouting@scouting.org) FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT.



*"Cub Scouts 2010 is the most exciting new development for Cub Scouts since Tigers were introduced in 1986."*



**Trained  
leaders  
make it  
happen!**

### Unit Fundraiser - Popcorn

Through our friends at DECA, units can participate in the BSA annual popcorn sale. Transatlantic Council arranges for a large shipment of popcorn from the US. Units earn 40% of all proceeds. This is the highest return in any BSA council as your council pays for the popcorn plus shipping costs, and if you, our units, don't sell all the popcorn, the council picks up the excess supplies.

Popcorn is a great fundraiser and it tastes amazing too! There are lots of different varieties. Your unit can order case lots for direct sales and use it as part of your fall recruitment drive! Units earn a massive **40%** on the fundraiser.

We want you to have the money you need for programs. B by selling popcorn, Units can help youth can pay their way to summer camp or day camp. Check out [www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org) to sign-up and to see the great products on offer. Talk with your District Field Representative, **Wayne Wilcox**, if you have questions.



### Unit Fundraiser – Bowl-a-thon

The 2011 Bowl-a-thon has several changes. Units can now earn up to 60% of all proceeds. One of the things that you can do to increase your percentage is to sign up. There is a 10% bonus for signing up before 1 September. Do this today!!! We want you to earn as much as possible for your unit programs.

- #1. Gift OPTION:** Potentially a unit could earn up to 50% commission!
  - Each unit will earn 30% of the net money collected for participation with the council BAT fundraiser.
  - Additional benefits this year, Units get an additional 10% for turning in money and prize forms by 1 December 2011.
  - Extra added incentive, Units get 10% for signing up before 1 September 2011 OR 5% for signing up between 1 September and 15 October.
- #2. No Gift OPTION:** Potentially a unit could earn up to 60% commission!
  - Each unit will earn 30% of the net money collected for participation with the council BAT fundraiser.
  - Additional benefit this year, Units get an additional 10% for choosing “money only” option (no prizes). Also, Units will get 10% for turning in money by 1 December 2011.
  - Extra added incentive; Units receive 10% for signing up before 1 September 2011 OR 5% for signing up between 1 September and 15 October.
  - With this option, there will be no “Control/Prize Order Sheet” since the unit is responsible for the gifts, but youth are still eligible for the “Top District Fund-raiser” and “Top Council Fund-raiser” gifts.



*ALL participating units get 1 point for every \$ raised in Unit Bonus Booster Points!  
More details on [www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org)*

## American Red Cross – Wilderness First Aid

The Wilderness First Aid course is designed for groups trekking or camping in areas where an ambulance service would not reach quickly. The objective is to teach participants how to stabilize a casualty and make decisions about transporting them out or going for help and returning. BSA has endorsed this course heavily and it is now a requirement that groups going to Philmont, Sea Base or Northern Tier have at least 2 group members which are certified in this course.



We are fortunate to be able to offer this course on [DATE] at [Venue].

Spaces are very limited and priority will be given to Scout Leaders or Scout who are registered to attend a BSA High Adventure base. All participants must have a current American Red Cross CPR & AED certification before the course.

Contact **JP Frossard** to register or for further details.

## American Heart Association – CPR & AED Training

Unit Leaders might have noticed that the new Tour Plans have a space to write in the names of those leaders which are certified in CPR. Mayflower District is pleased to offer the American Heart Association – CPR & AED certification. Participants will learn the most current CPR methods. Additionally participants will learn how to correctly use an AED, which is a great skill now that AED's are appearing in public places.

We are fortunate to be able to offer this course on 8 October at the Fall Camporee. Fall Camporee is taking place at Boyd Campsite, near Letchworth. There will be two sessions for only 12 people per sessions. The AM session will be from 10:00 to 13:00 and the PM session from 14:00 to 17:00.

Spaces are very limited and priority will be given to Scout Leaders or Scout who are registered to attend the Wilderness First Aid course. Contact **JP Frossard** to register or for further details.

## Healthy Living Initiative

TAC is taking part in EUCOM's Healthy Living Initiative again for 2012. The programme encourages Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and even Adult Leaders to lead a lifestyle of which contributes to physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual well-being. The good news is that your units are probably already doing some of the programme without knowing it!

To take part, check out the details on [www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org). Participants simply complete two out of three options under each of three categories: Community Service, Character and Physical Fitness. The age appropriate options are available for everyone. Once completed, there is a form (again at [www.tac-bsa.org](http://www.tac-bsa.org)) which is submitted to TAC for your recognition patches.

**We need your input! If you have an article, photo or other news to share with the rest of Mayflower District, send it to Luke Johnson at [tenskwatawa@gmail.com](mailto:tenskwatawa@gmail.com)**



## Key Contacts

Welcome to Mayflower District! It can be difficult to find who to talk to when you first come to the UK or who is can answer that tricky question on which way is up on that pesky Cub Den Leader knot (I don't know either). To help here are some of the key District volunteers and a short description of what they do. Please contact one of us, or the district professional scouter, Wayne Wilcox [wpwilcox@gmail.com](mailto:wpwilcox@gmail.com)

### District Commissioner - Dave Dittmer – [d.dittmer@manw.nato.int](mailto:d.dittmer@manw.nato.int)

A Commissioner has been provided to each and every unit in the BSA to help and mentor adult leaders and provide support in delivering a quality scouting program. Do you know yours? Has he or she visited your unit this (and every month)? If not, now is the time to make introductions to get your scouting year off to a great start. Your commissioner will know what opportunities there are for your leaders to get trained, to share ideas with other leaders and to integrate your unit's schedule with district and council events. We will also be happy to assist your Committee Chairman with rechartering! The commissioner staff also organizes and runs the area roundtables. Please contact Dave to be put into contact with your unit's commissioner, roundtable coordinator, and your area's commissioners (if you don't know who they are already) who are always available to be a helpful source of guidance. Our Assistant District Commissioners are:

- Joe Mullan ([joseph.mullan@uk.bo.com](mailto:joseph.mullan@uk.bo.com)) for London and Southwestern suburbs
- Lauri Dittmer ([Dlkmdit@aol.com](mailto:Dlkmdit@aol.com)) for the Chiltern and Cotswold areas west of London
- Neal Schneider ([mtnhiker89@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnhiker89@yahoo.com)) for East Anglia including Lakenheath & Alconbury
- Matt Dubell ([matt.dubell@gmail.com](mailto:matt.dubell@gmail.com)) for the Far North, including Stavanger & Aberdeen

Matt is leaving the country very soon, and we will need a replacement Assistant District Commissioner for Menwith Hill, Scotland and Norway

### District Chairman - Nick Airey - [nicholas.airey@db.com](mailto:nicholas.airey@db.com)

The Chair is the captain of the Mayflower Committee. Mainly Nick steers the various operating teams explained below on the right course. The other side of that task is to find top quality individuals who want to sign on for adventures with the Mayflower District. If you are uncertain who is the right person to help you with any query, just ask Nick and he'll set you on course as well (a scout is helpful after all).

### Membership Chair – CURRENTLY RECRUITING -

The Boy Scouts of America needs YOU... well your cub scouts, scouts, venturers and explorers actually. The Membership team are here to foster relationships with communities to create environments that encourage new youth and adults to join the biggest youth movement in the world. We also are available to help out with your unit's recruitment efforts, all year round! Talk to us about how we

## We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html](http://www.tac-bsa.org/Mayflower.html)

can start a new unit in your community or grow the one you have already.

### Training Chair – JP Frossard – [kb4gid@yahoo.com](mailto:kb4gid@yahoo.com)

Training team conduct lots and lots of training opportunities across the UK (and abroad) throughout the year. If you have a question on the BSA policies or programs, we have the training with the answers. If you need to know when trainings are available, or want us to lead a specific training courses, please just get in touch. We are always welcoming new trainers to join the team (full training provided).

### Camping & Activities Chair – Luke Johnson – [tenskwatawa@gmail.com](mailto:tenskwatawa@gmail.com)

Camping is a dual purpose area. We run the inter-troop/pack cornerstone events for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts as well as promoting the Outdoor program generally. The District events for the Boy Scouts are Fall Camporee, Merit Badge University and Spring Camporee. The Cub Scouts have three events run by the District, Beltloop Bonanza, Cub Adventure Weekend and Cub Day Camp. On promoting the outdoors, the Camping Crew can help units to pick appropriate campsites, advise on good outdoor methods and other UK specific questions.

### Finance Chair – James Macdonald - [Macdonald.bsa@gmail.com](mailto:Macdonald.bsa@gmail.com)

Each Council in Boy Scouts of America must be self funding. There is no magical pot of money that appears to fund TAC and our District. Friends of Scouting is a Council wide program for making donations to facilitate TAC's and Mayflower District's programs. Friends of Scouting campaigns happens every year, and as part of it, James will be in touch to arrange a time for a District representative to present at a Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor to raise awareness of the importance of Friends of Scouting. Please feel free to contact James at any time in the year though, donations always welcome...

### Advancement Chair – Tony Sotrines – [afsotrines@aol.com](mailto:afsotrines@aol.com)

You have a sticky question of "what does this requirement mean" or not certain what to do about finding a counselor for Nuclear Energy. Well you're in luck because that is what the advancement chair is here for. He also is the person to send Eagle Service Project approvals and requests for District representatives for Eagle Board of Reviews!