



**Transatlantic Council ❖ Boy
Scouts of America**

2009-2010

**Celebrating The Boy
Scouts of America's
Centennial
And
60 Years of Great
Scouting in Transatlantic
Council**

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HIGHLIGHTS

2009	September	What Training Courses are Available for New Leaders?
	October	What is a "Roundtable" and Why Should I Attend? Who Are Commissioners?
	November	Tips for Rechartering Your Unit
	December	What is the Friends of Scouting Campaign?
2010	January	Tips for a Successful Webelos-to-Scout Transition
	February	What is the Centennial Quality Unit Award and How Do We Earn It?
	March	What is the Scouters Annual Conference? Other Opportunities to Contribute
	April	Summer Camp Opportunities in the Transatlantic Council
	May	How to Plan a Super Program
	June	A Glossary of Scouting Terms
	July	Tips for Balancing Family Life with a Commitment to Scouting
	August	How to Have a Successful School Night for Scouting

TRANSATLANTIC COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

The Transatlantic Council is committed to make available the BSA's most unique Scouting experience to families living overseas through creative programming and insuring qualified trained adult leadership. The Council recognizes its special role of instilling and reinforcing the American values of patriotism and citizenship while fostering a better understanding of other countries' cultures and traditions. The leadership and volunteers of the Transatlantic Council will strive for continued excellence and be ever demanding of achievement to that end.

This calendar is provided at no cost courtesy of the Friends of Scouting Campaign.

GET ALL YOUR SCOUTING SUPPLIES FROM THE TAC SCOUT SHOP!

Now you can browse Scouting products 24/7 right from your personal computer. Go to www.scoutstuff.org for the Official BSA E-catalog. The site includes all of the items found in the *2009-2010 Official Catalog*. You can use it to place an order with our Scout Shop (see below) or order directly from National Supply (note, you cannot use your unit account nor are eligible for TAC discounts when you order directly from National Supply, nor does our council fully benefit from the order).

HOW DO I PLACE AN ORDER? Choose one of these options:

- Download the TAC Scout Shop Order form from www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html, fill it out and fax it or e-mail it or mail it to our shop. Send an e-mail with item number(s), quantity and item description(s). Be sure to include your shipping address, MasterCard or Visa account number, expiration date & 3-digit PIN number from the back of your card. You can use the secure form on our website to make to pay via paypal or credit card.
- To charge your unit account, the e-mail or order form must be sent / signed by an authorized person on your unit signature card. It is important to keep your unit signature card up-to-date to avoid a delay in processing your order. You can download the signature card from www.tac-bsa.org.

For additional policies and procedures, go to www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html and click on "Scout Shop."

WHO'S WHO AT THE TAC OFFICE & WHERE ARE THINGS PROCESSED

Don't quite know who to call at the TAC Office? Here's an overview of the staff and their responsibilities:

DARBY OFFICE

BUSINESS MANAGER

E-mail: tina.conard@scouting.org

Responsible for Scout Shop (Germany) and oversight to the business/accounting functions in the Camp Darby office.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

E-mail: program@tac-bsa.org

Responsible for registration for council events, camps, and other activities. Coordinates the bowl-a-thon and provides leadership to the Camp Darby office

TRAINING/ADVANCEMENT

email: advancement@tac-bsa.org

Responsible for Eagle Processing, Training Awards, Advancement Reports, Tour Permits, World Conservation Awards, and supporting council activities and registration

REGISTRAR

email: registration@tac-bsa.org

Processes registrations, unit recharter and maintains the Registration database, administers the Friends of Scouting campaign

ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST

E-mail: Maria.Garcia@scouting.org (Carmen Garcia)

Follow up on PayPal payments, wire transfers, refunds

FRANKEN KASERNE, Oberdachstetten, Germany (Ansbach Community)

SCOUT SHOP MANAGER

E-mail: tacbsa@bsaemail.org

Handles all unit accounts, day-to-day sales in the scout shop and ensures proper processing of scout shop orders and mailings for the council. Limited supply of advancement cards. Drop off point for registrations and council paperwork that is forwarded to Camp Darby

WHAT TRAINING COURSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEW LEADERS?

FAST START TRAINING

Fast Start training is designed to help the brand new leader learn the essentials about their volunteer position before they have an opportunity to attend training. You will learn how to organize a meeting, key responsibilities, and resources available to help you succeed. This course is available online for Pack Leaders, Troop Leaders, and Venture Leaders at the following link: <http://olc.scouting.org/>

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America has developed tried and true policies over the years to create as safe an environment as possible for young people involved in any kind of Scouting activity. This course covers recognizing abuse, protection policies, responding to disclosure and reporting requirements. The course is available online at:

<http://olc.scouting.org/>

This is Scouting

This is Scouting is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting. It addresses how these aims and methods are reached in an age-appropriate style within Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing. It is available on-line at <http://olc.scouting.org> or the MyScouting portal or as a session offered by your district training team.

LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Once a volunteer has a solid overview of the BSA's values-based program, he or she can begin training for a specific Scouting position through Leader Specific training. This training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role. Because each course is designed for a specific leadership position, the training time varies. Leader Specific training has been developed for the following positions and their assistants: Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, Webelos den leaders, Cubmasters, Pack Committee Members, Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Members, Venturing Advisors and Venturing Committee Members.

ADDITIONAL COURSES ARE AVAILABLE!

Check the online Council Calendar at www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html to find out what courses are being held in your area. Troop Committee Members can complete Leader Specific Training on-line and more training sessions are offered on-line on all the time. Set up your account at <http://myscouting.org>

Have a Facebook Account....Join TAC Nation for more news about our council

Abbreviations for Districts BA (Barbarossa) Ch (Charlemagne) Ed (Edelweiss) Rh (Rheingold) Ma (Mayflower) Med (Mediterranean) Hor (Horizon)

TO DO LIST

- Update calendar from www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html with dates for:
 - Roundtables
 - Training sessions
 - District Committee meetings
- Send in Joining Roster by 23 September
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MONTHLY THEMES



Cub Scout Pockets



Communicator / Citizen



Nature

Go to www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html for the most up-to-date listing of all your district's activities!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Units with a due date of 31 Oct obtain recharter code	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY TAC Offices Closed	8	9	10	11	12 Trainer Development (Trainer's Edge) Camp Freedom, Training Alconbury
		School Night for Scouting Week				
13	14 BA Roundtable	15	16	17	18	19 Training Brussels/SHAPE MA Cub Loop Bonanza Training Graf/Vilseck Training Stuttgart
20	21 Popcorn Arrives This Week If All Goes to Plan!! Pick up in Ansbach (Scout Shop)	22	23 JOINING ROSTERS DUE (List of new members of your pack/troop/crew)	24	25	26 Cub Adventure Day Rotterdam Training London Training Ansbach Rh Dist Committee Training BA Leader Training
27 Training Schweinfurt	28	29	30	Plan Your Bowl-a-thon & Popcorn Sales		

SEPTEMBER 2009

WHAT IS A "ROUNDTABLE" AND WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

A "Roundtable" (RT) is an opportunity each month for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing leaders to get together to hear the latest news and announcements; share ideas, concerns and resources with other scouters and to get ready for the coming month by reviewing the National BSA "theme" including working the crafts, doing the skits and singing the songs!

HOW DO I FIND A ROUNDTABLE NEAR ME?

Roundtables dates, time, and meeting locations will be found on our council calendar at www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html

WHO ARE COMMISSIONERS?

Commissioners are volunteers who help support unit leaders and unit committees. They are a unit's best friend.

There are Roundtable Commissioners who lead the monthly roundtable sessions.

There are Unit Commissioners who work hand in hand with a pack, troop, and crew to support the leaders. They help to facilitate problems. Commissioners provide information on upcoming events and training opportunities. They can provide an objective view of how your unit is going and perhaps offer suggestions on how

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

There are several online sources for great Roundtable materials and program helps. Here is a sampling to get you started:

www.ussscouts.org
www.ussscouts.org/bbugle.asp
www.scoutingthenet.com
www.scouting.org

your unit might improve.

Commissioners are the lifeblood of the unit support program.

Contact your district field office to find out who is your commissioner. Of course, we always need Scouters to volunteer (we do try to avoid unit leaders and committee chairs).

TO DO LIST

- Update calendar from www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html with dates for:
 - Roundtables
 - Training sessions
 - District Committee meetings
- Place orders for Pinewood Derby supplies to ensure delivery by Pack Holiday Party
- Promote summer camp now and choose dates.
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MONTHLY THEMES



Jungle Safari



Showman / Citizen



Business

Go to www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html for the most up-to-date listing of all your district's activities!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2009				1 Units with a due date of 30 Nov obtain recharter code	2	3 Ch & Ma Fall Camporees (Fri-Sun) Rh Outdoor Trng Exec Bd Meeting
4	5 BA Roundtable Ma Training	6	7 Ma Training	8	9 BA Fall Camporee (Fri-Sun) Ed Fall Camporee (Fri-Sun) Med Fall Camporee (Fri-Sun)	10 Leader Training Tri-Border (Schinnen/GK) BA Cub Adventure Day Training East Anglia
11	12 COLUMBUS DAY TAC Offices Closed	13	14	15	16 Rh Fall Camporee (Fri-Sun)	17 Jamboree-on-the-Air/Internet
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Leader Training Eifel BA Leader Training
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

TIPS FOR RECHARTERING YOUR UNIT

You may also use the BSA Internet Rechartering System, Check out www.tac-bsa.org/internet_rechartering.htm for details. It is fast and convenient. You also cannot send it unless it is correct which saves lots of time!! Codes are available the month before you recharter (i.e. 1 Oct for Units rechartering by 30 Nov.) Remember print a hard copy, sign and mail. (Make sure you have money!)

We will not issue paper recharterers unless the Committee Chair requests it. (change from 2008-09)

Keep in mind!

- Your Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner or District Executive will inform you of your recharter due date. It is **absolutely critical** to meet this deadline! The deadline is usually 2-3 weeks before the end of the month you recharter in to give time to process the paperwork. Based on holidays, and other events in your district the deadline is normally 2-4 weeks before the end of the month to ensure it is processed.
- Your membership chairperson should begin by ensuring that all of the names and addresses are correct. Make sure that those involved don't disappear downrange, transfer, or go on an extended trip or holiday in the middle of the process.
- Do not invent social security numbers. These are used for background checks, and false numbers do come back for follow-up. If someone will not allow a background check, we cannot register them. If the person does not have a social security number have them fill out an application form and submit it with the unit copy of the signed recharter application

- Use the fee chart on the TAC website to figure out your fees. Remember BSA registration fees increase to \$15.00 for all units that recharter in December 2009 through 2010.
- Please print out your recharter once you have submitted it with the proper signatures, charter agreement, DOD/Fair Share listing, and money to pay for the recharter (or deposit into unit account). You are not on-time unless the paper copy arrives to the **Darby** office. (you can drop off to Scout Shop but do not mail to Scout Shop)
- If you use **TroopMaster** or **PackMaster** software, you can submit your recharter to the Transatlantic Council office on disk or CD.
- Start early, get done early. Don't wait until the last minute for that last application to get done. They can get included later.
- If you need help, please ask for it!** Your Commissioners and District Executive are very experienced with the rechartering process and are happy to assist you.

TO DO LIST

- Update calendar from www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html with dates for:
 - Roundtables
 - Training sessions
 - District Committee meetings
 - Centennial Quality Application
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MONTHLY THEMES



Cub Scout Salute



Craftsman / Scientist



First Aid

Go to www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html for the most up-to-date listing of all your district's activities!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2009						
1 Units with a due date of 31 Dec obtain Recharter code	2 BA Roundtable	3	4	5	6 Ma OA Fall Fellowship (Fri-Sun)	7 Ma Outdoor Training (Sat-Sun)
8	9	10	11 TAC OFFICES ARE CLOSED	12	13	14 CH OA Fellowship (Fri-Sun)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 LLD, Commissioner Basics, and VLSC
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING TAC Office Closed	27 TAC Office Closed	28
29	30	Send in your Centennial Quality Unit Application Form				

WHAT IS THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN?

The annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign provides financial support to the Transatlantic Council. This support is in the form of a pledge or donation from a company, organization or individual to ensure the financial viability of our council. Each council in the Boy Scouts of America must raise **all** of its own funds to support its operating budget. Councils receive excellent program support from our National office, but no financial support is provided.

Here are a few tips to ensure that the FOS presentation in your unit is successful:

- Schedule your FOS presentation at a meeting where the maximum number of parents will be attending – for example, your Blue & Gold Banquet, Troop Court of Honor or Venturing Parents' Night.
- Each unit's FOS goal is set by your District Executive and District Finance Chairperson using a formula based on the number of scouts in your unit.

INCENTIVES

- If your unit reaches Presidential Unit Status, you will receive unit incentives in the Scout Shop (a 10% discount from the time you do your presentation until 28 February 2011, with an average of \$40 per family and 40% participation.
- For individual donations of \$100 or more, you will receive a special limited addition council strip to wear on your uniform.
- For individual donations of \$250 or more, you will receive a special commemorative coin for your district
- For \$500 or more you will receive a special collection of the current 7 district coins
- For \$1000 or more you will receive all the above plus a Guardian Club Jacket plus a district coin set

TO DO LIST

- Update calendar from www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html with dates for:
 - Roundtables
 - Training sessions
 - District Committee meetings
- Reserve Day Camp or Summer Camp dates.
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MONTHLY THEMES



Works of Art



Craftsman / Scientist



Winter Camping

Go to www.tac-bsa.org.Home.html for the most up-to-date listing of all your district's activities!

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		1 Units with a due date of 31 Jan obtain recharter code	2	3	4	5
6	7 BA Roundtable	8	9	10	11	12 Ma Training
13	14	15 Bowl-a-thon Prize Money is Due (Camp Darby)	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Scout Shop is Closed for Inventory			TAC Office & Scout Shop are Closed	TAC Office & Scout Shop are Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
	TAC Open Scout Shop is Closed	TAC Open Scout Shop is Closed		TAC Office & Shop Closed		

DECEMBER 2009

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL WEBELOS-TO-SCOUT TRANSITION

It should be the goal of the Cubmaster and Webelos den leaders to graduate every Webelos Scout into a Boy Scout troop.

The key to accomplishing this is to begin promoting Boy Scouting when Cub Scouts are still in their Tiger, Wolf and Bear dens.

Scouting should be viewed as an ongoing adventure and the progression should be as normal as moving from elementary school to middle school.

- Develop a working relationship with the leadership of Boy Scout troops in the community.
- Compare calendars of troop and pack activities and coordinate. Community events can be done together and planning can help prevent conflicts in use of equipment and facilities.
- Work with troop leaders to secure den chiefs for each Cub Scout and Webelos den.
- Work with troop leaders to plan and conduct Webelos overnight activities.

- Invite the Scoutmaster and troop youth leaders to special pack activities. This will help create familiarity and a level of comfort for the Webelos Scouts and their parents as they ease into the troop.
- Plan a meaningful crossover ceremony at the Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet. Include troop leadership to be present to accept the Webelos Scouts as they graduate to Boy Scouting. The local Order of the Arrow Lodge can often be a valuable resource in conducting ceremonies.
- Webelos leaders should be strongly encouraged to move into the troop with the boys, either as Assistant Scoutmasters or Troop Committee members. This will give the new Scouts a familiar face at troop meetings and a connecting link to Boy Scouting.
- A graduating Webelos den can form the nucleus of a new troop if one does not already exist in your community.

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MONTHLY THEMES



Power Up



Fitness / Readyman



Citizenship

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JANUARY 2010					1 Units with Rechartering in Feb obtain recharter code	2
3	4 BA Roundtable	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 BA/CH Awards Deadline TAC Klondike Derby Weekend	16 TAC Klondike Derby Weekend
17 TAC Klondike Derby Weekend	18 TAC Klondike Derby Weekend TAC Closed	19	20	21	22 Merit Badge Lock-In, England	23 Executive Board Meeting Merit Badge Lock- In, England
24 Merit Badge Lock-In, England	25	26	27	28	29 Deadline Silver Beaver Nominations	30
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WHAT IS THE CENTENNIAL QUALITY UNIT AWARD AND HOW DO WE EARN IT?

Every pack, troop and crew should work toward the Centennial Quality Unit recognition. Units which are recipients of this award have demonstrated that their program and their leadership are delivering the kind of program and activities that attract young people to Scouting in the first place.

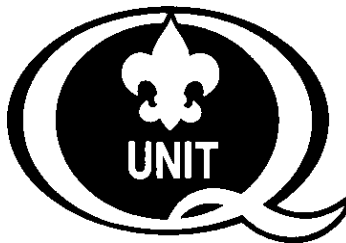
The requirements to become a Quality Unit include the normal elements of a good program such as: trained leaders, two-deep leadership, outdoor program features or super activities, service projects, meetings held regularly, advancement and membership recruitment.

Nothing is required that shouldn't be done as a normal part of good operation. Here's how to do it:

- In December until 15 February meet with your Unit Commissioner and set unit goals.

- Review your organization and planned program and make a group commitment to do whatever is necessary to meet the standards.
- Throughout the year, track your progress.
- In November, apply for your Centennial Quality Unit Award




Once done, you can take pride in the knowledge that your unit is, indeed, a Quality Unit providing a Quality Program.



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MONTHLY THEMES

-  Happy Birthday B.S.A.
-  Scholar / Engineer
-  Physical Fitness

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Units Rechartering in March obtain recharter code BA Roundtable	2	3	4	5	6 SCOUT SABBATH
7 SCOUT SUNDAY	8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BSA!	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 PRESIDENTS DAY TAC Closed	16	17	18	19 MA Freezoree (Fri- Sun)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Venture Adventure Weekend London, (Fri-Sun)
28 National Day Camp School	FEBRUARY 2010					

WHAT IS THE SCOUTERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE?

Each year the Scouters Annual Conference provides an opportunity for Scouters and their families from the far corners of the Transatlantic Council to come together for fun, fellowship and learning.

The 2010 conference will be held

All adult volunteers who serve at the unit, community, district and council levels are all encouraged to participate in this conference.

The conference will offer various training opportunities for both the novice and experienced Scouter. .

Follow the Council Events link at www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html for more detailed information.

At the Conference we will have our council celebration of BSA's 100th Birthday and our 60th!

We will present our council awards and have a great time with training and scouting fellowship

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Take Flight



Athlete / Engineer



Forestry

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	1 BA Roundtable	2	3	4	5 National Day Camp School	6 National Day Camp School Ma Recognition Luncheon & Training	
7 National Day Camp School	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Scouter's Annual Conference	
21 Scouter's Annual Conference	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				
		MARCH 2010					

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TRANSATLANTIC COUNCIL

The Transatlantic Council operates three different camps with something for everyone. Camp Freedom dates are based on our traditional dates but those may change based on the location of camp.

CAMP ALPINE

July 4– 10, 2010 (Patrol Cooking)

Perched in the Swiss Alps at the World Scout Bureau camp in Kandersteg, Switzerland, Camp Alpine combines the best of the BSA summer camp program with the high-adventure programs available through the Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

Camp Alpine is a traditional Scout Camp with a difference. It offers a combination of an excellent Merit Badge program, a full-fledged high adventure program and the opportunity to enjoy the brotherhood of scouting with Scouts from all over the world. The Accelerated Camping Experience (ACE) is conducted for first year campers and each troop/crew will have one free day to plan their own adventure.

BADEN-POWELL HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP

June 26 – 2 July 2010

Baden-Powell High Adventure Camp is held at the South Yorkshire County scout camp, Hesley Wood, located in Chapelton, England (15 miles north of Sheffield).

With the beautiful Yorkshire Dales nearby, this camp offers a great combination of traditional scouting programs with adventure programs that will challenge the oldest scout or venture crew member.

The camp has its own climbing tower, obstacle course and indoor rifle range. The aquatics program offers small boat sailing, canoeing, rowing, and cable water skiing. Scouts can climb in the challenging slate crags north of Sheffield in the Peak District National Park or go horseback riding.

Special programs include the renowned Silver Spoon Contest, Cobbler Cook-off and Order of the Arrow Fellowship.

CAMP FREEDOM Located near Ansbach, German, we have a traditional camping program with Dining Hall, a great staff, and a fun program that enables Scouts to advance while having a fun time!

Week 1: July 18-24

Week 2: July 25- July 31

Attention **Cub Scouts!** Don't miss your chance to come to Camp Freedom. **August 1-5** is reserved just for you with a great program and lots of fun guaranteed!

NEW IN 2010

BAYERN HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP, Garmisch

We are still working the details but we are planning a great camp with ACE, merit badges and high adventure in a Patrol cooking setting in the Bavarian Alps **11-17 July**

Cub Scout Resident Camp, Pisa (Camp Darby)

Cubs from TAC are welcome to attend a new Cub Scout Resident Camp program at Camp Darby. Enjoy swimming, hiking, and a great Cub program. **28 June – 2 July**
Information at www.tac-bsa.org/Home.html then link to camps!

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Spring into Action



Sportsman / Family Member



Leadership

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APRIL 2010				1	2 TAC Closed	3
4	5 TAC Closed BA Roundtable	6	7	8	9 CH Outdoor Skills Training (Fri-Sun)	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 MA Camporee Fri-Sun (Gilwell Park, all council units invited!)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 BA Camporee Fri-Sun CH Camporee Fri-Sun	

HOW TO PLAN A SUPER PROGRAM

A well-balance program is a blend of unit, district and council events. Here are some tips to help your unit plan a first-rate year-round program.

- Schedule an annual Program Planning meeting and invite all your unit leaders and interested parents. It is best to hold this meeting between May and August, but the sooner the better – before everyone gets involved in their summertime activities and vacations.
- Gather as many resources as you can: school calendars, church calendars, the Council calendar, the National BSA themes for the coming year and a list of holidays in your host country.
- Make a list of special events with a proven record of appeal to your unit.
- Have a no-holds-barred brainstorming session to generate as many ideas as possible. Remember, no judgments here!

- List any priorities your unit may have such as focusing on advancements, weekend outings, community service projects, special events or awards (such as the Centennial Quality Unit Award, National Camping Award or Summertime Pack Award).
- Review the resources and special skills available to your unit through parents and members of the community.
- Don't forget to get input from the scouts!
- Make sure that everyone is informed of the final plan by providing copies to each Scout, the Scout's parents, the unit committee members and members of the chartered organization including the head of the organization, the organization's secretary and the building custodian (if necessary).
- Be flexible. Something will certainly be overlooked or unforeseen circumstances arise.
- Do your best to avoid cancellation of any activities due to poor planning or lack of support. This has a major negative affect on unit morale!

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MONTHLY THEMES



In the Spotlight



Outdoorsman / Handyman



Special Cooking

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2010						1 BA/CH Spring Camporee
2 BA/CH Spring Camporee	3 BA Roundtable	4	5	6	7 Executive Board Training	8 BA Spring Adventure Day Council Annual Meeting
9 MOTHER'S DAY	10	11	12	13	14 Ma Cub Adventure Weekend (Fri- Sun)	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Intercamp	22 Intercamp
23 Intercamp	24 Intercamp TAC Office Closed	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

A GLOSSARY OF SCOUTING TERMS

Chartered Organization: The BSA local council grants an annual charter to community organizations – businesses, industries, labor unions, schools, churches and other organizations – to operate a scouting unit. These organizations must have purposes compatible with the BSA and be capable of providing adequate adult leadership, program resources and meeting facilities.

Council: An incorporated and BSA-chartered body of representatives (chartered organization representatives and members at large) from organizations operating packs, troops and crews. The more than 300 local councils are responsible for the administration of BSA programs in a designated geographic territory.

Commissioner: a dedicated volunteer Scouter whose primary purpose is to provide service and support to Pack, Troop, Team, Venture, Post, Ship, and other Scout Leaders. This service and support is provided to help give the unit leader extra resources to assure that he or she is able to deliver the promise of Scouting to individual youth members.

District: A geographic administrative entity of a council.

District Committee: A group of volunteer adults responsible for carrying out the BSA program within a geographic district of a council.

District Executive: A professional who works under the direction of the Council Scout Executive and is responsible for the administration of a district.

Executive Board: A group of adults elected by the chartered organization representatives and members at large of a local council to be responsible for the ongoing administration and extension of the program of the BSA.

Guide to Safe Scouting: Pamphlet designed to prepare adult leaders to conduct scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner; the policies and guidelines in it have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards identified through years of experience in the BSA. Now available online at www.scouting.org/pubs/gss.

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Hoop De Doo



Traveler / Artist



Backpacking

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		1	2	3	4	5 OA Spring Fellowship Camp Freedom (Fri-Sun)
6	7 BA Roundtable	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 OA Spring Fellowship Baden- Powell, UK (Fri-Sun)
20 FATHER'S DAY	21 Eifel Day Camp (Mon-Fri) KMC Day Camp (Mon-Fri)	22	23	24	25	26 BADEN-POWELL HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP BEGINS
27	28 Cub Scout Resident Camp in Pisa begins (ends on Friday)	29	30	JUNE 2010		

TIPS FOR BALANCING FAMILY LIFE WITH A COMMITMENT TO SCOUTING

Every parent understands the value of spending personal time with his or her spouse and children. Yet in our demanding, fast-paced society, we often find ourselves looking back at missed opportunities.

Does your spouse accuse you of devoting too much energy to Scouting and not enough to your family? Ask yourself these questions to help achieve a better balance:

- In everything I do, does my family come first?
- Do my spouse and family know and *feel* that they are my first priority?
- Does my spouse or children feel left out? Since many aspects of Scouting can be enjoyed by the entire family, how can I get them to be more enthusiastic and more involved in my scouting activities?
- Do I spend more hours each month encouraging other scouts and leaders than I do encouraging my own children?
- Do my children benefit from my scouting involvement or does it take time away from them in favor of other people's children?

- How often do I miss an important event in my spouse or children's lives because of a scouting commitment?
- Am I doing things that could be delegated to someone else?
- Do we have at least one family outing each month that is **not** a Scouting event?
- How long has it been since I reassessed my priorities and motives?

And just remember ... if you extend your left hand to greet everyone you meet, you definitely need a reality check!



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Celebrate Freedom



Aquanaut / Geologist



Aquatics

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Baden-Powell High Adventure Camps Ends	3
4 Camp Alpine begins	5 TAC Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11 Camp Bayern Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Camp Freedom Week 1 Begins	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Camp Freedom Week 2 Begins	26 National Jamboree (to 4 August)	27	28	29	30	31

JULY 2010

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Check-in for Wood Badge at Camp Freedom
	Cub Resident Camp at Camp Freedom					
8 Wood Badge Starts at Camp Freedom	9	10	11	12	13 Wood Badge Ends	14 Check in for National Youth Leader Training (Golden Falcon at Camp Freedom)
15 National Youth Leader Training Starts at Camp Freedom	16	17 BA Roundtable Program Kick-off	18	19 W.Netherlands Program Kick-off	20 National Youth Leader Training ends OA ALL CALL CAMP FREEDOM	21 OA ALL CALL CAMP FREEDOM
22 OA ALL CALL CAMP FREEDOM	23 Brussels Roundtable Program Kick-off	24 Tri-Borders Program Kick-off	25 Eifel Roundtable and Program Kick off	26	27	28
29	30	31	AUGUST 2010			