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This issue of the TAC Family E-news is dedicated to the Scouters' Annual Conference, letting you know that the forms and information is being updated at www.tac-bsa.org/Camps. We are not there yet but we will be and thank you for your patience.

I have also included information concerning BSA Membership standards



Scouters' Annual Conference

22-24 March 2013

Oberammergau & Garmisch

Every registered Scouter in the Transatlantic Council is invited to participate in our annual conference. We want our NEWEST leaders, and our experienced leaders to share the passion of Scouting that is the Transatlantic Council.

COURSES FOR COMMISSIONERS...The College of Commissioner Science

We will offer a full range of courses for new Commissioners (Bachelors of Commissioner Science). This course is open to new commissioners, and Scouters interested in what Commissioners do and are potential future Commissioners (like in April 2013 maybe). Commissioners are the volunteer link between council/district services and our units. It is a very important position and one where great support can be give and a real difference made.

For experienced Commissioners we will offer the courses for the Masters of Commissioner Science. Besides the courses and the options, you will be able to share experiences and be a part of a great team that makes such a difference in our council.

These courses are not restricted to Commissioners so if a topic interests you then please join us. Do understand that based on the conversation and timing that the courses may not start and end at the exact time of the schedule.

Courses being offered (a partial list)

- T3/EDGE training (all day Friday) in Garmisch

First Aid/CPR/AED \$16 (all day Friday with limited seats) in Garmisch offered by Red Cross in addition to conference costs.

- Duke of Edinburgh Awards (for Venturers)

- Scouter's Fitness Fair
- Cub Scout Leader Pow-Wow (hands-on courses for Cub Leaders)
- Council Program Session
- Supporting Lone Scouts
- National programs
- International Scouting
- Effective committee meetings
- Presidential Sports Awards
- Backpacking/Hike preparation
- Communications
- Roles of Unit Committee
- Religious Emblems
- AND MORE.....much more

Come join our interactive adventure, get curious and be inspired – Scouting in TAC –it's cool!

What is planned where

All training on Friday and Sunday will take place in Garmisch at Artillery Kaserne in the MWR Facilities. This is where the PX is located near Bayern High Adventure Camp. For those troops and crews wanting to visit the camp, we will arrange a tour on Sunday. There will be no training at Oberammergau on Friday and Sunday

On Saturday all of our training courses will be at the NATO School in Oberammergau including the Council High Court of Honor on Saturday afternoon.

Hotels/Guest Houses

There are many hotels/guest houses of all price ranges in the area. It is just after ski season and usually bargains can be found. I do use booking.com to find some good deals. It is about 20 minutes by car between Garmisch and Oberammergau. For ID card holders you may also wish to book the AFRC Edelweiss Hotel and Resort. There is also billeting at the NATO School at

Billeting: billeting@natoschool.nato.int

Phone: +49 (0) 8822-9481-NATO (6286)

Price and Registration

The conference fees are \$50 for two days training (Saturday and Sunday) and \$35 for one day (either Saturday or Sunday). This includes conference rooms, patches, snacks, and lunch and the Silver Beaver Reception on Saturday. The T3/Trainer's Edge Course on Friday is free but lunch is not included.

You can register for the conference at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/SAC. The registration also has a list of courses and hours.

Child Care

To comply with guidelines, we can no longer offer unlicensed child care for this event. Our office has a list of registered baby sitters in Garmisch and Oberammergau and will be happy to provide the listing upon request. Please e-mail program@tac-bsa.org with the subject, sitter list for conference. individuals will need to make their own arrangements for child care.

We look forward to welcoming you to a great conference! Our thanks to Lynn Sears, Conference Chair, Sandra Wilson, Training Chair, Tony Dvorak Assistant Scout Executive and Pete Maskovich, District Director for work in organization and for our hosts the NATO School and FMWR Garmisch.



BSA Membership Standards

Dear Scouting Parents,

We appreciate your participation and support of Scouting as we help equip your children with the life skills to become a good, strong citizen. This week we will celebrate Scouting's 103rd anniversary, and our focus has remained the same, working together to deliver the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on the recent discussions within the Scouting family regarding our membership standards policy.

After careful consideration and extensive dialogue within the Scouting family, along with comments from those outside the organization, the volunteer officers of the Boy Scouts of America's National Executive Board concluded that due to the complexity of this issue, our organization needs time for a more deliberate review of its membership policy.

To that end, the national executive board directed its committees to further engage representatives of Scouting's membership and listen to their perspectives and concerns. This will assist the officers' work on a resolution on membership standards. The approximately 1,400 voting members of the national council will take action on the resolution at the national meeting in May 2013.

We need Scouting, and our policies must be based on what is in the best interest of our kids. We believe good people can disagree and still work together to accomplish great things for youth.

Going forward, we will work to stay focused on that which unites us. Be a part of this discussion by staying engaged and continuing your role in Scouting. The kids in our council need you.

We welcome your feedback. At the National BSA level you may write to feedback@scouting.org or through the website at www.scouting.org/ContactUs. For our council if wish to contact your Scout Executive, Vince Cozzone, at vince.cozzone@scouting.org he will read it and make sure it is read by those in positions of influence.

Yours in Scouting,
Vince Cozzone



Venture Adventure Weekend 2013

Join us in Florence on 1 to 3 March for our annual Venture Adventure Weekend. The leader's guide has just been finished and will be found in the TAC News section of <http://www.tac-bsa.org/TAC%20News>

It will be an exciting and fun and is for our Venture Crews!! Want to join a Crew for the event...we will be happy to work with you!!! We have a Council Crew 1 and many Crews are looking for new members. Besides this opportunity, there is an opportunity for Venture Crews (and only Venture Crews) to have a camp in Turkey this summer. (of course we will be having our troops in Turkey and eastern Mediterranean participating as well).

You can register for the weekend at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/vaw

Order of the Arrow Re-registration



It is time to renew your Order of the Arrow dues. Each year you do need to re-register. You can do that on-line at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/oaregistration

The dues are \$20 and will register you until December 2013.

You cannot wear your Lodge flap if you haven't paid your dues (we check you know). Thanks for being a member of a great Lodge



Intercamp 2013

Registration is now open for Intercamp 2013 for troops and service team members (staff). Intercamp is hosted this year by the Dutch Scouts and will be held on 17-20 May (Pentecost/Whitsunday weekend) Intercamp will be near Maastricht within easy reach of units in the Netherlands, Belgium, and the western and central parts of Germany. We will of course be having

Czech Scouts, Polish Scouts, all traveling great distances to attend. Participation is limited to Scout troops (be sure to include the Webelos that will cross over) and there is a discount for registration and payment before 1 March for troops and before 1 February for Service Team members. Information and links at <http://www.intercamp.info/en/>



Join us at TAC NATION and TAC Scout Shop to see what is going on with the Scouts and Scouters in Transatlantic Council.