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Sign up Today!!!

Scouters' Annual Conference

22-24 March 2013

Oberammergau & Garmisch

Deadline 15 March

(So we can process your names with the NATO School)

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 (Bacherlors 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 Saturday with limited seats) in Garmsch 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 Friady 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 registerd 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.

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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Each year every council in the Boy Scouts of America conducts what is called "Friends of Scouting" or in some councils "Investment in Character." Transatlantic Council is in the midst of our annual campaign. Friends of Scouting

funds stay within the council for use to support the council. For example we have a staff of 13 serving 4 time zones, 28 countries, 186 units, 2,500 volunteers and 5350 youth. Our staff range from our Scout Shop team, administrative team at Camp Darby, and our professional staff team. We work together with volunteers to provide service and support. Everything from our website, this newsletter, help with new units, help with commissioners, unit reorganization, training, council camps, day camps, events...even if run by volunteers there has to be an employee accountable for BSA for the event.

Your support is vital. We need to raise $260,000 in order to meet the needs of our volunteers in 2013. Your contribution regardless of whether it is large or small does make a difference. Please make a contribution at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Friends-of-Scouting.

On-Line Popcorn Orders

You can now order your Trail's End Popcorn from Transatlantic Council on-line!! Your unit keeps 33% of the sale or individuals can sell on-line and raise money for the Jamboree, summer camp, day camp or any council event. All popcorn is sold until we run out and we will notify you as we no longer have specific products available. As we mail order please understand that we will attempt to ship at the lowest possible price as shipping is included in the fee.

As Trail's End will revamp their e-commerce site. E-commerce will be the only future option in the council. (understand that we ordered 18 pallets which is a small amount for any council, some units order that amount in the US and we have 9 pallets left). If your community or unit would like to sell popcorn we will continue to offer 40% for unit orders. There will be **no** more shipments of popcorn to the council for re-sale in 2013 and beyond.

You can order popcorn at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/popcorn Share the link with your unit and friends!!!

Transatlantic Council

2014 Crew Registration

Transatlantic Council has two crews attending Philmont from 7 to 19 July 2014. Registration will open on **midnight** on **April 8th** with first come, first served for the first 18 youth applications. Youth must be at least 13 years old **and** completed 8th grade or be 14 years old by the date of the event. We will be selecting 6 leaders who may also apply. There is a $100 deposit due with your application. If you are not chosen or on the wait list, your deposit will be refunded. The known cost is that Philmont cost $800 for the trek. You should figure about $350 in additional costs for travel to and from Denver (gateway city) and the cost to arrive at Denver. You can register now and still participate even if you move between now and 2014. This is open to Scouts and Venturers.

Philmont is an outstanding experience and our youth and leaders who have participated have not only memories that last a lifetime but a new skill set that lasts a lifetime as well. To register please fill out the form at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Philmont

Summer Camp News!!!
Important Information!

Baden-Powell High Adventure Camp is changing locations. We are moving from Nottingham to Skreens Park near Chelmsford, just north of London. We have long had a great relationship with the Skreens having used the camp for numerous activities. We look forward to a long relationship with the camp. For units traveling, it is good news in that the camp is approximately 1 hour away from the Chunnel and Ferry ports. For those considering flying to camp, Skreens is located less than 30 minutes away from Stansted Airport.

Camp Reservations are now open. To reserve your week at camp visit our page at www.tac-bsa.org/Camps and then click on the camp you are interested in. The form for camp registration is there. If you would like to register for the camp in Turkey please visit www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/turkey to register. We also have information posted at http://www.sojournturkeytours.com/scouts.

We are looking for camp staff members for all of our camps and if interested in serving you can find a Camp Staff application on the Camps page or at www.tac-bsa.org/Forms

Please note that we are aware that the fees for Cub Resident Camp are wrong on the Camps page and are trying to get those corrected. The correct fees are:

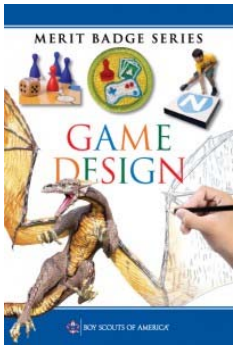
Camp Freedom- Oberdachstetten, Germany
Fiesta Weekend, 12-14 July
$30 youth, $15 adult*

Traditional Cub Resident Camp (cubs, parents, and leaders only. No siblings): 15-18 July
$125 youth, $60 adult*

STEM/NOVA Weekend: 19-22 July, open to whole family
$30 youth, $20 adults*

Session 2, STEM/NOVA Week: 22-25 July, open to whole family
$125 youth, $60 adults*

Game Design Merit Badge Launches!



The BSA's 131st current merit badge—Game Design—has been released. It teaches Scouts how to create, test, and refine a game from one of four categories:

- **Electronic** (games for computers, game systems, or mobile devices)
- **Outdoor/Athletic** (sports or games like capture the flag)
- **Tabletop** (dice-based games, board games, card games)
- **Pen and Paper** or **Role-Playing Games**

Although today is the official release date, pamphlets are still being printed and shipped. You also may check scoutstuff.org for availability.

Resources

Resources
Game Design merit badge requirements
Boys' Life magazine's Game Design merit badge site
Scouting magazine's "Bryan on Scouting" blog
Scouting.org's Introduction to Merit Badges

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.

You can visit the National Web Site at www.bsamembershipstandards.org to have current information about the policy and consideration for change.

If you wish to provide feedbck to the Boy Scouts of America and you have not received a Voice of the Scout Survey Form, you can do by following the directions below

Do you want to give us your opinion on possible changes to the BSA Membership Standards?

Did you submit updated email addresses with your recharter?

If so, you should be receiving a Voice of the Scout Survey sometime between March 8 and March 15.
As a part of that survey, all adults will be asked some questions about possible changes in the BSA membership standards, as well as their opinions about Scouting programs.

If not, you can still get the survey byclicking hereto register your email. You will need your membership ID number to register (if you don't know it the council can help).
If this link does not work paste the following URL into your browser: http://scouting.us.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0lecWOay3bPbczP

Yours in Scouting,
Vince Cozzone

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). Visit http://www.intercamp.info/en/

The D-Day beaches in Normandy must become a UNESCO protected site

Sign the Facebook Petition by linking here. Goal to start is 5,000 signatures. We have one last chance next year before the beaches are developed in 2015. The Transatlantic Council has a role as custodian of Omaha Beach and if we don't take this opportunity to capture UNESCO's attention, it may be too late. An energy project is scheduled to begin in 2015 to have those "giant windmills" providing energy to the region. France has more than its fair share of UNESCO protected sites so there is resistance to adding another one. This is our heritage to preserve for future generations. Please sign and actually we will need to do far more than 5,000 signatures. If you can have your youth sign a petition and send it to program@tac-bsa.org that will help. It doesn't have to come through Facebook.

http://www.causes.com/actions/1737245-the-d-day-beaches-in-normandy-must-become-a-unesco-protected-site?post_update=true&utm_campaign=cause_mailer%2Fweekly_report&utm_medium=email&utm_source=causes

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