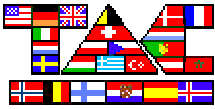




## Mayflower District Newsletter November 2008



### **Transatlantic Council Headquarters to Move to Italy**

It is finally official: after much talk, planning and negotiations. The TAC HQ will be moving to Camp Darby in Italy on or about 1 February 2009

As of today, BSA National has not made a final decision on a Scout Executive, until further notice Vince Cozzone will continue as the Council Administrator.

The new Summer Camp location in Germany is still moving to Franken Kaserne, Oberdachstetten Germany. This is near Ansbach, but if you want a real look at the site, go to google earth and look at: LAT 49° 25' 32.80"N LON 10°23' 8.28"E.

TAC continues support to the volunteers and maintain its Scout Shop and administrative offices at Stem Kaserne until the move.



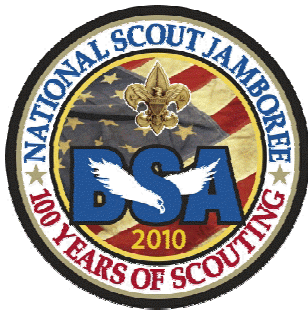
### **Fair Share Fees**

youth register.

TAC is required through US regulations to collect from non-Department of Defense (DoD) families a sum equal to the amount provided by the Morale, Welfare, Recreation (MWR) grant. For many years we collected this fee at recharter time and when new

In the last couple of years we have not raised the fee even though the MWR grant was increased and allotted a portion of Bowl-a-thon, and Friends of Scouting to show compliance.

The gap between the actual grant and the amount collected has widened to the point that we need to increase the Fair Share costs. The Executive Board of our council voted to increase the Fair Share fee to \$70 per youth beginning with the 2008-2009 recharter. This fee is reduced to \$62 for Presidential Units for 2008 Friends of Scouting campaign. Those units that pay a reduced portion will continue to apply the same percentage to the overall amount. John Paul Meier is heading a committee comprised of volunteers from many of our international school communities to review the Fair Share fee structure and how it is implemented in our council with recommendations for the 2009-2010 program year. If you have items that you would like the committee to consider you can forward them to [v.cozzone@skynet.be](mailto:v.cozzone@skynet.be)



## 2010 National Jamboree

The 2010 BSA Centennial Jamboree is again at Ft A.P. Hill, Virginia. TAC now has a full contingent for the jamboree with 36 slots (previously we were only authorized 18 slots). We have 15 slots filled. If you wish to register for consideration, you must do so on-line. Go to the Jamboree website <http://www.bsajamboree.org/> and select the registration button.

Youth registration is \$10 and adult \$100. You can also apply to be on Jamboree staff through this process.

The selection process is underway to determine the TAC Scoutmaster for the contingent. Just so you know, we will accept any currently registered TAC scout whether or not the Scout will still be in the council in 2010. This way our Scouts have a chance to participate. They will have to report to Washington D.C. (actually Dulles) on a certain day before the jamboree (will be communicated well in advance) and have travel from the jamboree firmed up so our leadership does not have to work on post jamboree hospitality. (although that could be arranged). Any questions, just let me know [tkillam@bsamail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsamail.org)



## Mayflower District Reorganization

To better service our units with commissioner support, we have re-mapped the District a little to even out the loading on Unit

Commissioners and where we can, combine commissioner support where it made sense.

We now have four sub-districts:

**East Anglia:** Alconbury, Mildenhall, Lakenheath, Feltwell communities

**London:** ASL, TESIS, ACS Cobham and the surrounding areas

**Chilterns and Cotswolds:** ACS Hillingdon, Croughton, Fairford and surrounds

**Far North:** Menwith Hill, Aberdeen and Stavanger



## Belt Loop Bonanza

Mayflower District had it's Cub Belt Loop Bonanza on Saturday 18 October at RAF Alconbury. About 150 Belt Loops were awarded to Cubs and Webelos from 4 Packs. Many thanks to the outstanding efforts of Andy Williams and the Pack 245 team in making this happen. It was a Fantastic event and fun for all.

## Centennial Quality Unit



The 2008 Centennial Quality Unit program is coming into the review phase, 31 Oct – 31 Dec 2008, where your unit Commitment forms that were completed earlier in the year are compared against the unit performance.

Please make sure that you set up an appointment for your unit to meet with your Unit Commissioner to review your unit's performance.

If you can't find a copy of the goals your unit set earlier in the year, please give me a call. These forms were sent to me (if your unit completed one) and are kept at the District level for the year end Achievement of Centennial Quality Unit review.

Please let me know if you require any additional information or need help in contacting your Unit Commissioner. [tkillam@bsaemail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsaemail.org)

For more information go to: [www.tac-bsa.org/centennial\\_award\\_info.pdf](http://www.tac-bsa.org/centennial_award_info.pdf)



## Recruitment

Keep up the recruitment drive following your "Back to School" night and bring new boys into your units. From a Tiger hunt, to new incoming

personnel in your communities, Fall Recruitment builds strong units. If you have any questions on recruitment, please contact our District Membership Chair, David Ruiz [Commissioner@Astrophe.net](mailto:Commissioner@Astrophe.net).

We do have an incentive program.

Each youth who recruits a new youth receives a 100th Anniversary of Centennial Recruiter patch

Each youth who recruits two youth receives the patch plus a TAC neckerchief slide.

Each youth who recruits three or more youth will receive the above, plus \$5 off a future District event and a "Race to Cub Scouting" baseball cap.

If your community is having trouble re-organizing let us know so we can provide whatever assistance we can. Volunteers and our professional team want to ensure that we keep scouting going in all of our communities. We recognize that with military PCS, population shifts etc. that it is not always easy. Please let me know [tkillam@bsaemail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsaemail.org)



### **Popcorn Sales**

Transatlantic Council is still offering units the opportunity to sell popcorn --- and yes, we have a lot of popcorn left. Units will earn over 50% of the profits from the sales. With events like the Klondike Derby, summer camp, day camps, and exciting local programs, this sale can help defray the cost for Scouting families.

To find out more about the sale and to sign up, please visit us at

<http://www.tac-bsa.org/tacbsa/Popcorn.html>



### **Bowl-a-thon**

Yes, it is that time of year again. An opportunity to help generate money for your unit and for Transatlantic Council, and that is the bowl-a-thon. The event is going on right now, but if you haven't started...That's OK....because it also isn't too late. The campaign runs until 15 December 2008. Your unit organizes a bowling day, the youth get pledges or sponsors, bowl, and then collect...take the bowling fees off the top, keep 40% and send in 60%. We use 20% for prizes so we split the money. Best of all the youth have a good time. You have your money right away so you can use it for your unit budget. Youth can earn their way!!!

You can find the info package at [http://www.tac-bsa.org/bat\\_web.htm](http://www.tac-bsa.org/bat_web.htm)

If you need info packages for youth, just give me a call. We didn't print up 5,000 to mail to every youth this year but we can provide what you need

If you are planning on doing the Bowl-a-thon, don't keep it a secret! Please let Robby our Program Administrator ([program@tac-bsa.org](mailto:program@tac-bsa.org)) or contact Tim Killam at [tkillam@bsamail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsamail.org)



## District Training Corner

8-9 November 2008

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills for Scoutmasters & Asst Scoutmasters and  
Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders

Dorneywood Scout Center, 0900 AM Saturday 8 November through 1200 (Noon)

Sunday on 9 November, Cost \$30

13 December 2008

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Scout leaders

RAF Feltwell Scout Center, 0900-1630, Cost \$5.00



## National Camping School for Cub Scout Day Camp

The NCS Day Camp School will be held February 27 – March 1, 2009, at the Mark Twain Village Scout Hut in Heidelberg, Germany.

This course is open to all interested Scouters. It is required for Cub Scout Day Camp Directors and Program Directors.

Our plan is to offer Day Camps in Heidelberg, Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern, Naples, Vicenza, Grafenwöhr/Vilseck, Eifel, and East Anglia (England) but we are not limited to those locations if there is interest in another community.

Please contact me at [tkillam@bsamail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsamail.org) for further information.



## Codes for Good Turn for America

You can contact the Council Office for your access code so you can log in your unit's good turns. It has taken us a while to receive the codes but in this way you can participate in Scouting's efforts to support those who need our help the most.

## Future Events

Make sure you mark you calendars for some key events in the not too distant future:



### **Black Eagle Lodge, 482, Namassakeet Chapter, Fall Fellowship, 7 – 9 November, 2008, Dorneywood Scout Camp, Buckinghamshire**

Nammassakett Chapter of Black Eagle Lodge 482, holds its Fall Fellowship and Ordeal weekend at Dorneywood. We will be doing a conservation project of clearing invading species of plants from ancient woodlands. In the evening, all brothers in the Order are invited to join us for a feast!

Brotherhood honor will also be offered. Ordeal Candidates have already received their information through the mail, and all brothers should look for a packet coming soon. Please contact Nick Airey [nicholas.airey@db.com](mailto:nicholas.airey@db.com) for full information.

## And in 2009



### **Klondike Derby - Two Events in TAC**

For those of you that are experienced scouters, I don't need to describe to you the unique experience to be had in a Klondike

Derby. This is a fantastic winter event where Scout patrols can show off their scouting skills in competition...dragging a dog sled with all their supplies.

On MLK weekend in January, Klondike Derby's will be held in Germany and Switzerland. Lots of snow and fun is anticipated.

### **“Scouting: A Treasure of a Lifetime”**

**16 – 19 January 2009**

**Berchtesgaden, Germany**

[Berchtesgaden Klondike Derby Leaders Guide 2009.doc](#)

### **“Arctic Winter Games”**

**16 – 19 January 2009**

**Kandersteg, Switzerland**

[Klondike09-KanderstegLeadersGuide.pdf](#)



### **Merit Badge Lock-in, 23 - 25 January 2009, RAF Fairford**

Join us for a great weekend of earning Merit Badges and Mayflower District Scouting fellowship. It is our most popular weekend for Scouting in Mayflower. Traditionally over 35 different merit badges are offered, but what makes the weekend great are the unique counsellors. Imagine taking First Aid from a Doctor, Aviation from a commercial airline pilot, Fire Safety from the Base Fire Chief, it is truly an incredible opportunity. If you have a special skill, interest or just enjoy working with boys from all over the District, now is the time to volunteer as a counsellor, contact Nick Airey at [nickjbairey@aol.com](mailto:nickjbairey@aol.com)

### **Cub Adventure Weekend (for Cub Scouts)**

Dates: 24 to 26 April 2009

Place: Skreens Park Campsite (to be confirmed)

Theme: The Bear Necessities, a Jungle Book weekend

### **Spring Camporee (for Boy Scouts and Venture Crews)**

Dates: 15 to 17 May 2009

Place: Longridge Scout Camp

Theme: Curse of the Kon Tiki



### **Mayflower District Patches**

New to the District? Just want to show your pride in Mayflower? The District Office has these for sale for all current and former Mayflower leaders, and youth. They look great and are going fast!

Take a look at the [Patch](#)

The patch is \$3.00 [ORDER FORM](#) or email [tkillam@bsamail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsamail.org) to purchase yours.

## Mayflower District Roster

By now you should have received an email copy of the District Roster. If not, please send me an email [tkillam@bsamail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsamail.org) or give me a call. Please ensure that you let me know of any changes of contact details, as well as changes to the leadership positions of your unit. With our high military population in the District it is very important that we have a way of knowing of new adult leaders so they can be made aware of upcoming events in the District.

## Important Information for Units



### Volunteer Training Awards

The Boy Scouts of America recognizes leaders who dedicate themselves to the scouting program by completing training and offering a quality program to youth. Leaders are presented "knots" in recognition of making a difference in the life of youth and leaders. If your volunteers have served in a position for a year or more and are trained for that position, please recognize them with the appropriate award.

Transatlantic Council Scouters can use these on line forms to apply for the appropriate training award: [www.tac-bsa.org/training/training\\_awards.shtml](http://www.tac-bsa.org/training/training_awards.shtml)

If you have any questions on the Volunteer Training Awards, please contact me [tkillam@bsamail.org](mailto:tkillam@bsamail.org)

### Signature Card with Unit Accounts

Most of our Packs, Troops, and Crews maintain a unit account with our council office. They use the account to order supplies, pay for registrations, and to pay for district and council activities. The person who is responsible for the unit account is the unit committee chair. **It is important that as new Committee Chairpersons are recruited**

**and appointed that their registration forms are sent to the TAC office, and that an updated signature form listing those authorized to order supplies or use the unit account are sent in.** The documents can be found at [www.tac-bsa.org/scout\\_shop.htm](http://www.tac-bsa.org/scout_shop.htm). The unit account statements are sent to the registered “Committee Chair” so if your account records are not accurate records the statement will not be sent to appropriate individual. Please help us by keeping your account records up to date. Since the Committee Chair is the responsible person who “manages” the unit account we cannot send the statements to any other volunteer in a unit. The Committee Chair of course can and should pass on the information to the unit treasurer.

### **Did you know???**

Transatlantic Council is one of the few councils within BSA that has permission to sell rank advancement badges in advance of receiving an advancement report. The exception was given in recognition of the geographic dispersion between our units. This allows our units to project their requirements in advance and make sure that activity badges, merit badges, ranks badges and other recognition items are available for your next pack meeting or Court of Honor. It is our hope that each boy and Venturer receives their recognitions as soon as possible. But remember the actual card that supports the recognition still requires that you submit an advancement report in a timely manner.

Thanks again for all your good wishes and all you do for Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Killam  
Mayflower District Field Representative  
Transatlantic Council