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BSA MONTHLY RPT

Date: Fri, 14 Oct 1994 23:02:24 -0400
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Subject: BSA National Update (Week of / ending 10/14)

As a Scout Professional and a fan of Scouts-L I feel I have a unique obligation to keep you all as well informed as possible.

This begins what I hope to be a once a week posting that will detail all the information of interest that has crossed my desk.

I hope that by publishing this information on the list I'm not circumventing the authority of my fellow professionals, some of whom like to control the information flow in their jurisdictions.

ITEMS IN ALL CAPS SHOULD BE OF MAJOR INTEREST TO UNIT LEVEL SCOUTERS.

P.S.: Please Send Private E-Mail telling me what types of information is of greatest interest and what is worthless, I hope to make these postings shorter in the future based on what you REALLY want to read.

>From the Council Packet: September 30, 1994

- * Bulletin #4, World Jamboree. 5th payment due. Reminder to get passport now. Interesting info on manners of other cultures. Info on what equipment to bring.
- * Boy's Life Circulation report. National average: 44.9% of youth are subscribing, +.2% from 1993. 1,027,816 subscriptions.

>From News&Notes (Newsletter for Council Registrars) October 1994

- * Important clarifications on what BSA positions non-US citizens may hold. Summary: Non-US citizens may not register as unit leaders or den leaders or Charter Organization reps. They may register as assistants in most unit positions well as committee chairs and members.

>From ProSpeak (Monthly professional newsletter) September 1994

- * Article about the new Troop Development and retention kit (new tools for recruitment of youth and retention)
- * New letters of endorsement from the Elks
- * National Scout Council Endowment Seminar set for New Orleans, Nov 6-10.
- * 1995 National Meeting set for Chicago, May 17-19.
- * Scouting growth continues in Russia, +7,000 youth to 25,000.
- * Clarification on placement of World crest "It should be centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket."
- * New Items from financial support division to support SME/FOS and endowment development. Brochures and video.
- * New National Explorer President: Geoffrey J. Smarte of Medical

Explorer Post 520 of Old Baldy Council, Ontario, California.

- * Highlights of European Camp Staff Program
- * Resources available for starting Explorer posts on churches
- * Complete Philmont training schedule - too long to type sorry :(
- * Councils with highest % of cub leaders trained (fast start and basic) Chief Cornplanter - Warren, PA 58.8%, with the next 19 highest also listed. #20 is Pioneer Valley - Chicopee, MA with 38.2%
- * National Membership as of August 21, 1994

Program	Members	Change from last year
Tiger Cubs	13,023	+10.6
Cubs	682,986	- 4.5
Webelos	745,906	- 0.6
Boy Scout	816,454	- 0.2
Varsity Scout	59,641	+ 6.0
Explorers	274,361	+ 5.6
LFL		
Elementary	119,402	+16.1
Middle/Jr	66,377	+10.9
High School	474,910	+ 2.0
Special Needs	41,550	+ 6.4
TOTAL YOUTH	3,294,610	+ .9

>From the Northeast Region Newsletter (October 1994)

- * 1995 Wood Badge director's conference, Camp Alpine, NJ Oct 21-23
- * Jersey Shore Council and Six Flags/Great Adventure will work with Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to earn achievements and merit badges as they visit the Great Adventure Safari theme park. (they will stay at Citta Scout reservation) Fee is \$25.00 per person. Contact Jersey Shore Council at (908) 349-1037. The Council HQ is in Tom's River NJ
- * Cub Trainer Woodbadge
 - June 11-17 - Camp Freedom, Germany, Transatlantic Council
 - July 30-August 5, Pine Tree Education & Environmental Center, Tabernacle, NJ - Burlington County Council
 - August 27 - September 2 - Camp Alpine, Alpine NJ, Greater New York Councils
- * OA sectional officers training: Camp Alpine, NJ Nov 11-13
- * Cub Camp School - Nov 18-Nov 20,. Camp Alpine, NJ
- * New Safety rules on Farm Class Tractors (seat belts etc.)
- * MERIT BADGE PARTIALS. FROM TIME TO TIME CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSE A SCOUT TO CONTINUE WORKING ON A MERIT BADGE WITH A

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR OTHER THAN THE ONE HE STARTED. THE ORIGINAL MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION ON THE WORK COMPLETED AND THE SCOUT IS PROVIDED WITH A "PARTIAL." THE QUESTION ARISES: HOW LONG IS A "PARTIAL" VALID? THE ANSWER: AS LONG AS THE SCOUT IS NOT YET 18 YEARS OLD AND CAN SATISFY THE COUNSELOR THAT HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE SUBJECT. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THE NEW COUNSELOR MAY DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE PARTIAL OR NOT. THE COUNSELOR SHOULD DISCUSS WITH THE SCOUT ABOUT PAST WORK DONE TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THE SCOUT DID THE WORK OR NOT.

- * Philmont youth camperships (for Philmont and Philmont Junior Leader Instructor Training Course). Material in councils in December.**
- * Scouting for Food in 93/94 = 10,162 units collected 15,038,446 cans of food with 243,351 youth taking part.**
- * Sea Badge - March 24-25, 1995 at Norwalk Inn and Conference center in Norwalk, Ct.**

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To all the people who responded positively to my first "National Update" I thank you. It appears to be the unanimous opinion of the list readers that I should put as much information as possible into these updates, so that is what I will try to do.

It appears at this time that this posting will be monthly rather than weekly; for two reasons: 1) I just don't have the time to do it more often and 2) some weeks I just don't get anything interesting to tell you about.

My apology to anyone who sent me e-mail with specific questions about my posting. As a rule I will not be able to answer specific questions. In most cases you must approach your local council; only they can give you a FINAL answer on anything.

Final Note: It was interesting to see the fury of posting over an item from my last posting (the issue of citizenship for certain volunteer jobs in the BSA). I must say again that anything that I post here is from current official sources (most of them national sources) BUT it is a fact of life that local councils do not always follow national rules. Please, please, please, do not assume that anything printed by me is valid in your local council. Always ask, and if they say that they don't follow a policy then ask why; you may find the answer valid (or not).

Council Packet (October 28, 1994)

* Fall 1994 Issue of the Commissioner (A newsletter for Council Commissioners and Scout Executives) articles include:

- * National President Applauds Commissioners, new National President Norman Augustine's remarks at regional leadership conferences focus in part on commissioners.
- * New Guidebook available for Native American Outreach, "Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Exploring in Native American Communities" item # 7-110

- * **Standard Unit Service Plan dates for October - December (October - Uniform Inspection, November - Youth Protection, December - Membership Inventory)**

Region	Units	Commissioners Needed	Commissioners Registered
Northeast	22,479	7,493	5,703
Southern	32,869	10,957	6,931
Central	28,316	9,439	7,970
Western	35,736	11,912	8,502

- * **The International Adventure (A newsletter from the International Division of the BSA)**
 - * A new Exhibit kit is available for Councils to borrow to use with Scout Shows, roundtables, etc. requests the kit at least 4 weeks in advance. Only cost is the 2 way shipping and insurance for \$1000. The kit is a 6 panel display board about the international Scouting division and up-coming world events.
 - * List of new direct Service Eagle Scouts
 - * Article about the National Meeting in Nashville, TN and new international appointments.
- * **BSA Today (a newsletter published for chartering organizations)**
 - * New president of the LDS church, Howard W. Hunter
 - * New Chairman of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, Robert Runnels, Jr.
 - * Philmont training schedule info that relates to chartering organizations
 - * An article about Unit Commissioners, as "frontline diplomats"
 - * A new edition of the "A Scout is Reverent" flyer is available #05-206, a listing of all current religious awards and who to contact for more information.
 - * New edition of Eagles Soaring High, a trail worship book for Christians, Muslims, and Jews. This revision is the first to have the Muslim faith included. Every youth and adult to attend Philmont receives a copy.
 - * Catholic Scouting Committee kicks off a national membership initiative.

Supply Division Hotline (A newsletter for Scout Stores and

Scout Suppliers)

Revisions in Material:

- * **Cub Sports Baseball Pamphlet, minor revisions**
- * **Law Enforcement Exploring Proficiency Award and Progress chart, minor revisions**
- * **Learning for life grade 1 pamphlet, major revision**
- * **New edition of the guide to safe scouting**

Noteworthy Stuff

- * **The conservation good turn emblem #00149 will be available for purchase by November 15, 1994**

Temporary Discontinue

- * **The American Cultures merit badge pamphlet is held up in publishing.**

ProSpeak (A newsletter for professional Scouters) October 1994

- * **Youth protection guidelines training updated:**
The update to the video training for youth protection will be released late this fall. The video have been shortened to 60 minutes to allow questions and discussion of each Council's reporting procedure and still allow the entire training to be around 90 minutes.
- * **1995 Quality Units will be required to have one unit leader trained in youth protection to qualify for "Quality Unit" status.**
- * **Packs will have two additional changes to their "Quality" unit requirements, the first; the advancement requirement is set at 70%, and the unit must earn the national summertime pack award.**
- * **An article highlighting the new materials released for Exploring in religious institutions. #5-938.**
- * **Venture/Varsity Terminology to change. Starting in 1995 the older boy program used in the troop will be called Venture regardless of whether the boys are doing high adventure or sports activities. Only separately registered Varsity teams will continue to use the varsity term.**
- * **New Explorer recruitment video. AV-03V008, "The Exploring Challenge" testimonials from Explorers with rock and roll background. Career and high adventure posts.**
- * **January 5 is the deadline for the National Young**

American Awards program.

Current Membership Numbers:

	1994	From Last Year
Tigers	137,122	+5.3%
Cub Scouts	802,140	-4.0
Webelos	769,541	+0.3
Boy Scout	823,594	+0.2
Varsity Scout	59,876	+6.4
Explorers	281,748	+6.2
Elem - LFL	119,402	+16.1
Middle - LFL	66,403	+10.8
High S - LFL	474,852	+2.6
Spec Needs - LFL	41,560	+22.2

Misc:

* Akela Calls, June 9 - 11, East Stroudsburg, PA. A gathering for Volunteer Cub Scout leaders and professionals. \$110. Seminars, a midway.

* The American Indianist Society of Worcester, MA announces a Native American Education Seminar, crafts seminar and Pow Wow to be held on November 19, in Springfield, MA. Scouts and others are invited, Contact Bob Gurney (508-485-8217) or Rick Conway (413-732-5756).

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*** Membership numbers - month ending 2/28/95**

Program	2/1995	vs. 1994
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Tiger	265,452	-1.3
Cubs	835,556	-4.1
Webelos	671,076	+0.5
Boy Scouts	820,492	-0.6
Varsity	67,388	+6.7
Exploring	330,902	+2.0
TOTAL TRADITIONAL:	2,990,866	-1.0
Elem L.F.L.	174,948	+28.6
Middle L.F.L.	76,690	+ 7.3
High Sch L.F.L.	484,222	+ 0.3
Special Needs L.F.L.	49,792	- 0.3
TOTAL Learning		
for Life:	785,652	+ 6.1

* National Catholic Committee has begun a membership drive to

increase the number of units in Catholic churches and schools.

- * Professional are told that vehicle-related accidents have risen in number recently and they should remind everyone transporting youth that they should review driving safety rules:

Follow all state, federal and local rules, including posted speed limits.

Don't take unnecessary risks - drive defensively.

Follow driver qualification rules on BSA tour permits and limit driver time behind wheel.

Have a seat belt for each passenger.

- * An Urban Emphasis Conference is set for Philmont Scout Ranch for June 12-17. A focus will be made on understanding under-served markets and expanding traditional units in non-traditional populations.
- * A Cub Scouting membership conference is set for July 24-29 at Philmont ranch, they will be looking at attracting a keeping members in Cub Scouting, they will look at a recent Gallup poll of members and members who have quit. They hope to produce "best methods" materials for use in Cub Scout membership management.
- * The National Program group has approved and will soon distribute new Bike Safety Guidelines. Topic covered will include: Qualified supervision (skilled and over 21), Helmets and clothing (proper helmets and clothing to fit weather), Buddying up, Keeping to right of road, follow rules and laws, as well as common sense rules about maintenance and riding rules and planning.
- * National Aviation Exploring conference set for University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma, with side trips to Tinker Air Force base, the FAA, and other locations. Cost: \$325, it will be June 13-18.
- * Information and definitions of the various personal health

and medical records for Scouts and Scouter:

Class 1 - day camp, overnight hikes, and other program lasting less than 72 hours (same type of info gathered on the back of a standard youth application form) Parents attest to health history and give permission to treat. Update annually.

Class 2 - Conducted by a licensed physician, required every 36 months for members under 40. A class 1 is filled out first to assist formal medical exam. Needed for resident camp as well as activities - backpacking, tour camping, or any event lasting longer than 72 hours that are similar in stress as normal home and school activities. For more stressful/physical events -use a class 3.

Class 3 - Filled out by all members 40 years or older, or by youth members who are doing High adventure programs, and by all wood badge participants and staff.

***Scouting in the news insert**

National has inserted in Pro Speak clipping from newspaper from all over the nation that show Scouting in a positive light. Interesting reading.

***An Article about the Sam Houston Area Council's Whitney Young Jr. Service Award Dinner - the award recipient was Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee. The Whitney Young Jr. award was created by the BSA in 1978 to honor Whitney M. Young Jr. a civil rights spokesman and executive director of the Urban League from 1961 - 1971. Nominations are made by the local council for adults who have made a major contribution to bringing Scouting to low-income youth. Applications are processed by the National Office - Urban and Rural Field Service.**

***The Urban Emphasis committee of the national office evaluates the first year of "Operation First Class." After a year of working with councils to develop or expand programs that will help bring Scouting to inner-city**

neighborhoods and low-income areas things are going well. Four recommendations are offered to improve things:

- 1) Enhance marketing efforts to penetrate even more urban communities, especially the Asian Community.
- 2) Involve the task force in the developing and planning of future marketing material.
- 3) Distribute "best methods" materials for use by all councils.
- 4) Increase Scouting in housing developments, and how programs in public housing are of value to youth living there.

***Cub Training stats:**

Nationally 25.1% of all Cub leaders have completed both fast start and basic training. A slight increase over 23.1 last year. The best councils in the country range from 38.7 to 49.1 of Cub leaders trained.

***Council Packet - April 13th, 1995**

*** Commissioner's Newsletter for Spring 1995**

*** How Commissioners impact unit growth. With an emphasis on traditional unit growth - the number of Commissioners we have must keep pace to make sure the job of unit service gets done. New unit organization needs to have commissioners involved from day one. Good news: the number of dropped units is down.**

***The BSA has recharted 80.2% of all units in 1994, vs. 79.5% in 1993, 78.3% in 1992, 78.0 in 1991, and 74.79 in 1990. We had 12497 dropped units in 1994, vs. 12497 in 1993, 15005 in 1992, 16500 in 1991.**

***Service dates: May - troop uniform inspection, August - Unit program planning.**

***Commissioner Service as of 12/31/94**

Region	# of Units	# of Commissioners	# need to recruit
Northeast	23412	5745	2059
Southern	35255	7667	4085
Central	29630	8389	1488
Western	36924	9183	3125
NATIONAL	125221	30984	10757

***Reminder about the New Lone Scout Friend and Counselor Guidebook #7-420.**

***Job description and notes about the duty of a lone Scout Commissioner**

***Council Packet - May 5th, 1995**

*** A new logo and new promotional material is being developed for the World Friendship fund. The fund is a program that the BSA uses support Scouting in other nations (usually with direct cash donations to support a developing national Scouting program.) The international division of the BSA has materials available for summercamp use and campfire programming.**

*** Exploring Magazine is available in bulk order for use during recruitment drives or other programs. Cost: \$22.00 per 100.**

*** Boy's Life: National Report:**

Region:	% Subscribing	
	1995	vs. 1994
Northeast	48.3	+.5
Southern	46.9	+.1
Central	46.8	+.8
Western	35.5	-.3
TOTAL	44.6	+.2

***Supply Division Update: May 1995**

New/Revised Items:

***1996 Cub Scout/Webelos Program Helps #34302
\$2.30/complete set**

- *Exploring Communication Program Help #34642 \$5.00**
- *18th World Jamboree Flag \$198.00**
- *Fire Safety Merit Badge Pamphlet #33318 (name change and major revisions) \$1.85**
- *Highlights of District Volunteer recruiting (revision) #34730 \$.75**
- *Law Enforcement Exploring Uniform Bars:**
 - National Explorer Academy Attendance: #04034 \$.68**
 - National Conference Attendance: #04030 \$.68**
 - Eagle Scout Rank Bar: #04036 \$.68**
- *My Scout Advancement Trail #33424 \$.95**
- *Rappelling Venture Pamphlet - revised #33469 \$3.15**
- *OA Sweatshirt (from \$48.95 to \$61.75 depending on size)**
- *Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Pamphlet: revised #33368 \$1.95**
- *Woodbadge Neckerchief (new extra large size) #02213 \$10.20**
- *Merit Badge Counselor orientation circular - revised #34542, \$.25**
- *New or Redesigned Council Patches:**
 - Ozark Trails, MO #16903 \$2.30**
 - Old North State, NC #16970 \$1.90**
 - Lake Huron Area Council, MI, 16865 \$2.50**

Part 3 - BSA National Update from Mike McDonald

***Supply Division Tests Interactive Media**

National supply division has tested Kiosks with interactive CD players using Kodak photoCD technology. Using the theme "If you go the attitude we go the look" a

with test material focusing on uniforming. Advertising division is hoping to expand the technology, but no mention was made of future projects or if this one will be expanded to wide use in the field.

*If you are in the Order of the Arrow, get a copy of item #70-907, that is the supply division catalog supplement that highlights order of the Arrow items. Includes patches, clocks, rings, paperweights, books, etc.

*Supply division is selling a 85th anniversary Holiday ornament. \$8.95 Order form # 70-914.

***1996 National Explorer Leadership Conference Update**

*Location: Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ.

Cost: \$275

Dates: June 24-28, 1996

Competition in: Aviation, Fire/Rescue, Health Careers, Law, Outdoor, Engineering/Technology, Sports, and some new individual events.

***For My Patch Collector Friends (and other trivia lovers)**

Council Mergers from Jan, 1994 to present.

Council That Merged or Consolidated:	Remaining Council:	Date
Batavia, NY	Lockport, NY	1/1/94
Marion, OH & Vermillion, OH	Mansfield, OH	1/1/94
Portsmouth, OH & Chillicothe, OH	Columbus, OH	1/1/94
San Mateo, CA	Palo Alto, CA	1/1/94
San Luie Obispo, CA	Santa Barbara, CA	1/1/94
Bellingham, WA	Everett, WA	1/1/94
Burlington, NC	Greeneboro, NC	4/1/94
Paducah, KY	Owensboro, KY	7/1/94
Herrin, IL	St. Louis, MO	7/1/94
Joplin, MO	Springfield, MO	7/1/94
Hibbing, MN	Duluth, MN	8/1/94
Yantic, CT	Hartford, CT	1/1/95
Sarasota, FL	Ft. Myers, FL.	1/1/95

My apologies for spelling errors, my copy of this list was very poor (2nd or 3rd generation photocopy)

***Worth Noting:**

The April 1995 issue of "Sports Afield" Magazine has a paid advertising supplement about the Boy Scouts and their many conservation and education efforts.

***A New Exploring Marketing Flyer:**

National Exploring division has a new 3-fold flyer that introduces youth to Exploring. Useful at first nighters or to distribute through a School Guidance Counselor office. #23-165.

***Family Camping - Major Changes**

I spent over 18 hours at National Camping School in a classroom trying to understand the new BSA policies that effect family camping. I will post a much longer posting sometime in the near future with more details, but here is the "executive summary."

In response to insurance/liability issues as well as other issues that have been reported in past years the BSA is developing a program to manage "family camping." Family camping can be defined as any time an overnight opportunity is offered by the Council or a Pack/Troop/Post that encourages family members to attend (read that as having a program where adults and youth that are not registered with a unit are camping under the banner of "Scouting")

It includes:

- 1. Any council Mom & Me, Dad & Lad, Parent and Pal programs. Reasoning: In most cases the youth is a registered member but the parent is not. The parent needs insurance coverage.**
- 2. Any time a Scout family uses a council property for camping. Reasoning: same as above.**

- 3. Any unit that goes camping and invites parents, other siblings (male or female), etc. Reasoning: unregistered adults and youth need insurance coverage.**

It Does not Include:

- 1. Asking unregistered parents to go on a camping trip to provide leadership or transportation. Reasoning: The event is not open to the families of the Scouts, just to select adults that are needed. These adults are covered under the "being recruited to do join the unit" clause of our insurance.**
- 2. Having Webelos youth and parents go camping with a Boy Scout troop. Reasoning: Webelos camping is a "gray" area that is covered under existing safe-scouting guidelines and if done correctly is covered by our liability insurance.**

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

Most councils will implement standards for family camping that will most likely:

- 1) Limit family camping to council owned or managed property.**
- 2) Develop a group of trained family camping volunteers called "wagonmasters" that will coordinate all family camping.**
- 3) The council will appoint a "Family Camping Administrator" to review family camping activity in the council in conjunction with the Council camping committee. That person will need national camp school certification. I hold that job for my council.**

***Law Enforcement Exploring - "Pursuit"**

The National Law Enforcement Exploring Youth have put together

one of the sharpest looking newsletters I have seen in a long time. "The Pursuit" will be published "several" times a year as a communication tool to all Law Enforcement Exploring Posts to learn about national programs. P.S.: Law Enforcement Exploring is currently the largest category of specialty Exploring post in the BSA.

In the April Issue:

- * A greeting from Vinnie Montez - National Law Enforcement Exploring Youth Chairman.
- * A Staff listing of national/regional youth members; with address and phone.
- * General information about scholarships, awards, and the national conference.
- * A call for articles.
- * A special column will be published called "beyond the call of duty", as a way of giving recognition to Law Enforcement Explorers who best reflect the ideals of the Explorer code. Nominations for recognition in this column may be sent to The Pursuit.
- * Results of the 1994 National Law Enforcement Conference competitions.
- * They are looking for 2 youth contacts in each state to supplement the staff currently in place so as to better distribute information and get feedback.
- * You can reach the pursuit staff at: 200 Hawthorn Ave. Boulder, CO 80304.

***Update on the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference**

* **Dates: June 24 - June 29**

Location: Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff, AZ

Fee: About \$285

* **The committee is conducting a survey of all posts as part of**

a process of updating their firearms safety regulations and firearms use policy among the posts, and how that will effect firearms competition at the national conference. As of now .38 caliber revolvers will be used in the firearms competition. A key question involves the possible change in the program to allow semi-automatic weapon use in competition.

***Urban Scouting in the New - reminder:**

The Northeast Region (I'm not sure about the other regions), has published for a number of months "Urban Scouting in the News" it is distributed to Urban Scouting Professionals and key volunteers. If you work with inner-city or low-income units get a copy. It's has clips of newspaper articles from around the region with positive news about urban Scouting. It also lists training opportunities and resources for Urban Scouting (National launched last year "Operation First Class", in support of their emphasis to bring Scouting opportunities to areas that have been traditional under-served.)

***OSHA Form 200**

Regional alerts us to a new OSHA policy that effects our summer camp operations. OSHA form #200 now needs to be completed and maintained for 5 years in addition to a summary posted between Feb. 1 and Mar. 1 of each year. Check your local council health and safety people for more info, this stuff can get complex. Form #200 is titled: Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

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BSA National Update:
(News you can use from my desk to your E-mailbox)
In 4 Parts (and you thought EuroFax was long) (smile)

This one is long. I have responded to comments from many that my past updates were so brief that it was hard to understand. These updates are getting so long I may offer them more often or as a subscription mailing list. Send me your opinions.

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Don't take unnecessary risks - drive defensively.

Follow driver qualification rules on BSA tour permits and limit driver time behind wheel.

Have a seat belt for each passenger.

* An Urban Emphasis Conference is set for Philmont Scout Ranch for June 12-17. A focus will be made on understanding under-served markets and expanding traditional units in non-traditional populations.

* A Cub Scouting membership conference is set for July 24-29 at Philmont ranch, they will be looking at attracting a keeping members in Cub Scouting, they will look at a recent Gallup poll of members and members who have quit. They hope to produce "best methods" materials for use in Cub Scout membership management.

* The National Program group has approved and will soon distribute new Bike Safety Guidelines. Topic covered will include: Qualified supervision (skilled and over 21), Helmets and clothing (proper helmets and clothing to fit weather), Buddying up, Keeping to right of road, follow rules and laws, as well as common sense rules about maintenance and riding rules and planning.

* National Aviation Exploring conference set for University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma, with side trips to Tinker Air Force base, the FAA, and other locations. Cost: \$325, it will be June 13-18.

* Information and definitions of the various personal health and medical records for Scouts and Scouter:

Class 1 - day camp, overnight hikes, and other program lasting less than 72 hours (same type of info gathered on the back of a standard youth application form) Parents attest to health history and give permission to treat. Update annually.

Class 2 - Conducted by a licensed physician, required every 36 months for members under 40. A class 1 is filled out first to assist formal medical exam.

Needed for resident camp as well as activities - backpacking, tour camping, or any event lasting longer than 72 hours that are similar in stress as normal home and school activities. For more stressful/physical events -use a class 3.

Class 3 - Filled out by all members 40 years or older, or by youth members who are doing High adventure programs, and by all wood badge participants and staff.

Part 2 - BSA National Update from Mike McDonald

*Scouting in the news insert

National has inserted in Pro Speak clipping from newspaper from all over the nation that show Scouting in a positive light. Interesting reading.

*An Article about the Sam Houston Area Council's Whitney Young Jr. Service Award Dinner - the award recipient was Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee. The Whitney Young Jr. award was created by the BSA in 1978 to honor Whitney M. Young Jr. a civil rights spokesman and executive director of the Urban League from 1961 - 1971. Nominations are made by the local council for adults who have made a major contribution to bringing Scouting to low-income youth. Applications are processed by the National Office - Urban and Rural Field Service.

*The Urban Emphasis committee of the national office evaluates the first year of "Operation First Class." After a year of working with councils to develop or expand programs that will help bring Scouting to inner-city neighborhoods and low-income areas things are going well.

Four recommendations are offered to improve things:

- 1) Enhance marketing efforts to penetrate even more urban communities, especially the Asian Community.
- 2) Involve the task force in the developing and planning of future marketing material.
- 3) Distribute "best methods" materials for use by all councils.
- 4) Increase Scouting in housing developments, and how programs in public housing are of value to youth living there.

*Cub Training stats:

Nationally 25.1% of all Cub leaders have completed both fast start and basic training. A slight increase over 23.1 last year. The best councils in the country range from 38.7 to 49.1 of Cub leaders trained.

*Council Packet - April 13th, 1995

* Commissioner's Newsletter for Spring 1995

* How Commissioners impact unit growth. With an emphasis on traditional unit growth - the number of Commissioners we have must keep pace to make sure the job of unit service gets done. New unit organization needs to have commissioners involved from day one. Good news: the number of dropped units is down.

*The BSA has recharted 80.2% of all units in 1994, vs. 79.5% in 1993, 78.3% in 1992, 78.0 in 1991, and 74.79 in 1990. We had 12497 dropped units in 1994, vs. 12497 in 1993, 15005 in 1992, 16500 in 1991.

*Service dates: May - troop uniform inspection, August - Unit program planning.

*Commissioner Service as of 12/31/94

	# of	# of	# need
Region	Units	Commissioners	to recruit
Northeast	23412	5745	2059
Southern	35255	7667	4085
Central	29630	8389	1488
Western	36924	9183	3125
NATIONAL	125221	30984	10757

*Reminder about the New Lone Scout Friend and Counselor Guidebook #7-420.

*Job description and notes about the duty of a lone Scout Commissioner

***Council Packet - May 5th, 1995**

*** A new logo and new promotional material is being developed for the World Friendship fund. The fund is a program that the BSA uses support Scouting in other nations (usually with direct cash donations to support a developing national Scouting program.) The international division of the BSA has materials available for summercamp use and campfire programming.**

*** Exploring Magazine is available in bulk order for use during recruitment drives or other programs. Cost: \$22.00 per 100.**

*** Boy's Life: National Report:**

	% Subscribing	
Region:	1995	vs. 1994
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Northeast	48.3	+.5
Southern	46.9	+.1
Central	46.8	+.8
Western	35.5	-.3
TOTAL	44.6	+.2

***Supply Division Update: May 1995**

New/Revised Items:

***1996 Cub Scout/Webelos Program Helps #34302**

\$2.30/complete set

***Exploring Communication Program Help #34642 \$5.00**

***18th World Jamboree Flag \$198.00**

***Fire Safety Merit Badge Pamphlet #33318 (name change and major revisions) \$1.85**

***Highlights of District Volunteer recruiting (revision) #34730 \$.75**

***Law Enforcement Exploring Uniform Bars:**

National Explorer Academy Attendance: #04034 \$.68

National Conference Attendance: #04030 \$.68

Eagle Scout Rank Bar: #04036 \$.68

***My Scout Advancement Trail #33424 \$.95**

***Rappelling Venture Pamphlet - revised #33469 \$3.15**

***OA Sweatshirt (from \$48.95 to \$61.75 depending on size)**

***Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Pamphlet: revised #33368 \$1.95**

***Woodbadge Neckerchief (new extra large size) #02213 \$10.20**

***Merit Badge Counselor orientation circular - revised**

#34542, \$.25

*New or Redesigned Council Patches:

Ozark Trails, MO #16903 \$2.30

Old North State, NC #16970 \$1.90

Lake Huron Area Council, MI, 16865 \$2.50

Part 3 - BSA National Update from Mike McDonald

*Supply Division Tests Interactive Media

National supply division has tested Kiosks with interactive CD players using Kodak photoCD technology. Using the theme "If you go the attitude we go the look" a with test material focusing on uniforming. Advertising division is hoping to expand the technology, but no mention was made of future projects or if this one will be expanded to wide use in the field.

*If you are in the Order of the arrow, get a copy of item #70-907, that is the supply division catalog supplement that highlights order of the arrow items. Includes patches, clocks, rings, paperweights, books, etc.

*Supply division is selling a 85th anniversary Holiday ornament. \$8.95 Order form # 70-914.

*1996 National Explorer Leadership Conference Update

*Location: Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ.

Cost: \$275

Dates: June 24-28, 1996

Competition in: Aviation, Fire/Rescue, Health Careers, Law, Outdoor, Engineering/Technology, Sports, and some new individual events.

*For My Patch Collector Friends (and other trivia lovers)

Council Mergers from Jan, 1994 to present.

Council That Merged or Consolidated:	Remaining Council:	Date
Batavia, NY	Lockport, NY	1/1/94
Marion, OH & Vermillion, OH	Mansfield, OH	1/1/94
Portsmouth, OH & Chillicothe, OH	Columbus, OH	1/1/94
San Mateo, CA	Palo Alto, CA	1/1/94
San Luie Obispo, CA	Santa Barbara, CA	1/1/94
Bellingham, WA	Everett, WA	1/1/94

Burlington, NC	Greeneboro, NC	4/1/94
Paducah, KY	Owensboro, KY	7/1/94
Herrin, IL	St. Louis, MO	7/1/94
Joplin, MO	Springfield, MO	7/1/94
Hibbing, MN	Duluth, MN	8/1/94
Yantic, CT	Hartford, CT	1/1/95
Sarasota, FL	Ft. Myers, FL.	1/1/95

My apologies for spelling errors, my copy of this list was very poor (2nd or 3rd generation photocopy)

***Worth Noting:**

The April 1995 issue of "Sports Afield" Magazine has a paid advertising supplement about the Boy Scouts and their many conservation and education efforts.

***A New Exploring Marketing Flyer:**

National Exploring division has a new 3-fold flyer that introduces youth to Exploring. Useful at first nighters or to distribute through a School Guidance Counselor office. #23-165.

***Family Camping - Major Changes**

I spent over 18 hours at National Camping School in a classroom trying to understand the new BSA policies that effect family camping. I will post a much longer posting sometime in the near future with more details, but here is the "executive summary."

In response to insurance/liability issues as well as other issues that have been reported in past years the BSA is developing a program to manage "family camping." Family camping can be defined as any time an overnight

0 opportunity is offered by the Council or a Pack/Troop/Post that encourages family members to attend (read that as having a program where adults and youth that are not registered with a unit are camping under the banner of "Scouting")

It includes:

1. Any council Mom & Me, Dad & Lad, Parent and Pal programs. Reasoning: In most cases the youth is a registered member but the parent is not. The parent needs insurance coverage.
2. Any time a Scout family uses a council property for camping. Reasoning: same as above.

3. Any unit that goes camping and invites parents, other siblings (male or female), etc. Reasoning: unregistered adults and youth need insurance coverage.

It Does not Include:

1. Asking unregistered parents to go on a camping trip to provide leadership or transportation. Reasoning: The event is not open to the families of the Scouts, just to select adults that are needed. These adults are covered under the "being recruited to do join the unit" clause of our insurance.
2. Having Webelos youth and parents go camping with a Boy Scout troop. Reasoning: Webelos camping is a "gray" area that is covered under existing safe-scouting guidelines and if done correctly is covered by our liability insurance.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

Most councils will implement standards for family camping that will most likely:

- 1) Limit family camping to council owned or managed property.
- 2) Develop a group of trained family camping volunteers called "wagonmasters" that will coordinate all family camping.
- 3) The council will appoint a "Family Camping Administrator" to review family camping activity in the council in conjunction with the Council camping committee. That person will need national camp school certification. I hold that job for my council.

MUCH MORE DUE SOON.....

Part 4 - BSA National Update from Mike McDonald

***Law Enforcement Exploring - "Pursuit"**

The National Law Enforcement Exploring Youth have put together one of the sharpest looking newsletters I have seen in a long time. "The Pursuit" will be published "several" times a year as a communication tool to all Law Enforcement Exploring Posts to learn about national programs. P.S.: Law Enforcement Exploring is currently the largest category of specialty Exploring post in the BSA.

In the April Issue:

- * A greeting from Vinnie Montez - National Law Enforcement Exploring Youth Chairman.
- * A Staff listing of national/regional youth members; with address and phone.
- * General information about scholarships, awards, and the national conference.
- * A call for articles.
- * A special column will be published called "beyond the call of duty", as a way of giving recognition to Law Enforcement Explorers who best reflect the ideals of the Explorer code. Nominations for recognition in this column may be sent to The Pursuit.
- * Results of the 1994 National Law Enforcement Conference competitions.
- * They are looking for 2 youth contacts in each state to supplement the staff currently in place so as to better distribute information and get feedback.
- * You can reach the pursuit staff at: 200 Hawthorn Ave. Boulder, CO 80304.

***Update on the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference**

- * Dates: June 24 - June 29
Location: Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff, AZ
Fee: About \$285
- * The committee is conducting a survey of all posts as part of a process of updating their firearms safety regulations and firearms use policy among the posts, and how that will effect firearms competition at the national conference. As of now .38 caliber revolvers will be used in the firearms competition. A key question involves the possible change in the program to allow semi-automatic weapon use in competition.

***Urban Scouting in the New - reminder:**

The Northeast Region (I'm not sure about the other regions), has published for a number of months "Urban Scouting in the News" it is distributed to Urban Scouting Professionals and key volunteers. If you work with inner-city or low-income units get a copy. It's has clips of newspaper articles from around the region with positive news about urban Scouting. It also lists training opportunities and resources for Urban Scouting (National launched last year "Operation First Class", in support of their emphasis to bring Scouting opportunities

to areas that have been traditional under-served.)

***OSHA Form 200**

Regional alerts us to a new OSHA policy that effects our summer camp operations. OSHA form #200 now needs to be completed and maintained for 5 years in addition to a summary posted between Feb. 1 and Mar. 1 of each year. Check your local council health and safety people for more info, this stuff can get complex. Form #200 is titled: Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

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