

## 2010 HISTORICAL MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

It is hard to believe that just one hundred years ago, when a Scout earned the Signaling merit badge, that Scout most likely lived in a home with no telephone and probably no electricity. It was a time when there were no power tools, no Home Depots to shop, no TV, no radio, and no cell phones. Scouts of that period were very likely taught to be self-sufficient and were able to build their own furniture, which was actually used. Their neighborhoods were different too. Everyone knew one another. There were few gas stations, and instead of mega supermarkets, there were only locally run grocery stores, pharmacies, and general stores.



must be started and completed during the centennial year, starting April 1, 2010, through Dec. 31, 2010. The historical merit badges are **Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling, and Tracking**, which were all released between 1910 and 1911. In addition to completing the same requirements as Scouts did a century ago, today's Scouts will learn what their counterpart in 1910 might have experienced. They will learn why Morse code might have been important during a period when most homes had no TV, radio, computer, telephone, or electricity.

The value of the program for young people is to understand the changes in 100 years of Scouting.

To allow today's youth members to experience a piece of Scouting's past, the BSA's 2010 Historical Merit Badge program will bring back four discontinued merit badges. These merit badges

This is a fun way for our youth members to experience firsthand the great heritage of the Boy Scouts of America.

## 2010 SCOUTING STAMP

The U.S. Postal Service gave Scouting 'a stamp of approval' to honor 100 years of the U.S. Scouting movement. The *Celebrate Scouting* stamp coincides with the Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary. The design, created by illustrator Craig Frazier of Mill Valley, CA, depicts the spirit and outdoor adventure of Scouting through a backpacking Scout and a large silhouette of a Scout surveying the landscape.

"I am very proud to represent the United States Postal Service as we unveil the artwork for the Scouting commemorative stamp to be released in 2010 and to recognize what Scouting has done for boys and girls alike for more than 100 years," said USPS Sustainability Vice President, Samuel M. Pulcrano. "I learned a great many things from Scouting when I was a boy, and many of those lessons came from my father who served as my Assistant Scoutmaster. The experience made such an impression on me that I now serve as Assistant Scoutmaster for my son's troop." The Scouting stamp will be dedicated in July 2010 at the Boy Scout National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, VA.



New Boy Scout U.S. Postal Stamp to be released July 2010

## CUB SCOUT SERVICE

Cub Scout Pack 75, from Stratford, participated in a Christmas Gift Box Program for Covenant To Care, a nonprofit, private agency working with faith communities to meet the needs of abused, neglected and impoverished children and teens. Through a network of volunteers, individual donors, and businesses, they work to foster caring and nurturing environments for children and youth. This was the third year that Pack 75

worked through Covenant To Care's Adopt A Social Worker program to provide gift boxes to children in need. Boxes were filled with items of clothing, gift cards, toys and personal care items. They were wrapped and collected at the December Pack meeting. Meral Pruitt, Regional Coordinator for the Adopt A Social Worker Program came to the Pack meeting to collect the donations.

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## LOCAL SEA SCOUT HELPS PRESENT REPORT TO THE NATION

Each year a select group of Scouts is invited to give the Report to the Nation to the US Congress. This year, eight Scouts from different parts of the country came together to be a part of this historical event. The Scouts who were picked embodied the spirit and values that Americans have come to associate with Scouting. The delegation represented over 3.8 million members of the Boy Scouts, Order of the Arrow, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Webelos, and Cub Scouts. This year, **Connor Rieve from Bethel**, had the honor of representing Sea Scouts as the National Boatswain.

While the delegation was in D.C., they had the opportunity to visit many sites. They went to Goddard Space Center, attended Sunday service at the National Cathedral and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. There they received a behind the scenes tour and saw the collection of birds, mammals, and mummies that the scientists were currently studying. In the evening the delegation did a walking tour of the Na-

tional Mall and visited the Vietnam Wall, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and other monuments.

One of the most honored days of the trip started at Arlington National Cemetery where they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then shortly after, they traveled to the Pentagon and had lunch with Lt. General Austin, General Casey, Chief of Staff of the Army and Admiral Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Connor then had the honor of presenting the BSA Commemorative coin as a gift to the Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, (shown above) who is a Distinguished Eagle Scout.

The delegation presented the official 2009 Report to the Nation at the Capital building to the Secretaries of the House and Senate. This was the trip of a lifetime for Connor Rieve.

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## CONNECTICUT YANKEE EARNS QUALITY COUNCIL AWARD

The Scouts, leaders and supporters of the Connecticut Yankee Council can be proud to be a part of a Quality Council.

Just like each pack, troop, crew or post is measured against a set of benchmarks for Centennial Quality Unit, so is the Council. It was with great pride that our Council earned Centennial Quality Council status in 2009 (one of only 17 councils in the Northeast Region to earn the award) and we are looking forward to continuing that trend for 2010 by increasing the number of youth we serve, balancing our budget, running a quality program, increasing ratio of



commissioners to units, maintaining or growing our professional staff size, and increasing our local endowment fund.

Our Council's Key Three (Louis Salute, Scout Executive; Christopher Caruso, Council President; and John Farley, Council Commissioner) accepted the 2009 Centennial Quality Council Award on behalf of all the volunteers and professional staff of the Connecticut Yankee Council from Jim Wilson, Northeast Region President, at the Regional Board Meeting in Lancaster, PA.

## NEW DINING HALL CONSTRUCTION AT DEER LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION



Watch for details of the Fall 2010 Dining Hall dedication coming in the next issue of the Camp Sight.



## MEET SEA SCOUT - CONNOR RIEVE



Connor Rieve joined Sea Scouts at age 14 and attained the rank of Quartermaster. In summer 2006 he participated in Texas SEAL and earned the prestigious SEAL pin. Connor received the United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award for academic achievement and was chosen to attend as a SWAB on the summer training cruise aboard the United States Coast

Guard Barque Eagle sailing from Newport, Rhode Island, to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He also participated in the Youth Services Opportunity Project working in a local homeless shelter in Washington, D.C. Connor is a junior at Pennsylvania College of Technology, studying residential building construction management. He is the 2010 National Sea Scouts Boatswain.

## EAGLE DINNER



On June 10, the Connecticut Yankee Council will recognize the achievements of the 225 Eagle Scouts who achieved Scouting's highest rank in 2009. As part of the day's festivities, Eagle Scouts will have the opportunity to work with a mentor in a career field of their choosing and shadow that person at their place of business. With nearly 100 Scouts expected to attend, we are in need of an equal number of mentors/sponsors in various fields. The mentor will also sponsor the cost of the Scout's attendance at the dinner. All are welcome to attend including Eagle Alumni, Scout volunteers, parents, friends, and family. The event is being held at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. If you would like more information, please contact Brian Landi at (203) 876-6868, Ext. 257 or at [brian.landi@scouting.org](mailto:brian.landi@scouting.org)

## CLOSING SHOW OF JAMBOREE LIVE - JULY 31st



As part of our ongoing 100th Anniversary Celebration, the Connecticut Yankee Council will join Scouting organizations across the country for the historic "A Shining Light Across America" broadcast on July 31. "A Shining Light Across America" marks the first time in BSA history that the entire Scouting community – past, present, and future – will have the opportunity to join together and experience the inspirational Centennial Celebration Show from the National Scout Jamboree via webcast and satellite broadcast technologies.

We hope you'll join our Council "Shining Light" event at the Sports Center of Connecticut in Shelton, where you can experience a variety of Scouting activities and

entertainment leading up to the inspirational "Shining Light" nationwide broadcast at 8 p.m. "This is truly a unique, once-in-a-life-time opportunity for Scouting friends and family, and the entire Connecticut Yankee Council community, to come together in celebration of Scouting, its rich heritage, exciting present, and bright future," says Louis D. Salute, Scout Executive. Our event will be one of hundreds of "Shining Light" events taking place across the country on July 31. Check our website for details <http://www.ctyankee.org/>

A few select locations will also be able to transmit their unique "Shining Light" activities back to

the National Scout Jamboree arena that evening. "This event will not only shine a positive light on Scouting throughout our community," says Salute, "It will also allow us to build pride in our membership base, provide an opportunity to demonstrate the relevance of Scouting today, and give us a venue to showcase the passion and reach of our organization."

