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NEW BSA HEADLINES:

THANKS for GIVING – How often do we take the opportunity to say Thank You?

Each of our Scout units have those special, often "behind-the-scenes" volunteers who go to work and get the job done … these are those parents or other leaders who are truly a God Send to a specific event or activity, or the overall operations of the unit itself! How often do we Scout leaders say Thank You?

All 86 Apache Scout units – Packs, Troops, Crews – have a way to express a special Thank you!

Each year at the Apache Awards Banquet we give a very special recognition to Unit volunteers with the God Send Award. This award is YOUR way to publicly say Thank You to that special person. But it is up to you to furnish us their name. This "GOD SEND" award is a Scout name-tag which has their NAME, UNIT # and the YEAR.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR NOMINEES INFORMATION, AND YOUR APACHE AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION(s) in NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4.

Reminder, the Awards Banquet is in Oxford Hall – Myers Park Presbyterian Church – on Thursday December 12, 2013 - $15.00 per person (you may pay at the door).

Email God Send Nomination to John Bittinger at jbittinger@bsamail.org
Email Dinner Reservations to Del Whittaker at delwhittaker@msn.com

MOM TO MOM RECEPTION: The Apache District is pleased to invite Scout moms (and dads) to a Mom to Mom BSA Reception for meeting and greeting District and Council Scout leaders and to learn person to person about programs for your sons and daughters. We will not have a formal or lecture program. We will not be offering refreshments. Our volunteer leaders would like to share their knowledge so that Scout mothers and fathers can plan now with their sons and daughters to enrich their summers of 2014 and beyond with Scouting and other activities. No advance registration is required.

Our program is still maturing so we ask you to be "Semper Gumbi" [Always Flexible]. We will have representatives to talk with you about:

- ♣ Mecklenburg County Council Scouting, Present and Future—Mark Turner, Scout Executive
- ♣ Camp Grimes (summer camp)
- ♣ Cub Scout Day Camp (summer camp)
- ♣ Webelos Adventure Camp (summer camp)
- ♣ Order of the Arrow
- ♣ Philmont Training Center for training and family programs
  See http://philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/PTC2PGE.pdf
- ♣ Training for Scouts:
  - SEALS
  - NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) (girls and boys)
  - Powder Horn training for Scouts 14 and older (girls and boys)

- ♣ Commissioner Service
- ♣ Venturing (for girls and boys 14 years old and older)
- ♣ United States National Whitewater Center summer camps (girls and boys)
  http://usnwc.org/learn/summer-camp/
- ♣ Charlotte Youth Rowing
  See http://www.eteamz.com/charlotteyouthrowing/
- ♣ CPCC summer camps (girls and boys)
  For 2013 information see
  http://www.cpcc.edu/news/enrollment-now-open-to-cpcc2019s-2013-stem-summer-experience-1
- ♣ UNCC summer camps (girls and boys)
  See http://summercamps.uncc.edu/

Please go to our web site: www.mccapache.org. for more details.

BSA NATIONAL NEWS:

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS:

DISTRICT ITEMS:

APACHE DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET is scheduled for **December 12th** at Myers Park Presbyterian Church located at 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, NC 28207. The festivities start at 6:30 PM IN Oxford Hall and the cost is $15.00 per person. Please respond to Del Whittaker at: delwhittaker@msn.com. with your RSVP so we can have an accurate expectation of the total headcount that will be attending. You can pay at the MCC office and/or at the door the night of the banquet. If units are paying as one, please include the names of those folks that will be attending. **Reservation deadline is December 1st.**

This is our opportunity to recognize many of our scout leaders for their contributions to the youth of our district. Some of the awards presented will be the Cub Scout Leader of the Year; the Boy Scout Leader of the Year; Venture Leader of the Year; and, the Apache District Awards of Merit.

One other award that will be given out is the Annual Unit God Send Award that can be presented to one member of each unit that has shown the dedication and service to making a difference for that unit.

Nominations for all awards should be submitted to John Bittinger by November 15, 2013 so we can get awards properly made. Please go to the district website: http://www.mccscouting.org/Districts/Apache/DistrictAwards.aspx to get a copy of the nomination form. You can drop them by the council office or email them directly to john.bittinger@scouting.org.

Our goal is to get at least one person from each unit attending this event. Please support the district and help us recognize some of our many outstanding adult volunteers.

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Cub Scout Pack 55 chartered by Myers Park Presbyterian Church has launched their 2nd Annual Christmas Tree and Wreath sale. Trees can be ordered by height

6-7 ft._____ $50.00 each

7-8 ft._____ $60.00 each

8-9 ft._____ $80.00 each

9-10 ft._____ $100.00 each

10-11 ft._____ $140.00 each

Wreaths and Table Top trees are also available.

Wreaths (24" Outside Diameter) _____ $20.00 each

Tabletop Tree (2-3' Height) _____ $25.00 each

Pack 55 guarantees your satisfaction with your order.

You can pick up your tree or wreath at
the Myers Park Presbyterian Church OUTREACH CENTER on Friday, December 6, Noon to 7:00pm, or on Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am to 7:00pm. You can contact Mr. Charles Jonas at 704 661 3738 for an order form or more information.Pack 55 thanks you for your support of Scouting and wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Key Apache District Dates:

Apache District Recognition Banquet December 12th, MP Pres. Oxford Hall

Apache Web Site Helps: Please go to our district web site at www.mccapache.org for two segments that we believe will be beneficial to both units and adult leaders. The first segment is aptly named Around the Campfire where unit leaders, parents and friends can see potential options for a weekend or day trip, suggestions where Eagle projects are needed, and just good old discussion topics. There is also an excellent resource guide for new parents to learn more about the BSA terminology as well as suggested gear guides for your families.

There is also a Fundraising Section where units can post specific information about an upcoming fund raising event so folks outside their immediate unit may have the option to participate and help out.

TRAINING:

ORDER OF THE ARROW:

The Catawba Lodge Annual Banquet will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013 @ Belk Scout Camp. Come to the Annual Banquet to celebrate the year with your fellow brothers. Enjoy great food, while listening to an inspirational speaker and having fun with friends. This is also a time to award and help celebrate our amazing lodge members. Hope to see you there! Registration deadline is November 26th. Register at the Council Office - cost $13.

To Submit a Notice:

If you have any information you would like to share with the district, please send that information to e-newsletter@apachemcc.org and it will be forwarded to the team to be added. Please make sure you have your contact information included should there be any questions.

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