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Scout-O-Rama 2002: "Building Character--We can do it!"

"The Great Salt Lake Council is holding its annual Scout-O-Rama for 2002 on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the Utah State Fairpark. Scout-O-Rama is one of Utah's most outstanding events, and is the largest show of its kind in the nation. Families, Scouters, business partners, and community friends come together to enjoy great Scouting activities. The experiences and memories obtained from participating at this great event are priceless.

"Scout-O-Rama is also a great fund raising opportunity for all scouting units. What a great way to help pay for awards, equipment, supplies, and camping fees. Units receive a 15 percent commission on every ticket sold which is doubled to 30 percent of total sales if the unit participates at the event with a booth.

"Ticket sales begin on Saturday, March 9, and continue through Scout-O-Rama on May 4. Units can obtain their tickets at their respective District Kickoff Centers on March 9. SOR organizers recommend the leaders arrive at the Kickoff Center by 8:30 a.m. to pick up their tickets. (Refer to the Scout-O-Rama Leader's Guide or contact your District Scout-O-Rama Chair for the location of your District's Kickoff Center). Tickets are easy to sell since each ticket costs only \$5.00 and will admit the entire family to the show on May 4, plus with each ticket the family receives valuable discount coupons (value exceeding \$50) redeemable at local businesses and sponsors of Scout-O-Rama.

"Boys who sell tickets receive individual prizes! The more tickets they sell, the more prizes they receive! The prizes "accumulate" with each level, and boys may earn prizes worth hundreds of dollars! Boys are encouraged to

participate in the sales program and earn the great prizes. Boys should wear their uniform and a big smile when selling since this has proved in the past to increase the sales results.

"Units should plan to have a booth or exhibit at the show on May 4 so they can demonstrate skills and activities that they have learned. Units should start planning now! Ideas, safety guidelines, and recognitions for the booths can be found in the Scout-O-Rama Leader's Guide.

"Booth applications may be brought to a monthly roundtable or to your District Kickoff Center on March 9. Simply decide what you're going to do in your booth, if you want an indoor or outdoor booth, the space needed, electrical needs, etc., fill out the application and join us for great fun. There are special collector's patches for having a booth and participating at the Scout-O-Rama show. When planning your booth or exhibit, encourage audience participation and Scout involvement--make it fun!

"Plan to participate in the Great Salt Lake Council's biggest community activity. With all of the hands-on and interactive exhibits, everyone can get excited about the value of the Scouting program. It's fun for any age to be involved. We invite all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers plus all leaders and family member to come and be involved. This event is for all of you!

"We'll see you at the State Fairpark on May 4 for the 2002 Scout-O-Rama event. Remember, the theme for Scout-O-Rama 2002 is "Building Character - We Can Do It!" Don't miss it! See you there!"

Additional information is available at
<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/sor/index.htm>.

Annual food drive planned

Scouting for Food is a nationwide effort in which Boy Scouts of all ages collect food. Three Utah Scout councils, Great Salt Lake, Utah National Parks, and Trapper Trails, will team up on Saturday, March 23, for the 2002 food drive. Items collected in the Utah drive will go to the Utah Food Bank and the State Hunger Network. Service is Varsity Scouting at its best.

Commissioners to meet

This year's College of Commissioner Science is scheduled Saturday, March 23, at Camp Tracy. The college offers training for unit commissioners, leaders, and committee members.

Four degree courses are available: Basic, Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral. For more information, visit <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/commissioner.htm>

Eagle breakfast planned

The annual Eagle Breakfast of Champions is scheduled on Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. at the South Towne Exposition Center, 9575 South State Street, in Sandy.

All young men who received their Eagle Award in 2001 are invited along with an adult partner. Eagle Scouts are admitted free to the breakfast. Tickets for the adult partner are \$14.00.

The Guest Speaker and Champion Award Recipient is President Thomas S. Monson, first counselor in the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Details are available on the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/eagle.htm>. Additional information is available by calling the service center at 582-3663 or send e-mail to council@gslc-bsa.org.

Advancement forms online

Advancement Record Forms are valuable tools for keeping track of advancement. Downloadable forms to track Boy Scout and Cub Scout advancement are available on the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/bs/advancement/advtools.htm>. Two formats (PDF and editable MS Excel 5.0) are available

Varsity Quality Leader award

announced

New Quality Leader awards for Cub Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, Varsity Scout Leaders, Venturing Leaders, Commissioners, District Leaders, and Council Leaders in the Great Salt Lake Council have been announced (see <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/awards/quality/qlvarsity.htm>.)

To earn the Varsity Quality Leader Award, leaders must complete a minimum of 20 requirements. Leaders may download our printable Scout Leader Quality Leader Award Form (95 Kb PDF), <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/awards/quality/documents/qlleader.pdf>.

Must achieve 20 of 25 to qualify as a quality leader. (Ten starred (*) items are required, plus, ten additional items = 20 total.)

1. Be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America.*
2. Attend or receive the "Fast Start" training course.*
3. Complete both parts of "Basic Training" in Varsity Scouting.*
 - a. New Leader Essentials Training.
 - b. Scout Leader Specific Training for your current position.
4. Complete "Youth Protection Training."**
5. Provide a Scouting program on a twelve month basis.*
6. Attend eight monthly Roundtables.*
7. Attend eight Unit Committee or Key-Scouters meetings.*
8. Attend one annual long-term camp.*
9. Earn the Quality Unit Award.*
10. Meet with your Unit or District Commissioner.*
11. Show your Scout Spirit.
12. Work with boy leaders in planning weekly, monthly and annual programs.
13. Use the patrol method and have the patrol/team/officer seminars.
14. Encourage the boy leaders to attend Junior Leader Training .
15. Hold four Courts of Honors and/or Parents' Nights per year.
16. Participate in one Council/District activity per year.
17. Participate in one Council/District service project. (i.e., Scouting for Food)
18. Participate in four Unit service projects per year.
19. Provide opportunities for the youth to work

effectively with other adult leaders on the advancement program.

20. Earn the National Camping Award.
21. Attend supplemental training. (i.e. Extended Training or University of Scouting.)
22. Attend Wood Badge Training.
23. Participate in a Boys' Life promotion.
24. Participate in a Re-Charter of your unit.
25. Explain how the aims and mission of the Boy Scouts of America prepare youth for the future.

VS Basic Training offered

We know that every Varsity Scout coach's time is valuable, and the opportunities for training are not always convenient. As we learn of opportunities for basic training the information will be posted on the council web site (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/training/index.htm>). Check back often so that you can have that opportunity for the training that will help you in becoming the greatest Varsity coach ever.

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
10	6855 W 3800 S	3/16/2002	8:00 a.m.
4	Granite Stake 2005 S 900 E	4/13/2002	8:00 a.m.
10	7735 W 3500 S	4/27/2002	8:00 a.m.
1	TBA	10/12/2002	TBA

Council roundtable report

Sports and tournaments were the topic of discussion at February's council roundtable.

The High Adventure/Sports field of emphasis is detailed in chapter 5 (pages 50-97) of the Varsity Scout Guidebook (pages 96-97 cover the Varsity Scout Sports Program).

"When Varsity Scout teams select a sport as their high adventure/sports field of emphasis (anything from basketball or volleyball to bowling or golf), they may find that their council or district is in a position to organize sporting events and tournaments involving teams from throughout the district or council. Most of these activities are designed to encourage every member of each team to participate." (Varsity Scout Guidebook, p.108.)

"Athletics are a tremendous interest to many Varsity Scouts. As a part of the Varsity Scout program, activities built on sports can offer young men many valuable experiences....

"A sport becomes part of a team's annual program planning clinic as an activity for the coming year....

The following Varsity Scout team sports program features include those Varsity Scouts choose most often. Available at the Scout Service Center and Scout Shops, Varsity Scout Program Features, volumes I-III, explain the basics of each sport and provide pointers on successfully incorporating the sport into a team's activities—basketball, bowling, cross-country skiing, roller hockey, shooting sports, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, and waterskiing." (Varsity Scout Guidebook, pp. 96-97.)

Varsity Scout Program Feature Reports:

Advancement: Adult leaders were encouraged to help boys earn the Varsity Letter and Denali award.

The council has prepared a one-page document listing which BSA requirements fill requirements for the new Duty to God youth religious award which may be earned by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Volunteers are available to make presentations at district roundtables as well as stake bishopric meetings. The award will be promoted at On Belay.

High Adventure: Operation On Target (July 20) was highlighted by Dave Walker.

Representatives will be on hand at both the Scout-O-Rama and the Big Event to provide instruction, answer questions, and give boys a chance to make their own signal mirrors. Organizers also hope to establish a central signal point in a downtown building, offering an additional contact site as well as providing access to scouts with physical disabilities. Walker also reminded leaders of the annual Turkey Shoot in October.

Special Programs & Events: Scout-O-Rama booth registration and ticket sales begin Saturday, March 9.

The Big Event (June 20-22) is considered a Jamboral, not a long-term council camp.

Training: Adult leaders are encouraged to register for On Belay (August 12-17). Unit coaches will act as course assistant coaches. Applications for adult and youth staff openings are being accepted.

A syllabus for the new Varsity Scout leader basic training is being reviewed and will be available to district and council trainers soon.

Promotion: Full color posters advertising On Belay and the Big Event were distributed to

district vice chairmen. The posters were designed by Cathie Lytle.

Future Roundtable Schedule

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council roundtable on the third Wednesday of each month at Camp Tracy. Members will receive training which they can then pass on to the coaches and other leaders at the district roundtable the following month.

Dates and themes for upcoming council roundtables follows:

March 20, 2002: Scout-O-Rama

April 17, 2002: Big Event, On Target

May 15, 2002: Best Campsites in the Council, Model Campsite

2002 Varsity calendar

Scouting for Food Drive, Saturday, March 23

Scout-O-Rama, Saturday, May 4

Big Event, Thursday-Saturday, June 20-22

Operation On-Target, Saturday, July 20

On Belay leader training, August 12-17

Turkey Shoot, Saturday, October 26

Big Event History

The first Varsity Rendezvous was to help celebrate the Mountain Men who entered this area in 1898. It was a rousing success, with over 250 participants. It was one of the greatest summers on record, and so wet that there was no way that you could keep dry, but we had a darn good time.

As soon as the first camp came down, we started talking about AGoing Annual.@ The second year was even better, we had nearly 300 participants. We found a groove the next summer and changed the name to AThe Big Event@ to signify the types of activities that Varsity Scouts and their leaders could experience. The Big Event has continued to grow in numbers of participants and activities. There are now about 50 different activities for the 1500 boys and their 300 leaders to participate in and about 200 staff members who make it happen.

Paul Aldus is the Big Event Chairman this year. Although this is his first year as the Event Chairman, he has been with the Big Event for many years in many different responsibilities.

New High Adventure camp available for Varsity Scouts

A new high adventure program is available for Varsity and Venture Scouts attending the East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation.

Participants will be able to complete skill and advancement requirements through experience, not lectures. Two options are available, the Uinta Challenge and the Grizzly Adams Experience. Both programs are available to both teams or crews and individuals.

The registration fee is \$188 per person (based on a six-day trip), and includes a specialized menu. For more information visit the council web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/>, e-mail extreme@gslc-bsa.org, or call Dan Warlick at 582-3663, ext. 222.

Advance training offered

Registration is under way for Wood Badge for the 21st Century—a single training program for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, council and district leaders, and professionals. Three of the popular advanced training courses are offered in the Great Salt Lake Council this year.

The spring weekend course will be held at Camp Tracy in April, the summer week-long course at the Travis Training Center at the East Fork of the Bear Boy Scout Camp runs August 5-10, and the fall weekend course at Camp Tracy begins in late August.

Cost for the course is \$190.00. For more information call 582-3663 and ask for the Camp Desk, send e-mail to woodbadge@gslc-bsa.org, or visit the web site: <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/woodbadge/index.htm>.

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Submissions are welcome. E-mail your suggestions the editor at vinfo@gslc-bsa.org. The copy deadline is the third Wednesday of each month.

Previous issues of the *Varsity Letter* are available online via the Great Salt Lake Council Varsity Scout World Wide Web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/vletter/index.htm>.