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Turkey shoot set Oct. 26

The Great Salt Lake Council's annual Varsity Turkey Shoot is scheduled at the Lee Kay Center for Hunter Education and Public Shooting on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Turkey Shoot, essentially a trap shoot, is a shotgun game in which shooters fire at targets flying directly away from them. Participants compete as individuals and teams for frozen turkeys and other prizes.

Information about the event is available on the council Turkey Shoot web page, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/turkeyshoot/index.htm>. Teams may register in-person at the service center or Scout Shops. The web site also now accommodates online registration and payment.

Last year's competition attracted 358 participants from 78 teams, which completely filled the number of available shooting stations. Team 6613 from District 12 captured top team and individual honors with a team average of 19.9 and the top shooter hitting 23 pigeons, including 20 in a row. Overall shooting results are available via the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/turkeyshoot/results.htm>.

Teams can incorporate the competition into their unit shooting sports and advancement programs (shot gun merit badge). For additional information, see *Varsity Team Program Features*, vol. II, pages 142-175, the Guns and Firearms section of the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/gss08.html#a>, and the Shotgun Shooting merit badge pamphlet.

NRA certification offered

All target shooting activities involving Scouts must be under the supervision of a certified BSA or National Rifle Association firearms instructor. NRA certification classes open to all BSA leaders will be offered in October and

November (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/nra.htm>). The registration deadline is October 10, 2002. For additional information, contact Rodney Clawson at 801-572-0187 or bish@xmission.com, or inquire at the council service center, 525 Foothill Blvd, Salt Lake City, 84113, 801-582-3663.

JOTA planned Oct. 19-20

The 45th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is scheduled October 19-20, 2002.

JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Additional information is available on the JOTA organizer's web pages (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/jota.html>).

Dutch oven cook-off set

All Scouts and Scouters are invited to participate in a Dutch oven cook-off on Saturday, October 12, at West Valley City Park, 4400 West 3500 South. The event is sponsored by the Oquirrh Mountain Dutch Oven Society (OMDOS) and Venture team 9226.

In addition to the cook-off, the event offers participants an opportunity to meet new people and demonstrate their skills. The parks opens at 2:30 p.m., judging takes place at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is set for 6:00 p.m. Beginners are welcome.

For details, contact Carl at 968-2223 or Dave at 966-6131.

Varsity Letter available via e-mail

If you would like to receive the *Varsity Letter* electronically via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to vinfo@gslc-bsa.org.

VS Basic Training classes offered

Every Varsity Scout coach's time is valuable, and scheduled training dates are not always convenient. As we learn of planned training dates the information will be posted on the web site (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/training/>). 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>
1	Canyon View Stake	10/12/2002	8:30 a.m.
13	TBA	1/11/2003	8:00 a.m.
13	TBA	3/13/2003	6:30 p.m.
13	TBA	5/10/2003	8:00 a.m.
GSLC	Big Event	6/19-21/03	TBA
GSLC	On Belay	7/28-8/2/03	TBA
13	TBA	9/13/2003	8:00 a.m.
GSLC	Univ. of Scouting	12/6/2003	TBA

District news roundup

Several events for Varsity Scouts and leaders are planned by local districts throughout the Great Salt Lake Council over the next few months. Many of the following events are included in the published 2002-2003 council calendar, available at the service center and Scout shops. District vice chairmen are encouraged to submit information about upcoming Varsity activities to the editor for inclusion in the *Varsity Letter*.

District 1 (Farmington Bay)

Varsity leader basic training will be taught on Saturday, October 12, at the Canyon View Stake Center, 2110 N. Main, Farmington. The four-hour-long training session begins at 8:30 a.m. Monthly roundtable meetings are held in the same location on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

District 2 (Stone Creek)

Stone Creek District's annual "Varsity Bike in Canyon" activity is planned Friday and Saturday, November 1-2.

Districts 4 (City Creek) and 13 (Granger)

A fall mountain man rendezvous organized jointly by the City Creek and Granger districts is scheduled October 25-26 at the Lee Kay Center for Hunter Education and Public Shooting, 6000 West 2100 South. Planned activities and events include a shooting triathlon (black powder rifles,

shotgun, and rifle), tomahawk and knife throws, primitive fire building (embers award), leatherwork, human foosball, Dutch darts, archery and atl-atl range, fly tying, wood carving, shotgun shell reloading, firearm safety maze, Dutch oven cooking contest, Dutch oven treats, vespers program, and a John Colter run. An adult NRA certification class will be offered (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/nra.htm>).

Both Varsity Scout teams and Venture Scout crews are welcome. Each unit should bring: food, water, camping equipment and cooking gear; tour permits and registration fees or receipt; shot guns, ammunition (25 rounds per person, eye and ear protection; gloves and work clothes for a one-hour service project.

Registration is \$10 per person and includes a turkey shoot shot gun activity. On-site check-in begins Friday at 4 p.m. Gates will be locked at 9 p.m.

Additional information is available by contacting the district vice chairman in district 4 (Mark Maxfield, mark.maxfield@utahhomes.com, 583-4503 or 550-2150) or district 13 (Steve Honsvick, honzieclaus@yahoo.com, 966-6570).

District 11 (Deseret Peak)

Deseret Peak District's annual turkey shoot is scheduled at the Tooele Gun Club on Saturday, October 11, at 10 a.m. Call Bryan Slade at 435-843-2342 or send e-mail to bslade@utah.gov for additional information.

District 12 (Olde English Fort)

Mitch Haycock succeeds Bill Gray as Varsity vice chairman.

Olde English Fort District's annual volleyball tournament is planned Saturday, November 16.

District 13 (Granger)

Narvel E. Scherzinger has been named district commissioner for the Granger District. He succeeds O. J. Harmon who served in the position for three years.

Varsity Scout leader fast-start training is offered one-half hour prior to the monthly roundtable meetings.

District 14 (Pony Express)

Clayne Robinson succeeds Dave Kartchner as Varsity vice chairman.

A two-week merit badge pow wow is

scheduled October 19 and 26. Classes run from 8:30-11:30 a.m. both Saturdays. There is a \$3.00 registration fee. Additional information is posted on the district web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d14/advancement.htm>.

District 18 (Wasatch Peaks)

Glen Jones succeeds Evan Farnsworth as Varsity vice chairman.

District 20 (Summit)

Rone Casper succeeds George Lambert as Varsity vice chairman.

District 23 (Granite Trail)

Bryant Furness succeeds David Thomas as Varsity vice chairman.

Spanish speakers needed

The Council Boy Scout Committee needs Spanish speakers who can help teach basic training courses for scoutmasters, assistants, and committee members. The committee would like to offer a training course in the spring. If you have the language skills, Scouting background, and the desire, please contact Matt Monroe at 801-582-3663, or by e-mail at mmonroe@gslc-bsa.org.

Council news

Varsity committee formed

The Great Salt Lake Council Varsity Scout Committee is looking forward to an exciting year. With the kick off of the new year, thanks was extended to individuals who served last year and a warm welcome expressed to new members of the committee.

Richard Aid returns as council vice president, along with Paul White (committee chairman) and Charles Dressen (roundtable commissioner). Resuming duties as program advisers are Dave Walker (high adventure and sports, turkey shoot) and Lars Smith (advancement). Joining the committee as program advisers are Hal Myers (special programs and events), Rick Johnson (SP&E assistant), Don Sims (personal development), and Dick Hill (service). David Acker is the new executive secretary.

Other continuing committee members are Martin Christensen (training coordinator), Bryce

Swanson (publicity and promotion committee chairman), Curt Lytle (publicity committee and webmaster), Scott Peatross (Scout-O-Rama), and Glen Fairclough (*Varsity Letter* editor). Returning in new positions are Ernie Steffensen (Big Event chairman), and Randy Farnsworth and Rick Dalton (quartermasters).

Four professional Scouters work with the committee. Craig Edwards is the adviser to Varsity Scouting. In his activity assignments he will work with the Big Event. Dave Kunz will work with the quartermasters and has an activity assignment to work with the Turkey Shoot. Bob Gowans will advise Varsity Training and will work with On Belay. Kent Gregersen is the adviser to programs and works with Paul White in committee program and activities.

Departing members of the 2001-2002 council committee include: Bob Bartleson (service program adviser), Clint Lamb (personal development program adviser), Evan Farnsworth (quartermaster), Mark Featherstone (special programs and events program adviser), and Paul Aldous (Big Event chairman).

Roundtable calendar planned

District Varsity vice chairmen together with members of the council committee held a joint planning session for future council roundtable sessions during the September gathering.

Dates and themes for upcoming council roundtables follows:

October 16, 2002: Training staff, job descriptions (Varsity Scout committee chairman, vice chairman, and members; coaches, program advisers, Varsity commissioner). Council Varsity committee.

November 20, 2002: Roundtable promotion; district activities. Granger District (no. 13) and Golden Eagle District (no. 15).

December 18, 2002: Scout-O-Rama; Christmas food fair; potluck. Lone Peak District (no. 27) and Eagle Peaks District (no. 28).

January 15, 2003, High adventure activities; summer camp/activities for Varsity Scouts. Deseret Peak District (no. 11) and East Millcreek District (no. 22).

February 19, 2003, Junior Leader Training (coach/captain responsibilities); On Belay. Farmington Bay District (no. 1) and Silver Mesa District (no. 26).

March 19, 2003, Service projects (focus on

Scouting for Food). City Creek District (no. 4) and Summit District (no. 20).

April 16, 2003, Big Event (youth). Westview District (no. 10) and White Buffalo District (no. 17).

May 21, 2003, Cooking (Dutch oven, utensil-less). Pony Express District (no. 14) and Wasatch Peaks District (no. 18).

No roundtable meetings are scheduled in June and July. Planning for October 2003-May 2004 will occur in August.

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

Equipment loans available

Tomahawks and knives, black powder rifles, shotguns, pigeon throwers, archery kits, flint knapping handles, volleyball sets, rappelling and climbing equipment, Varsity challenge monkey bridge, water cooler containers, fire barrels for utensil-less cooking, and other council equipment may be borrowed by district committees for use at district-sponsored Varsity Scout activities. To make arrangements, contact the Varsity committee quartermasters (Randy Farnsworth and Rick Dalton) at quartermaster@varsityscouts.com.

Silver Beaver nominations due

Nominations for the Great Salt Lake Council's annual Silver Beaver award are due November 5, 2002. The nomination form may be downloaded from the council's Silver Beaver award web page, http://www.gslc-bsa.org/awards/service/silver_beaver.htm.

Make SOR booth plans now

It isn't too early for Varsity Scout teams to make plans for a booth at the annual Scout-O-Rama, which is scheduled May 3, 2003, at the Utah State Fairpark. As the Great Salt Lake Council's largest community activity, Scout-O-Rama is an excellent opportunity to showcase various elements of the Varsity Scout program. Anything from backpacking to kayak building to snowshoe construction would make an

excellent booth demonstration and display (several ideas are listed in the 2002 leader's guide, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/sor/documents/pg14.pdf>). Varsity booths are grouped together in the same area to demonstrate the diversity of the program. For additional information, contact Scott Peatross at speatross@aol.com.

East Fork repairs begin

Following a vote by the council's executive board to operate all three East Fork of the Bear River BSA camps at in 2003, a volunteer work day was scheduled September 27-28 to clean up and repair equipment damaged in last summer's forest fire.

Work projects included cleaning out the Varsity trailer, rebuilding the climbing and rappelling towers, cleanup at the Travis Training Center, and repair work on the rifle range at Camp Evergreen. Heading up the volunteer effort was Ernie Steffensen. Dick Hill, Service Program Adviser, acted as the Varsity Committee's liaison.

Repair work is expected to continue in October. Reinstallation of water lines will be a priority once state approval is granted. Projects are listed online at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/eastfork/volunteer.cfm>. Council leaders have requested adult help immediately. Numerous service related projects will be available for youth in the future. If you would like to be of support, please call the Council Service Center (801-582-3663) and leave your name and phone number or fill out the online form. As camp restoration projects are scheduled volunteers will be contacted with the necessary details.

Varsity calendar

Jamboree On The Air, October 18-19, 2002
Turkey Shoot, Saturday, October 26, 2002
Biathlon, Saturday, February 22, 2003
Scout-O-Rama, Saturday, May 3, 2003
Big Event, East Fork of the Bear, Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21, 2003
Operation On-Target, Saturday, July 19, 2003
On Belay youth and adult leader training, East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, Monday-Saturday, July 28-August 2, 2003